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Session 1: The continuity and discontinuity in lifelong guidance and career development policy in Czechia

Continuity and discontinuity in lifelong guidance policy in the Pilsen Region

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- 1) specifics of providing career guidance in KCV
- 2) financing and the connection with the strategic documents of the Pilsen Region
- 3) tools and mechanisms of cooperation and coordination in lifelong guidance policy-making with other social partners





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Regional Centre for Further Education and Language School

- established in 2005
- contributory organization of the Pilsen Region
- main activities:

further education for teachers

language school

+

since 2013 support of life-long learning



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Since 2014/2015, the support has been implemented through career guidance and counselling services for all target groups



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1) specifics of providing career guidance in KCV – based on practice

- in everyday work with clients, we felt the lack of systemic support of the basic skills, career management skills, the lifelong learning





1) specifics of providing career guidance in KCV

- since 2015 with the support of the Labor Office of the Czech Republic in Pilsen – supporting the employability of the citizens of the Pilsen Region thru career guidance
- supporting schools in implementing career management skills in the curriculum and supporting career guidance counseling for pupils/students
- close participation in building strategic documents in a lifelong learning area



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2) financing and the connection with the strategic documents of the Pilsen Region

financing based on the contribution of the Pilsen region

+

external sources of funding





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Building professional capacities

(2011 – 2013 Grundtvig) Professional Development of Basic Skills Trainers– career guidance basics

(2012-2013 ESF - Global Grants of Pilsen Region) Information and counseling center for lifelong learning – building professional capacities for career guidance counseling in lifelong learning + building a network of partners



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Building physical space

(2012-2015 Ministry for Regional Development EU funding) -
Information and counseling center for lifelong learning -
renovation of the building for career guidance counseling and
lifelong learning support





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NO External funding in 2015 – 2018





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Implementation of the Regional action plan

2018-2020 – supporting career guidance in secondary schools, supporting the transfer from primary to secondary schools

2021-2023 – a creation of a career counseling network – mapping and networking of career guidance and lifelong learning support services in the Pilsen region





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The main goal of the cooperation is to connect and support social partners so that they cooperate and build quality and widely available services.

quality = clearly presented, professional services

accessibility = in every microregion, for free



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3) tools and mechanisms of cooperation

1) Communication platforms for each subtheme of lifelong learning (a group of the main stakeholders in the target area)

e.g

career guidance, career development

cooperation of schools and labor market/companies

equal opportunities in education

basic skills/key competences





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tools and mechanisms of cooperation

2) Vision of education in the Pilsen Region 2035

Based on one-year cooperation with the main stakeholders in education and supporting services Pilsen region created
The Vision of education in the Pilsen region in 2035.





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In conclusion

The continuity of lifelong guidance policy is based on the intensive discussion of social partners and anchoring the cooperation results in strategic documents.

Limited promotion of lifelong guidance to the public, the inclusion of only partial topics of lifelong guidance in strategic documents, and funding relying too much on external sources is a space for discontinuity.



Thank you



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