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Inclusive **Education** and Continuous **Learning** for **All Children**

Inclusion of Ukrainian Refugee Children in Education in Europe

Prague

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DAY 2

Recap of Day 1

- Inclusive Education: refugees/migrants/foreigners | most vulnerable | diverse groups → ALL children
- Critical importance of language acquisition & MHPSS/wellbeing
 - Whole school approach, centrality of teachers/TAs, schools and families in the community contexts & targeted support measures (incl. peer-peer learning and exchanges)
- Inter-sectoral collaboration (e.g. mobile team, psychologists, social workers) (housing, employment, leisure activities etc.)
 + Multi-level synergy (national-municipality-community)
- Evidence generation and use (incl. research, documentation, feedback, capture 'voices' of children/youth/families)
- Diversity as the norm multilingualism, interculturalism, heritage language/culture, MTB-MLE
- Need for further sharing and exchange across countries within Europe (EU, UNICEF etc.) (specific topics, online/F2F)



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Theme 3:

Continuous and Flexible Learning Pathways in Europe

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Promoting inclusive education in the European Education Area (EEA)

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European Commission, Directorate-General for Education and Culture









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Focus areas of collaboration



Quality, equity, inclusion & gender equality



Higher education



Green and digital transitions



Lifelong learning & mobility



Teachers & trainers



Geopolitical dimension

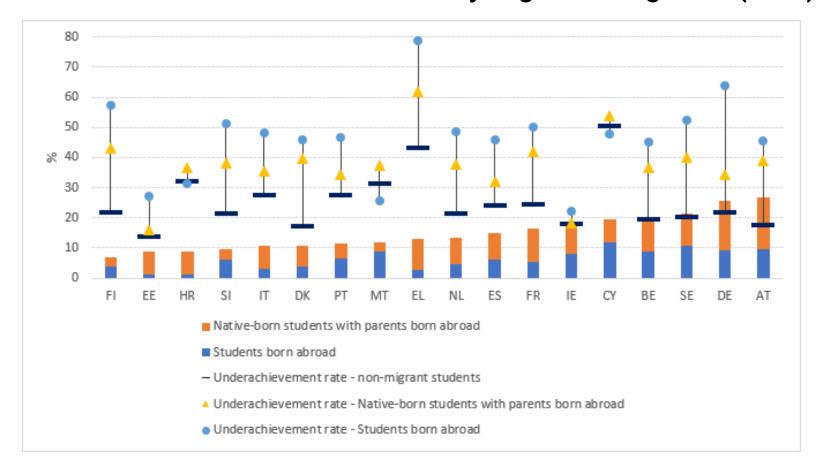
How to measure progress?



7 Strategic Framework EU-level targets, including:

- By 2030 at least 96% of children aged 3 and older in ECEC
- By 2030 less than 15% low-achieving 15-yearolds in reading, mathematics and science
- By 2030 less than 9% early leavers from education and training

Share of students with a migrant background and underachievement in mathematics by migrant background (2022)



EEA governance structure

Council

- Ministerial meetings
- Education Committee

Open Method of Cooperation

- High Level Group on Education and Training
- Directors-General formations,
- Expert/Working groups



The EEA strategic framework Working Groups 2021-2025

Sector-focused Working Groups:

- Early childhood education and care
- Schools
- Higher education
- Vocational education and training and the green transition
- Adult learning: Opening up opportunities for all

Issue-focused Working Groups:

- Digital education: Learning, teaching and assessment
- Equality and values in education and training



Initiatives to achieve the EEA: Examples

Council Recommendation "Pathways to school success"



Expert Group on promoting supportive learning environments and well-being at school



Factsheets available on EU Bookshop



WHAT IS PATHWAYS TO SCHOOL SUCCESS

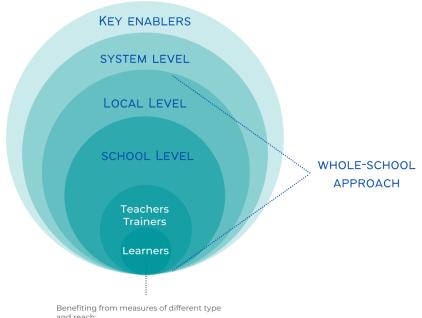
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Pathways to school success Key principle: a systemic approach





