

Prospects of Multilingual Education Implementation: TNPU Experience

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Multilingual education in Ukraine is essential due to the nation's linguistic diversity and integration into the European Union. The Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine plays a pivotal role in these reforms, aligning policies with European standards, including the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages. The Law on Education emphasizes foreign language instruction at all levels to enhance international academic mobility. The 2019 law on language policy ensures Ukrainian language preservation while promoting English in schools. The Strategic Action Plan (2027) aims to improve foreign language proficiency in higher education to meet global market demands.

TNPU's initiatives resulting from participation in the international educational projects (New Generation School Teacher (2017-2019), Erasmus+ MultEd (2019-2023) particularly) include introducing various methodology and EMI courses to prepare fully equipped pre-service teachers to multilingual environment and delivering courses at schools and universities. Survey conducted at TNPU shows broad support for multilingualism, with a majority advocating for English instruction to enhance competitiveness. TNPU aspires to raise language proficiency promoting CLIL approach by implementing updated and new courses into the curriculum. The elaborated strategy issued by TNPU on multilingual education aims at enhancing language skills, fostering multicultural understanding, and preparing students for the global market.

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