



Centrum Kształcenia Zawodowego i Ustawicznego Nr 1 -Ośrodek Kształcenia Ustawicznego Nauczycieli

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Description of the organisation

Centrum Kształcenia Zawodowego i Ustawicznego Nr 1 - Ośrodek Kształcenia Ustawicznego Nauczycieli (Centre of Vocational and Continuing Education No 1 - Teachers' Continuing Education Institution) is an in-service teacher training centre of a local scope of work, accredited by Gdańsk pedagogical supervising institution (Kuratorium Oświaty) with legislative act number 47/2011 of 28.12.2011

It operates in the whole of the city of Gdańsk - a city of over 450,000 inhabitants, which is a socially diversified environment. OKUN is a part of the centre of vocational and continuing education for adults. The mission of our institution is to support the professional development of educational staff. Our service aims at teachers, school management staff, psychologists, pedagogues and school vocational counsellors.

The scope of our activity includes:

- advisory service and methodological counselling for teachers
- qualification and in-service courses
- workshops
- conferences
- educational projects

CKZiU Nr 1- OKUN employs 20 highly qualified teachers - counsellors of a wide variety of subjects and experts in educational matters as well as 3 specialists experienced in educational projects. Our activities cover a wide variety of educational and pedagogical topics, relevant to different learners' needs, in compliance with current regulations of the educational authorities. We work in cooperation with such prominent institutions of higher education as the University of Gdansk, the University of Technology and University of Physical Education and Sport in Gdansk.

We also cooperate with local cultural institutions which results in annual open debates for educational environment concerning vital social, cultural and educational issues.

OKUN implements European educational projects in the framework of variety programmes, such as European Label, Grundtvig, Comenius, Leonardo da Vinci. In 2013 our institution was granted by the International Visegrad Fund which resulted in a 3-day seminar for teachers from the Visegrad Group Countries.

We enrich our capacity and expertise through national and international cooperation, striving for incorporating innovating approaches, training programmes and best practices in order to equip educators with the most efficient teaching tools for developing students' knowledge, skills and attitudes.

More information about OKUN can be found on the website at http://www.okun.gda.pl/index en/index en.php





Experience of the organization in previous European projects

Building a new approach for foreign adult education, funded by the European Commission (Socrates - Grundtvig Programme). It made us aware of and open to the issues of diversity and multiculturalism in European society. The aim was to improve knowledge of the best practices in teaching less favoured foreign groups in different countries (refugees, migrants).

website: http://www.okun.gda.pl/index_en/projekt_budowanie_en.php

How to teach in Europe, about Europe, for Europe? funded by European Commission (LLP – Leonardo da Vinci Programme) addresses the issues of the European dimension of education, and gives us a new vantage point from which we can discover both the common and the diverse aspects of education and culture in other European countries. The aim was to improve teacher competences by exchange of good practice and international cooperation.

The website: http://www.okun.gda.pl/index en/projekt jakuczyc en.php

COPE - Competences of Professional Educators in Europe funded by European Commission (LLP-Comenius Multilateral Projects). The project aimed to narrow the gap between the actual teachers' competences observed and the key competences needed, taking into account the European dimension The website: http://www.okun.gda.pl/index en/projekt cope en.php

How to teach to live together? funded by the International Visegrad Fund. The project aimed to rise teacher competences with special focus on the theme of European integration and its impact on the Visegrad Group Countries. It provided teachers with essential and methodological knowledge, skills as well as innovative didactic materials for use in the classroom in order to popularize the culture of our region and form Central European identity of students.

The website: http://www.okun.gda.pl/index en/projekt how to.php

Study Visits:

ICT in nursery and early learning education. Its goal was to improve teacher competences by exchange of knowledge and good practice in the field of using ICT skills when working with children.

Website: http://www.okun.gda.pl/index en/wizyta ict en.php

How to help disadvantaged students achieve success at school? Study Visit concentrated on sharing good practice in the area of education of children and young people with special educational needs, with particular emphasis on inclusive education

Website: http://www.okun.gda.pl/index en/how help.php





Experience and Expertise of the organization in the project's subject area

Our institution has a 11-year experience of activity in an educational and training field in Gdańsk. The teacher methodological advisors of OKUN aim to cover the whole range of school curriculum subjects and thematic areas, including PE and sport education. OKUN employs the experienced teacher-advisor of physical education who supports school teachers providing individual consultancy and conducts teacher trainings concerning the area of physical activities e.g.

Pro-health and preventive context of physical education.

Why do not students want to attend physical education classes?

Our Institution has also gained experience in implementing European educational projects with partners from different countries and cultures, within different subject areas. (more info in the Experience on European Projects section)

Inter alia our priority is to support teachers in promotion of a healthy and active lifestyle in schools and a role of sport in enhancing tolerance and ethical code of conduct of young generation. (e.g. we dealt with that subject in the framework of the project How to teach in Europe...? elaborating didactic materials in the field of PE in European context)

In a few weeks our institution is organizing an open debate titled "The art of teaching. Debate about safety at school". The discussion will concern many aspects of ensuring safety at schools including promotion of healthy lifestyle, coping with threatening with addiction, developing students' social competences. Our associated partner University of Physical Education and Sport in Gdansk supports our institution in carrying out actions in the field of physical activities.

Contributions that can be provided to the project

OKUN with the schools involved and associated partners will fully contribute to the project activities: elaboration of the project outcomes (collecting of good practices, developing a set of toolkits for the project target groups, testing the Database and Toolkit, developing a set of Guidelines for policy makers), evaluation, dissemination, exploitation and sustainability of the project.

Basing on the project results we will develop a teacher training programmes for the teachers of all the school subjects as well as PE teachers.

Contact Person's Experience and Expertise

Elżbieta Walkiewicz, PhD - the managing director of Teachers' Continuing Education Institution in Gdańsk since 2003. Master of Administrative Law, obtained the Doctoral degree in Humanities. A qualified and experienced teacher and educational manager, also works as a lecturer at the Gdańsk University of Technology, where manages postgraduate studies for Education Management. Has coordinated several international educational projects and has participated in a number of study visits within the framework of European projects.

Joanna Nadratowska-Ptak - specialist, project coordinator in Teachers' Continuing Education Institution in Gdańsk. Has participated in several international educational projects and study visits. Graduated from Gdańsk University of Technology, trained as a teacher in English, completed post-graduate studies on the Faculty of Economics and Management in the field of Evaluation and Management of European Projects