- Prevention, intervention, compensation
- Universal, targeted, individualised

European Toolkit for Schools

On the European School Education Platform

Repository, webinars and **videos** of good practices



Promoting school success, inclusion and well-being at school



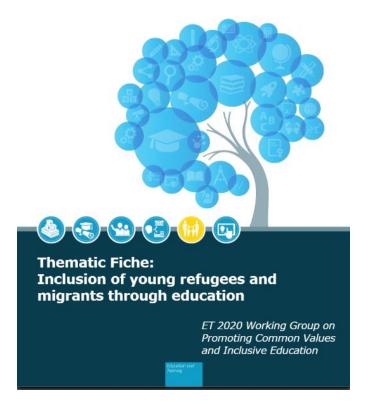
Examples: EU-funded psycho-social support projects













Compendium of inspiring practices on inclusive and citizenship education - Publications Office of the EU (europa.eu)

Inclusion of young refugees and migrants through education - Publications Office of the EU (europa.eu)



Supporting the inclusion of displaced children from Ukraine in education

Displaced children from Ukraine in the EU

- High diversity of situations across the EU
- The Temporary Protection
 Directive gives displaced children access to education in the EU under the same condition as nationals.
- The EU quickly mobilised all its tools in support of Member State education systems



EU support to Member States in the European Education Area framework, for the education of displaced children











PEER LEARNING

POLICY GUIDANCE

ONLINE PLATFORMS

FUNDING TOOLS

DATA COLLECTION











Educational integration of refugee children

Learning Language learning Catching-up on schooling needs Adjustment to new education system Communication **EDUCATIONAL** Social needs Sense of belonging and bonding INTEGRATION Strong personal identity **Emotional** Safety Coping with separation, loss and/or trauma needs

The inclusion of displaced children from Ukraine in education entails...



1 - making sure all children have a place in host-country schools



and teachers with additional staff, guidance and training



activities for children:
psycho-social and
language support,
non-formal learning
activities

The inclusion of displaced children from Ukraine in education entails...



4 - engaging with displaced families and helping children maintain the link with Ukraine



5 - taking long-term measures to promote inclusive education for all learners



6 - supporting early childhood education and care to support children's well-being

Resources on EU (supported) online platforms





school-education.ec.europa.eu/







nushub.org

EU funding opportunities

Erasmus+ examples:

- Flexible use of project funding for Ukrainian pupils, teachers and trainers
- Qualified staff may be sent temporarily to regions where refugees are accommodated
- Open <u>Call for Proposals on Teacher Academies</u> (one strand: inclusion and diversity) 6 June

Cohesion policy funding

- European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) and the European Social Fund (ESF+).
- Cohesion's Action for Refugees in Europe (CARE) initiative
- Recovery assistance for cohesion and the territories of Europe (REACT-EU)

Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF)

Technical support instrument (TSI)

Ongoing work

- Arrangement of cooperation between the European Commission and the Ministry of Education of Ukraine (June 2023)
- **Ukraine's integration** into the EEA strategic framework (EEA working groups, Eurydice, eTwinning,...)
- Assessment of learning outcomes (May 2023 Ukraine Ministerial Order) upon return to Ukraine
- Data collection regarding school enrolment and support measures
- Support of Ukraine's education system

The EU action plan on integration and inclusion (2021-2027)

Sectoral priorities

- Education
- 2) Employment
- 3) Health
- 4) Housing



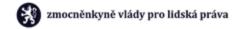
Horizontal priorities

- 1) Strong partnerships
- 2) Increased EU funding
- 3) Fostering participation
- 4) Digital tools
- 5) Monitoring progress

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Preparatory courses and programmes to facilitate entry to national education systems

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"Crisis Mode" - Austrian efforts in integrating pupils from Ukraine

