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Educational Systems and Programmes in EU Countries

Abstract

Education and educational policy represent a significant place in society. The role of education in the European dimension lies in its contribution to the development of European inhabitants' awareness of common qualities of solidarity, democracy, equal opportunity and mutual respect. Due to the fact that educational systems in particular EU countries vary, the International Standard of Classification of Education (ISCED) was formed for their comparative evaluation. Within European integration the importance of EU programmes in the sphere of education (Phare, Socrates and others) has increased, aiming at improving the attitude to quality upbringing and education.

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