

“War and Education:

monitoring the impact of the war on education in Ukraine and outside”

Presentation of findings in Ukraine by the think tank Cedos, followed by a discussion with experts

More than two months into the war in Ukraine that began on February 24, the UN is projecting that more than 8 million people will flee the war by the end of 2022. By the time the monitoring “Education and War in Ukraine” was published by our colleagues from the think tank Cedos (06.04.2022), more than 10 million people have left their homes, 6.5 million alone within the country. More than half of Ukraine’s children have been forced out of home. Hundreds of schools and other educational institutions have been destroyed or temporarily turned into humanitarian aid facilities.

War takes a toll on children that is beyond imagination and school offers some form of normality. This is just one reason why continuing schooling is important for children in war. But what is the state of the educational process in Ukraine right now? How does education look like in the occupied territories and how do the countries that receive the most Ukrainian refugees organize the educational process?

What are the lessons learned from other countries around Europe who have been organizing education for refugees from other wars and conflicts in the world?

With these questions in mind, we will spend an hour and a half listening to what our colleagues from Ukraine have to share with us. Their findings are based on a continuous monitoring of the educational process in the countries and reports published [here](#). Comments to their findings will be provided by experts from Moldova, Poland, Austria and Turkey.

Moderators:

Caroline Hornstein Tomić & Louisa Slavkova, THE CIVICS Innovation Hub

Agenda

5.00 – 5.10

Hello and introduction

Caroline Hornstein Tomić & Louisa Slavkova,
THE CIVICS Innovation Hub

5.10 – 5.30

Presentation: “Education and War in Ukraine”

Presentation of monitoring of developments in education in Ukraine against the background of the war

Speakers:

Yuliia Nazarenko & Tetiana Zheriobkina, Cedoss

5.30 – 5.40

Short Q&A

5.40 – 6.10

Experts panel: “Organizing the formal and non-formal process of education for refugees”

Discussion with experts from Moldova, Poland, Austria and Turkey

Liliana Nicolaescu-Onofrei, Chairwoman of the Parliamentary Committee on Culture, Education, Research, Youth, Sports and Mass Media, Moldova

Anna Górska, National Integration Evaluation Mechanism, Poland

Markus Benesch, Federal Ministry Republic of Austria – Education, Science and Research, Austria

Serap Emil, Middle East Technical University, Turkey

6.10 – 6.25

Short Q&A

6.25 – 6.30

Wrap up & goodbye

***War and Education** is a series of online events, organized by THE CIVICS as part of its Disruptions programme. [DISRUPTIONS](#) is the area of our work dedicated to those events that have a profound impact on civic education. It is also about providing safe spaces – on- and offline – where members of the community can come together to discuss and jointly act upon them.

THE CIVICS Innovation Hub is a pan-European civic education organization, supporting both citizens and civic educators to deal with the challenges of our time, such as threats to democracy, causes and effects of climate change, growing polarization, and social divides. Our goal is to strengthen the democratic competences, self-efficacy, and resilience of citizens across Europe.

Cedos is an independent think tank and community that has been working on social development since 2010. We believe that everyone has the right to a decent standard of living. Therefore, the goal of Cedos is to find systemic causes of social problems and solutions. Our approach is based on research. We study social processes and public policies, disseminate critical knowledge, promote progressive change, inform and strengthen the community that supports this change. The Cedos Think Tank works to monitor the impact of the war on education, migration, housing, social protection, and civil population in Ukraine.

Anna Górska is involved in CSOs' projects and initiatives in the field of education of children and youth with migrant background in Poland for over ten years: working on research, advocacy, trainings and workshops, publications, networking, project management; national coalition officer and research team member in the project "National Integration Evaluation Mechanism" in the Foundation Institute of Public Affairs; cofounder and co-coordinator of the Coalition for strengthening the role of Cross-Cultural and Roma Assistants in schools in Poland.

Dr. Caroline Hornstein Tomić is a Senior Researcher at the Institute of Social Sciences Ivo Pilar in Zagreb, specializing on return migration, diaspora and identity politics, post-socialist transformation processes, and civic education. A Co-founder and Managing Partner of THE CIVICS Innovation Hub and the Zagreb-based foundation, Wissen am Werk/Znanje na djelu, she has also worked in the public sector as Operative Division Head at the German Federal Agency for Civic Education (2016–2018) and as Resident Representative of the Konrad-Adenauer-Foundation in Bosnia-Herzegovina (2001–2005).

Liliana Nicolaescu-Onofrei is currently holding the position of Head of the Committee on Culture, Education, Research, Youth, Sports and Mass Media in the Parliament of Republic of Moldova. She was Minister of Education, Culture and Research of Moldova within the Government of Maia Sandu in 2019. Her previous public service experience

includes positions as Deputy Minister of Education of Moldova (2013–2015), adviser to the Minister of Education (2012–2013). She was Executive Director of Pro Didactica Education Center, a Moldovan NGO specialized in teacher training, educational management and leadership programs and services (1998–2010). She worked as Liaison Officer for the HCNM of OSCE in Kyrgyzstan (2006– 2007), teacher trainer and project development consultant for HCNM off OSCE in Georgia (2005) and Kazakhstan (2009), Key Expert on Content of Education and Training within the EU program for modernization of education in Turkmenistan (2010–2012).

Louisa Slavkova is a political scientist, Co-founder and Director of the Sofia Platform Foundation, an NGO working in the field of historical and civic education. In 2021, she became one of three co-founders of the pan-European hub for civic education, THE CIVICS. In the past she has worked with the European Council on Foreign Relations (ECFR) and has served as an advisor to the Bulgarian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Louisa is the author and editor of several textbooks and publications on foreign policy, democratic development, and civic education.

Dr. Markus Benesch works in the field of education for almost 20 years (e.g. INTERREG programmes 1998–2003). Since 2019, he is head of the section for pre-school, primary and secondary education in the Ministry for Education, Science and Research. Since February 2022 he additionally coordinates Ukraine affairs in the Ministry. He was member of the cabinet of the state secretary for integration (2011–2013, educational programs), of the cabinet of the Minister for Europe, Integration and Foreign Affairs (2013–2017) and, chief of staff of the Minister for Education, Science and Research (2017–2021).

Dr. Serap Emil has taken her doctoral degree at Portland State University in the US. She is an Associate Professor in Educational Sciences at Middle East Technical University in Ankara, Turkey since 2012. Her research includes teaching in higher education, student engagement, higher education development. She teaches at bachelor level teacher education programs and at graduate level Educational Administration and Planning program.

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