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Austrian population – quite diverse



| | Migrational Background | | | | |
|---------------|------------------------|----------|------------|------------|------|
| | Population | Combined | First | Second | % |
| | | | Generation | Generation | |
| | in 1 000 | | | | |
| Austria | 8 807,3 | 2 240,3 | 1 635,0 | 605,3 | 25,4 |
| Burgenland | 292,7 | 41,9 | 32,6 | 9,4 | 14,3 |
| Carinthia | 554,3 | 89,8 | 67,8 | 22,0 | 16,2 |
| Lower Austria | 1 674,8 | 283,2 | 201,1 | 82,0 | 16,9 |
| Upper Austria | 1 476,1 | 310,0 | 219,8 | 90,2 | 21,0 |
| Salzburg | 551,7 | 131,7 | 98,4 | 33,3 | 23,9 |
| Styria | 1 228,8 | 191,5 | 144,0 | 47,5 | 15,6 |
| Tyrol | 748,3 | 164,6 | 127,6 | 37,1 | 22,0 |
| Vorarlberg | 395,1 | 108,6 | 79,9 | 28,8 | 27,5 |
| Vienna | 1 885,4 | 918,9 | 663,8 | 255,1 | 48,7 |

"Getting used to crisis along our borders"





Balkan Wars 1991 - 1999



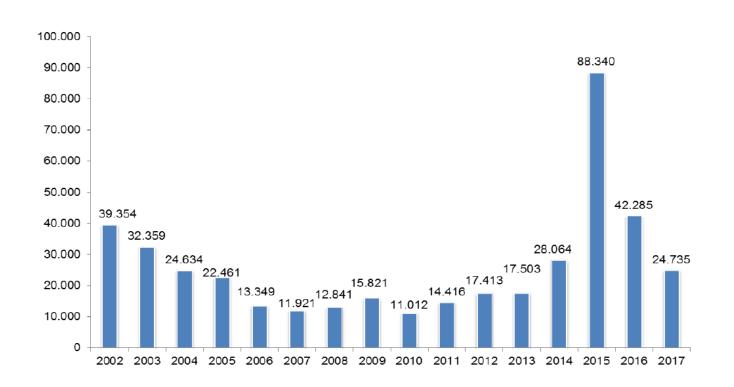
Summer/Autumn 2015



February/March 2022

2015 – 2017 Population of refugees coming to Austria





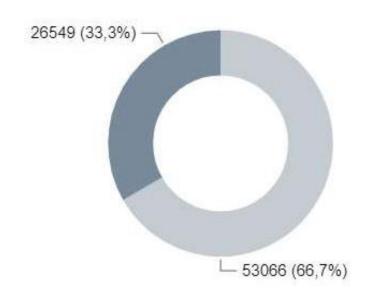
More than 155.000 people coming to Austria

Facts and Figures - Ukrainians in Austria



→ More than **83.000 people** from Ukraine

(Belgium 75.000; Netherlands 146.000; Italy 169.000)



2/3 female migrants

Differences Crisis of 2015/16 & Ukraine



| 2015/16 | Ukraine | | |
|---|--|--|--|
| Mainly young male refugees | Majority of female migrants with children | | |
| War started in 2011; impact on Austria started by 2014 | War started in 2022. Immediate impact on the whole of Europe | | |
| State structures (education, labour market) had eroded before | Functioning state structures (schools, labour market, economy) | | |
| Majority of refugees not required to go to schools | Many pupils required by Austrian law to go to Austrian schools | | |
| Just rudimentary networks of Syrians and Afghans in Austria | Existing networks of Ukrainians living in Austria before | | |

What helped us in dealing with the Ukraine war crisis?



