

Positively assessed **sustainability of initiatives** and implementing **institutions' capacity**

Impact – including image impact

- Key project effects are:
 - **increased competence of initiative participants**
 - familiarity with **Polish reforms**
 - opportunities of **exchanging experiences** with people from other countries
 - **developed cooperation network** of graduates
- Initiatives **consolidate a positive image** of Poland among participants

Sustainability

- Graduates **use knowledge** acquired at trainings and internships at their work
- Many of them **have established working contacts** which are still sustained

Relevance

- Initiatives **meet the expectations** of participants to a considerable extent
- Polish lecturers are **open and sincere** and they are willing to share experiences
- Project promoters' engagement and their experience **are good reasons for projects to be continued**

Methodology applied

The evaluation mainly included :

- in-depth analysis of 14 projects
- individual interviews with, inter alia, project coordinators, beneficiaries, implementers of project tasks
- surveys of project participants
- graduate tracking
- case studies

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Key recommendations

Component I

- Implementation of a smaller number of projects with larger budgets and concentrated on selected thematic areas which could trigger a social change
- Strengthening of a strategic approach to supporting reforms in Ukraine, inter alia, thematic concentration of initiatives, planning in a longer term
- Strengthening of institutional PDA presence in Ukraine, which will allow to better use the existent channels of coordinating Polish initiatives with other donors
- Project assumptions and objectives aimed more at supporting and establishing sustainably empowered institutions and procedures

Component II

- Continued support to the process of changing the organisation of the national rescue and fire-fighting system in Ukraine
- Cooperation with other donors on fire-fighting projects
- Concentration and specialisation of the aid for rescue services and parallel inclusion of new recipients, subjects and area in initiatives (in case bigger funds are available)
- Improved monitoring of how equipment, knowledge and skills are used
- Continued cooperation with reliable partners

Component III

- Greater coordination of initiatives and popularisation of good practices in sharing knowledge
- Extended analysis of participants' needs
- Introduction of graduate tracking
- Introduced minimum scope of information promoting implemented projects

Evaluation report available at:
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EVALUATION OF POLISH DEVELOPMENT AID PROVIDED VIA THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF POLAND TO SUPPORT REFORMS IN UKRAINE AND SELECTED EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVES IN FAVOUR OF EP COUNTRIES OVER 2012-2016

A direct goal of the evaluation has been to analyse the relevance, efficiency, effectiveness, sustainability and utility of selected projects implemented over 2012-2016 within Polish development cooperation that is coordinated by the MFA.

The projects concerned:

- Support to key reforms conducted by the government in Ukraine, including those related to the implementation of the Association Agreement with the EU → **COMPONENT I**
- Support to fire and police services, as well as rescue services in Ukraine → **COMPONENT II**
- Educational projects and initiatives implemented in favour of the citizens of Ukraine and other countries of Eastern Partnership (internships, scholarships and trainings) → **COMPONENT III**

The evaluation was conducted over July - December 2017.



**Solutions offered to Ukraine
within Polish development
cooperation are based on Polish
transformation experiences and
they are easily adaptable to
Ukrainian conditions**

➔ Component I

The support to key systemic reforms in Ukraine (decentralisation and education), which was the subject matter of this evaluation, is characterised by a **generally high level of relevance, effectiveness and sustainability**, although the level is varied, depending on the area and the administrative level at which support was provided .

Valuable outcomes were obtained in all areas at the level of specific outputs and of harder-to-measure effects related to the change in attitudes and awareness.

Initiatives within Polish development cooperation translate into launching and consolidating long-term processes of socio-economic development, democratisation and building civic society in Ukraine

Impact – including image impact

- An initial **success of Polish aid** has not been fully taken advantage of, which results, inter alia, from a bigger scale of other donors' support and from the political situation
- Outcomes of **the support to the decentralisation reform** are mainly of local character
- Polish support **to the area of education reform** has had a bigger impact on complex and systemic changes
- **Consolidation of positive Poland's image** as a country of transformation success, which is now sharing its experience has been observed

Sustainability

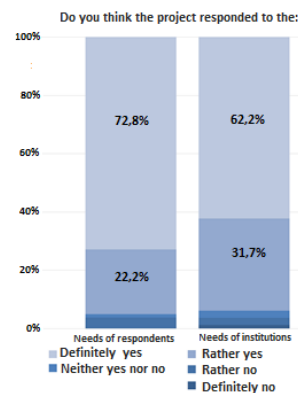
- Established **institutions and social structures** are positive evidence of confirmed sustainability
- Lesser sustainability might be observed in projects **aimed only at educational and training initiatives**

Support fitted in with the Ukrainian party's needs, although some amendments are necessary, e.g. making it possible to prepare diagnoses at the project level

Relevance

The project success is determined, inter alia, by:

- **relevantly addressed needs**
- **practical dimension** of solutions
- **participatory character** of initiatives taken
- familiarity with **Ukrainian realities**
- **active cooperation networks** between Polish and Ukrainian organisations

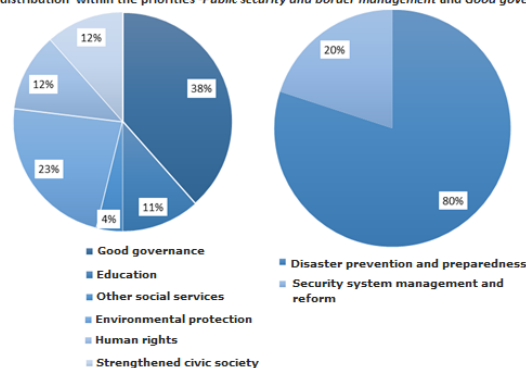


➔ Component II

The project subject matter focused on **emergency management, rescue** (e.g. fire-fighting, chemical, biological rescue, etc.), **human trafficking and migrations**.

Most initiatives were targeted at supporting **rescue services**, as well as **representatives of government and local self-government administration**.

Project distribution within the priorities -Public security and border management and Good governance



Impact - including impact on the image

- **Projects are characterised by high effectiveness** in obtaining the assumed outcomes
- **Cooperation is beneficial for both Poland and Ukraine** (e.g. as for improved border security)
- **It is possible to strengthen the impact** on the **image** by presenting more detailed information about projects on websites.

Sustainability

- The most sustainable impact on recipients has the **combination** of infrastructure measures in projects (eg providing fire-fighting equipment or training equipment) with training activities.
- **Increased sustainability and impact of project outcomes** is fostered by :
 - providing the Ukrainian party with typically training **equipment**
 - **cascade** trainings,
 - developed and popularised **publications** (thematic papers, reports, guidebooks, best practices,
 - **established** working **contacts** and long-run cooperation
- Outcome sustainability, deferred impact of the projects implemented are **not monitored**.

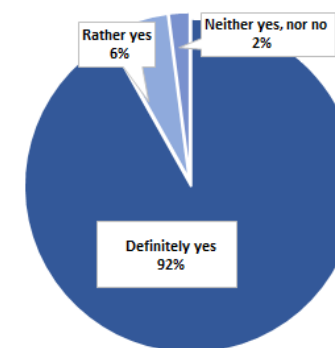
Relevance

- **High cohesion level** of initiatives taken is one of strengths as for the support to increase public security in Ukraine
- There are **prospects for further aid initiatives** in this thematic area as for opening to new recipients and new issues.

➔ Component III

The evaluated educational initiatives have been **assessed very high**, due to, inter alia, willingness to share experiences and openness of Polish lecturers. Almost each surveyed participant would recommend

Would you recommend participating in a similar projects to other people?



participating in a similar project to others.