

## Education, training and inclusion: transformation during crises

**Date:** September 15-16, 2022, 09:45-14:00 (Kyiv time)

**Venue:** Vasyl Stefanyk Precarpathian National University, Centre for Innovative Educational Technologies "PNU EcoSystem", 57, Shevchenko str, Ivano-Frankivsk, Ukraine

**The event will be organised in hybrid form - online and personal participation.** During registration, the participant can choose the form of participation (online/personal).

**Registration link:** <https://bit.ly/3dhOuzn>

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Ukraine has become the first non-EU country to preside in the European Union Strategy for the Danube Region (EUSDR) in 2022. One of the thematic priorities of the Presidency, Ukraine has chosen "Development of human capital and labour markets", which corresponds to the topic of this conference. With no doubt, investment in professional training and education is the key to economic development and a faster exit from the crisis. The COVID-19 pandemic and later Russia's illegal armed aggression against Ukraine dealt a heavy blow to the stability of the Danube region, labour markets, provoked migration, unemployment problems, and exacerbated the importance of an inclusive approach to the issue of employment and training more than ever. In such a difficult time for the Danube region, it is important to successfully transform the existing social and educational systems, promote inclusiveness, digitization of education, social innovations, labour mobility, etc.

The EUSDR is an excellent format for the successful implementation of the European integration vector of Ukraine and the deepening of regional industry cooperation in these areas.

### Goals and objectives of the conference:

- Bring up for public discussion the issue of inclusion in the field of professional training and on the labour market in conditions of crisis in the region;
- Consider the basis of the problem of transformation of professional education during the war;
- Discuss existing and planned legislative changes in the field of professional education, adult education (lifelong education), social policy and the labour market;
- Consider the issue of refugees from Ukraine and IDPs in the context of the functioning of labour markets and new approaches to employment;
- Discuss the main financial instruments, programs, and projects.

### Participants of the conference:

- National coordinator of Ukraine in the EU Strategy for the Danube Region;
- Support team of the Presidency of Ukraine in the EUSDR;
- Officials of the involved ministries;
- Representatives of the European Commission;
- Representatives of development partners (EBRD, OECD, UNHCR, UNICEF, ILO and/or others who provide support for ensuring the inclusiveness of labour markets for all types of forcibly displaced persons / social groups);
- Representatives of institutions of higher and vocational education;
- Representatives of regional departments of education;
- Mass media.

## AGENDA

**Thursday, 15 September, 09:45 - 14:00 (Kyiv time)**

<b>09:45 – 10:00</b>	Registration and connection of participants
<p>Welcome speech, goals, and objectives of the conference</p> <p><b>Igor KORKHOVYI</b>, National Coordinator of Ukraine in the EUSDR, Deputy Minister of Communities and Territories Development of Ukraine for European Integration</p> <p><b>Oleksiy SHKURATOV</b>, Deputy Minister of Education and Science for European Integration Ministry of Social Policy of Ukraine (tbc)</p> <p>Regional and Urban Policy Directorate, European Commission (tbc)</p> <p><b>Benjamin BOBBE</b>, Regional representative of the Hanns Seidel Foundation in Ukraine, the Republic of Moldova and Romania</p> <p><b>Ihor TSEPENDA</b>, Rector of the Vasyl Stefanyk Precarpathian National University</p>	
<b>10:25</b>	Online survey Menti Metr (prepare questions)
<b>10:40</b>	<p><b>Panel discussion 1. Transformation of vocational education during the war</b></p> <p><i><b>Moderator: Nadija Afanasieva</b>, director of the Ukrainian Institute for International Policy</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Changes in the legislation of Ukraine regarding vocational education</li> <li>- Creation of inclusive products, best practices</li> <li>- Digital and green transformations (digital and green transitions) of professional education and adaptation to EU standards</li> <li>- Ensuring spatial inclusion in vocational education institutions</li> <li>- Training of the adult population with the aim of ensuring equal access to labour markets for all social groups</li> <li>- Promoting the development of youth and social entrepreneurship</li> </ul> <p>Participants:</p> <p><b>Iryna SHUMIK</b>, General Director of the Directorate of Vocational Education of the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine</p> <p><b>Oleksiy SITNYK</b>, Expert on Decentralization of the Department of Vocational Education, Reform Support Team of the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine (tbc)</p>

	<p>Participants:</p> <p><b>Alessandra MOLZ</b>, Skills Development Specialist, International Labour Organization Office for Central and Eastern Europe (tbc)</p> <p><b>Olesya KRAVCHENKO</b>, Deputy Director of the Department of Youth Policy, Ministry of Youth and Sports of Ukraine (tbc)</p> <p>Institute of Professional Education of the National Academy of Pedagogical Sciences of Ukraine (tbc)</p> <p>Vasyl Stefanyk Precarpathian National University / Vocational Technical Education Institution from Transcarpathia (tbc)</p>
<b>12:10</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>
<b>12:30 – 14:00</b>	<p><b>Panel discussion 2. Changing tasks and emphases of social policy</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Changes in the legislation of Ukraine, social support of the population</li> <li>– Social innovation and social partnership</li> <li>– Work programmes with refugees from Ukraine in the EU countries, adaptation, and training</li> <li>– Inclusion caused by war: psychological rehabilitation, social adaptation, career counselling, personal and professional development</li> </ul> <p>Participants:</p> <p><b>Maryna TVERDOSTUP</b>, Vienna Institute of International Economic Studies Austrian Office for International Cooperation in Education and Research (OeAD) (tbc)</p> <p>Vasyl Stefanyk Precarpathian National University (tbc)</p>

**Friday, 16 September, 09:45 - 14:00 (Kyiv time)**

<b>09:45 – 10:00</b>	Registration and connection of participants
<b>10:00</b>	<p><b>Panel discussion 3. Labour markets and new employment approaches</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Improving access to the labour market, paying special attention to internal migration and remote regions</li> <li>– Support of voluntary labour mobility</li> <li>– Professional adaptation of people with disabilities as a result of the war, development of an inclusive labour market</li> <li>– The policy of "dual intentions" for citizens of Ukraine at the EU level</li> </ul>

	<p>Participants:</p> <p><b>Vasyl KASHEVSKY</b>, president of the Volyn Resource Center (tbc)</p> <p><b>Georgios ZISIMOS</b>, European Training Foundation (tbc)</p> <p><b>Federation of Employers of Ukraine</b> (tbc)</p> <p><b>Austrian public employment service</b> (tbc)</p> <p><b>National Agency of Qualifications of Ukraine</b> (tbc)</p> <p><b>Employment Service of Ukraine</b> (tbc)</p>
<b>11:40</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>
<b>12:00</b>	<p><b>Panel discussion 4. Sectoral financial instruments / programs / projects</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Danube Region Programme 2021-2027</li> <li>– Examples of successful PA9 projects (consult the PAC Austria, what should be offered)</li> <li>– HORIZON Europe</li> </ul> <p>Participants:</p> <p><b>Stephen Halligan</b>, Danube Region Programme (tbc)</p> <p><b>Vira RYBAK</b>, Head of the Education, Science, Information Society Sector, Representation of the EU in Ukraine (tbc)</p> <p><b>EU program "EU4Skills: The best skills for modern Ukraine"</b> (tbc)</p> <p><b>Svitlana SHYTIKOVA</b>, director of the EU project "National Tempus Office Erasmus+ in Ukraine" (tbc)</p> <p><b>(Successful projects)</b></p>
<b>13:40 – 14:00</b>	<b>Summary and conclusions</b>