EXPERIENCE in handling migration

VARIOUS PROGRAMS FOR LABOUR AND EDUCATIONAL TRAINING

INTEGRATION LAW

EXISTING STRUCTURES FOR INTEGRATION WITHIN THE EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM

UKRAINIAN NETWORKS IN AUSTRIA AND A FUNCTIONING STATE WHICH IS UNDER ATTACK

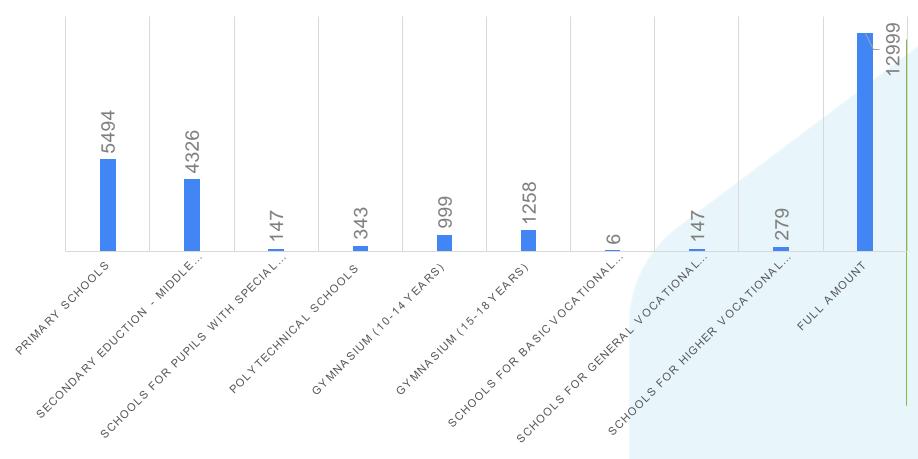
Facts and Figures - pupils by school types & region



| | Primary Schools (6-10 years) | Secondary Eduction - Middle Schools (10-14 years) | Schools for pupils with special needs | Polytechnical Schools (15-17 years) | Gymnasium (10-14 years) | Gymnasium (15-18 years) | Schools for basic vocational training (15-18 years) | Schools for general vocational training (15-18 years) | Schools for higher vocational training (14-18 years) | Full amount |
|------------------|------------------------------------|--|--|---|----------------------------|----------------------------|---|---|--|----------------|
| Burgenland | 209 | 143 | 5 | 16 | 32 | 56 | 0 | 5 | 23 | 489 |
| Carinthia | 199 | 174 | 0 | 16 | 32 | 18 | 1 | 0 | 21 | 461 |
| Lower Austria | 1282 | 1159 | 17 | 93 | 159 | 218 | 0 | 16 | 89 | 3033 |
| Upper Austria | 648 | 555 | 20 | 38 | 71 | 99 | 0 | 18 | 36 | 1485 |
| Salzburg | 241 | 180 | 9 | 11 | 41 | 69 | 0 | 15 | 39 | 605 |
| Styria | 594 | 405 | 2 | 31 | 132 | 149 | 0 | 17 | 57 | 1387 |
| Tyrol | 347 | 356 | 17 | 12 | 24 | 25 | 0 | 4 | 12 | 797 |
| Vorarlberg | 160 | 141 | 5 | 10 | 3 | 23 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 351 |
| Vienna | 1814 | 1213 | 72 | 116 | 505 | 601 | 0 | 70 | 0 | 4391 |
| Austria | 5494 | 4326 | 147 | 343 | 999 | 1258 | 6 | 147 | 279 | 12999 |

Facts and Figures - pupils by school types





Facts and Figures - School attendance



| Pupils from Ukraine in Austrian schools | Children and pupils from Ukraine registered in Austria |
|---|---|
| 12.999 | 16.321 |

- → Overall attendence 79,64 %
- → Pupils required to go to schools 96 %

Main objectives in the first 6 – 8 months



- → Compulsory school attendance for children and young people registered for temporary protection
- → Efforts to provide a **place in local schools** and support measures
- → May 2022: **63**% of children and young people **enrolled** in Austrian schools; as of Sept. 2022: **all** UA pupils enrolled in Austrian schools
- → Austrian authorities support **distance learning** for refugee pupils if it can be combined with our curricula
- → Successful graduation in Austrian schools



It's about the language



→ German support class

- none or little knowledge of German
- min. 8 pupils per school, 15/20 hours per week
- additionally attending some subjects in regular classes;
 being part of regular classes

