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In Poland there is no national lifelong guidance forum, but with the initiative of the Minister of Labour and Social Policy in 2007 the other mechanism has been established:

a Discussion Platform for Lifelong Guidance.

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This initiative is the opportunity for better co-operation for career guidance activities at the national level through involvement of the most important government and NGO institutions, responsible for strategic solutions and legal provisions.



The members of the Platform are:

- Ministry of National Education
- Ministry of Science and Higher Education
- Ministry of National Defence
- Voluntary Labour Corps
- Academic Career Services
- National Center for Supporting Vocational and Continuing Education
- Prison Services
- Polish Association of Educational and Vocational Counsellors
- Management Board of Association for Professional Development



The main aim of the Platform is coordination of activities in the area of vocational guidance undertaken by various institutions and stakeholders.

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Cross-platform meetings are held twice a year. Each meeting is devoted to specific topics, which allow preparation of materials for discussion and facilitation of joint initiatives.

We are currently working on the reform of vocational education in Poland, within the reform it is planned to create Profession and Education Information Centres and Centres of Education Development.

Profession and Education Information Centres tasks

- collects and provides detailed information on the educational offer
- prepares analysis and information on the current needs of public schools and institutions network in the voivodeship (voivodship is an administrative division unit)
- monitors activities related to the implementation of European educational projects at national and regional level



- Supporting comprehensive schools by psychological and pedagogical assistance provided to students, teachers and parents
- Assisting schools in organizing internal system of school guidance
- Organizing cooperation, the exchange of experiences, professional development

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