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The Challenge of Integration

A New Reality

Many Ukrainian children came to learn in Polish schools because of the war. Poland had to act fast to help them belong and learn.

Before the War

Few Ukrainian children studied in Poland before 2022. Most studied in Ukraine online, creating a completely different educational landscape.

The Turning Point

In 2022, about 700,000 Ukrainian children arrived in Poland. Schools faced unprecedented challenges with an enormous influx of new students requiring immediate support and integration.



- ❏ The sudden arrival of hundreds of thousands of children transformed the Polish education system overnight, requiring rapid adaptation and innovative solutions.



Current Educational Landscape

150K 700K 2022

Ukrainian Students

Currently studying in Polish schools as of 2025

Initial Arrivals

Ukrainian children who came to Poland in 2022

Turning Point

Year when everything changed for Polish education

Now over 150,000 Ukrainian children study in Poland. Laws require them to attend school here, marking a significant shift in educational policy and practice.



Challenges Faced by Schools

Language Barriers

Communication difficulties between students, teachers, and families created immediate obstacles to learning and integration.

War Trauma

Children arrived carrying emotional wounds from conflict and the stress of migration, requiring sensitive support.

System Differences

Varying educational approaches and curricula between Ukrainian and Polish schools created adaptation challenges.

Resource Strain

Crowded classrooms and shortage of Ukrainian-speaking teachers stretched school capacity to its limits.

Government and Community Response

Government Support

- Extra funding and comprehensive training programmes for teachers
- Psychological help and counselling services for children
- Legal frameworks making school attendance mandatory for Ukrainian children

Integration Programmes

- "School for All" programme with 500 million PLN support
- Hiring intercultural assistants who speak Ukrainian
- Preparatory classes focused on Polish language learning



Educational Support



Building Community Together



Joint Projects

Innovative projects combining Polish and Ukrainian children in collaborative learning experiences that celebrate both cultures whilst building understanding.



Friendship Activities

Carefully designed group activities that build genuine friendships and mutual respect between students from different backgrounds.



Parent Engagement

Comprehensive information campaigns for parents about schooling

Future Initiatives and Progress



Enhanced Teacher Training

Further teacher training programmes focused on multicultural education and inclusive teaching methods



Expanded Psychological Support

More comprehensive psychological support for trauma-affected children and their families



Intercultural Resources

Increased resources for intercultural activities and cultural exchange programmes



Long-term Monitoring

Systematic monitoring of integration progress and educational outcomes

240,000

Success Stories

Rapid Adaptation

Many Ukrainian children have quickly adapted and learned Polish, demonstrating remarkable resilience and determination in their educational journey.

Cultural Exchange

Schools have transformed into vibrant places of friendship and cultural exchange, where diversity is celebrated and learning is enriched.

Inclusive Education

Important steps have been taken to make education truly inclusive for all, creating a model for multicultural integration in schools.

"The integration of Ukrainian children has not only helped them but has enriched our entire school community, teaching us all valuable lessons about



We Are the Same

Together We Grow

Despite differences in language and culture, we all want to learn and grow together. We respect and support each other, recognising that our diversity makes us stronger.

Polish schools, government, and communities are working tirelessly to help Ukrainian children feel at home and succeed. Through collaboration, understanding, and shared commitment to education, we are building a future where every child can thrive.

Together, we are stronger despite our differences.