→ German support course

- Basic or intermediate knowledge of German
- min. 8 pupils per school, 6 hours per week

→ Integrated language support

- Less than 8 pupils on the basis of specific curricula
- Measures in place before war started, just needed to be adapted



Hiring Ukrainian teachers



- → Making use of experience & language skills of Ukrainian teachers and educational staff
- → (Very) special contracts with Ukrainian teachers (facilitation regarding language competences in German)
- → Employment in German support classes
- → Assistance in regular classes
- → Cooperation with **first language** teachers



Support for pupils not of compulsory school age



Transition course

- → Concept created during the migration crisis of 2015/16
- → Completion of compulsory school in country of origin
- → Preparation for attendance of secondary education



→ Starting in an educational/vocational training (a specific school type) after completion of the transition courses



Information & Data & Services



- → Biligual information material on the Austrian school systems and related information
- → "Video interpretation" (funded by ESF and Austrian Ministry of Education (currently only national funding)
- → Cooperation with Ukrainian Saturday School in Vienna
- → External services providing consultancy



Support & content



- → Providing and equiping Ukranian pupils with devices if necessary
- → Additional educational materials for adressing the war during classes and courses
- → Psychocological support general enlargement of trained personell in the educational system before the start of the war



Challenges ahead

DURATION OF THE WAR – UKRAINIANS ARE SETTLING

RELATIONS BETWEEN DIFFERENT GROUPS
OF MIGRANTS

OPINION ABOUT THE WAR IN UKRAINE IN AUSTRIA

INTEGRATION INTO THE LABOUR MARKET AND THE EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM

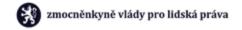




We have to make it. We have no other choice.

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Supporting educational biographies of migrant and refugee pupils in the German school system

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Outline



- Objectives
- Legal aspects
- Facts and figures
- A perspective from North Rhine-Westphalia: heritage language classes

Objective(s)



Language proficiency as well as school education are key for a successful integration of migrant pupils into our society.

(Declaration of the Standing Conference of the Ministers of Education and Cultural Affairs (KMK) on the integration of young migrants and refugees, October 2016)

Legal aspects



The Convention on the Rights of the Child:

Everyone has the **right to education** and to have access to vocational and continuing training. This right includes the possibility to receive free compulsory education.

→ Compulsory school education applies to all children living in Germany, irrespective of their citizenship or legal status.

Quick facts



- In the school year 2022/2023, 1.6 million / 11.1 million pupils had a foreign citizenship (= 14 percent of the pupils).
- In North Rhine-Westphalia, in the school year 2021/2022, 40 percent of the student population had a migrant background (1st, 2nd or 3rd etc. generations).
- 60 percent of the migrant student population comes from other European countries.

Past and current figures (a)



- In October 2015, the KMK estimated an <u>additional</u> 325.000 pupils visiting school who had only recently entered the country and who were granted or seeking asylum.
- Since the Russian invasion of Ukraine in February 2022, almost another quarter of a million pupils from Ukraine have entered the German school system (222.660 in Dec. 2023).
- Yet, pupils from Ukraine only comprise about ¼ of the newly migrated student population.

Past and current figures (b)



| Number of newly migrated pupils in North Rhine-Westphalia | Number of newly migrated pupils from Ukraine in North Rhine-Westphalia | Share of pupils from Ukraine amongst the newly migrated pupils |
|---|--|--|
| 94.808 | 38.625 | 40,7 % |

(Survey of the Ministry of Education of the state of North Rhine-Westphalia, January, 31, 2024)

Integrating newly migrated pupils in the school system (a)



Step 1: Language acquisition

In most cases, newly migrated pupils visit so-called "welcoming / international" classes", in order to acquire essential language skills (→ **differentiated model**) first. Depending on the school's profile as well as the previous learning experiences, pupils might also visit classes together with their peers and receive additional/parallel language courses while not attending all classes (semi**integrated model**). Likewise, pupils can be fully integrated into the school from the very beginning (integrated model) (most often the case in primary schools).

