

Training scheme for adults in need: the LOWE project

POLICY DEVELOPMENT

PRACTICAL MEASURE/INITIATIVE

 POLAND

Timeline



ID number 28481

Objectives

The main objectives of the project are to help adults develop key competences to improve their situation in the labour market; support various forms of adult learning; and encourage participation of adults in learning.

Description

In 2017/18, the education ministry developed an ESF co-funded project to support 45 schools in becoming local centres for education and knowledge (*lokalne ośrodki wiedzy i edukacji* – LOWE).

Beneficiary groups included adults with low levels of education, unemployed or economically inactive adults, adults aged 45+, and adults receiving certain forms of social assistance and family support.

The measures include diagnosis of participants' needs, vocational courses and other forms of adult education tailored to local needs, as well as guidance and counselling. In 2017, as a result of a ministerial call for proposals, three institutions were selected to support LOWE development, and each of these institutions organised a grant competition for pilot LOWE centres. Altogether, 50 LOWE were established and supported with grants. The project lasted until June 2018. As a result of the positive assessment of this pilot project, another call for proposals for LOWE projects was planned.

2017 Pilot

2018 Implementation

2019 Implementation

In June 2019, a second call for proposals for institutions supporting LOWE was launched. As a result, five institutions were selected to support the development of 100 LOWE centres.

2020 Implementation

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2021 Implementation

The 100 selected centres have been in operation, providing adult training, guidance and counselling. In total, 27 705 individuals were supported.

2022 Completed

On 27 April 2022, an online conference summarising the project was held. The conference entitled 'Local Knowledge and Education Centres as a new face of adult education' was organised by the Centre for Education Development in Warsaw.

Bodies responsible

- Ministry of National Education (until 2021)
- Ministry of National Education

Target group

Learners

Adult learners
Older workers and employees (55 - 64 years old)
Unemployed and jobseekers
Persons in employment, including those at risk of unemployment
Low-skilled/qualified persons

Education professionals

Adult educators

Entities providing VET

VET providers (all kinds)

Thematic categories

Modernising VET offer and delivery

Diversifying modes of learning: face-to-face, digital and/or blended learning; adaptable/flexible training formats

Acquiring key competences

Transparency and portability of VET skills and qualifications

Learners' possibilities of accumulation, validation and recognition of learning outcomes acquired non-formally and informally

Supporting lifelong learning culture and increasing participation

Financial and non-financial incentives to learners, providers and companies

Lifelong guidance

Ensuring equal opportunities and inclusiveness in education and training

Subsystem

Further reading

[The LOWE project - 2016 competition](#)

[The LOWE II project - 2019 competition](#)

Related policy developments

2025 Implementation

Human capital development strategy

The strategy update was coordinated by the ministry responsible for family, labour and social security. The final version of the document was adopted in 2019.

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Type of development

Strategy/Action
plan

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2025 Implementation

Integrated skills strategy

In 2017, the education ministry initiated the development of a national skills strategy (integrated skills strategy – *Zintegrowana Strategia Umiejetności* – ZSU). The strategy covers the whole area of education and training, i.e.

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