

Education in Europe: Public Investment, Privatisation and Reforms

*Case study ZNP
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POLISH
TEACHERS'
UNION
(ZNP)

YEAR OF FOUNDATION
1905

FACTS AND FIGURES

- ▶ the oldest and the biggest teachers' trade union in Poland - 370 thousand members
- ▶ members = teachers + education workers
- ▶ education stages:
 - pre-school
 - primary
 - secondary
 - higher education & science

ORIGIN

- ▶ beginning -1905 (partitions of Poland) defence of the Polish language, teachers' rights promotion of quality education
- ▶ ZNP is affiliated to the All-Poland Alliance of Trade Unions (OPZZ) (national level) and to the Education International/ETUCE (international level)
- ▶ Teachers' Voice (*Głos Nauczycielski*) - ZNP organ since 1917 - the biggest magazine in the education sector and the oldest one in Poland

CONSULTATION ABOUT POLISH COUNTRY REPORT

- ▶ The Representation of the European Commission in Poland organise regularly consultation with the representatives of unions, employees, academics, NGOs and other specialist and organisation about Country Report. The meetings are always organise in the office of the Representation in Warsaw. Usually organisations of employees and employers discuss together.

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- ▶ Some experts/academics on economy and labour market take also part in this meetings. We always receive draft of report before the meetings. Simultaneous translation is provide during the meetings.

Calendar of consultation

- ▶ 14 October 2016
- ▶ 8 March 2017
- ▶ 10 March 2017 - meeting with Mr. Valdis Dombrovskis, Vice-President of the EC in charge of the Euro, Social Dialogue, Financial Stability, Financial Services and Capital Markets Union (representatives of confederation from the national level and ZNP as only branch union)
- ▶ 22 May 2017 – information about EU-country specific recommendations

Outcomes of consultation – report

“(...)Second, significant changes in the organisation of the schools are likely to have disruptive and long-lasting effects on the organisation of education provision. In particular, a strong variation in the size of school cohorts is projected, especially at the upper secondary level (Graph 3.3.1).

Outcomes of consultation – report

There is also a risk of suboptimal use of certain past investments in lower-secondary schools. Changing the school system does not appear to address the underlying weaknesses of Poland's education system and its rationale does not seem to be based on recommendations stemming from existing research and comprehensive evaluation(...)"



Meeting with Mr. Valdis Dombrovskis

Valdis Dombrovskis (@VDombrovskis) · 10.03

Meeting social partners in #Poland. Discussed #EuropeanSemester, reform agenda of labour market, investment climate & #FutureofEurope



European Commission, EU Social i Komisja Europejska

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Consultation on the White Paper

- ▶ During the meeting with Mr. Valdis Dombrovskis we have the opportunity to discuss the report but we also talk about coming Summit in Rome, The White Paper on the Future of Europe, which should include the part dedicated to education and about possible participation of unions in the consultation of the White Paper in EU Countries.
- ▶ 26 April 2017 mail with links to the documents

Current Information

- ▶ White Paper on the Future of Europe
- ▶ Reflection paper on the social dimension of Europe



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Thank you!

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