(organisational form as followed in North Rhine-Westphalia)

→ "newly migrated" as defined by the level of German language proficiency

Integrating newly migrated pupils in the school system (b)



Step 2: Integrating pupils in the "regular" school system, i.e. providing pupils with a school degree

- Accompanying support measures needed: to improve language skills and other competencies.
- Potentially additional assistance needed: school social work, (school) psychology, cooperation between school and home etc.
- → Recognizing and fostering pupils' biographies, identities and natural language skills, e.g. by heritage language classes.

Heritage language classes in North Rhine-Westphalia



Heritage language classes are an element of the North Rhine-Westphalian integration policy:

- 30 different languages are currently offered (e.g. Polish, Italian, Turkish, Croatian, Greek, Ukrainian or Chinese)
- 1.006 teaching positions
- > 104.000 pupils in ~ 8.000 groups

→ Multilingualism as a vehicle to learn German as well as any other new / foreign language.

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Building learning ecosystems: Thinking across physical, digital and social learning spaces

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Building learning ecosystems: Thinking across physical, digital and social learning spaces

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Counteract the Fragmentation of Learning

Inclusive Education to ensure available, accessible, adaptable, and acceptable opportunities to learn for all children and youth

Access to learning spaces, to infrastructure and equipment, to the curriculum, to materials and tools

Participation in learning, relationships, communication, leisure activities and social life

Achievement of meaningful learning outcomes, products, development of identity and personal talents



Landscape Model of Learning

The Landscape Model is a vision of how schools and districts might shift their thinking towards a student-centred approach.

Ecosystem: Students' identity and broader context and what the bring to the learning landscape

Horizon: Students' goals, interests and strengths, and aspirations of their families

Pathway: The way students have chosen to head towards the horizon

Source: Klein & Ciotti 2022



Coaching for Learning Feedback - Feedup - Feedforward



Feedback

Co-create knowledge about current situation, performance, behaviour to encourage and motivate

Feedup

Co-create meaningful knowledge about learning targets, hopes, expectations, and even dreams

Feedforward

Co-create meaningful knowledge about next steps, strategies to achieve goals or address weaknesses



Continuity of Learning



Open and Distributed Learning to expand how and where learning occurs, breaking away from traditional classroom-based instruction

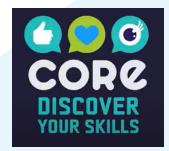
- Physical Spaces classrooms, museums, libraries, nature, workplace
- Digital Spaces LMS, ChatGPT, Virtual Reality Environments, Translation Tools, Online Learning
- Social Learning Spaces Study Lounges, Common Rooms, Community Centres

Support to navigate multiple learning spaces

- → Moderators to ensure access and use of full potential
- → Learning Coaches to guide through the spaces
- → Peer Counselling & Psychosocial Support

Examples

- → Mentorship programmes in the Canton of Zurich: «Future Kids» and «ChagAll»
- → CORE «Strengthen your Life Skills» for displaced young people Introductory Video (Programme available in several languages, but currently not in Ukrainan, Czech or Russian).
- → NADIYA (Ukrainian for Hope) APP to help families address experienced trauma





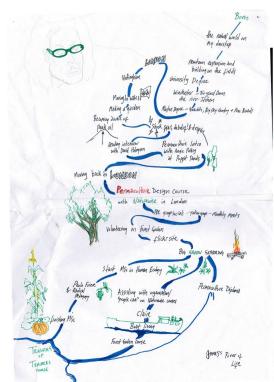
River of Life - Narration and Visualisation



The "River of Life" is a method to explore "Ecosystem", "Horizon" and "Pathways"

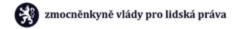
- Visualisation helps to overcome language barriers
- A method to bring together to better understand the Learning Landscape from the young person's perspective
- A way to explore the expectations, fears and hopes about the future without direct confrontation
- Identify or anticipate opportunities and challenges
- For Individual students or groups

Basis for developing long-term, mid-term and short-term goals and personalised learning plans



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Theme 4:

The Road to Inclusion – Next Steps

Cooperation between the European Countries and Ukraine





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