



**'Freedom of choice"  
Towards an educational  
system consistent with a pluralistic  
democracy  
The need for support for Ukraine  
in education reform**

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## Post Soviet education system

- 99,9 % of primary and secondary schools is state owned (secondary schools: 20.358 state, 218 private)
- Only state financing for state schools
- Private schools receive heavy tax regime; business
- No freedom of choice for parents
- No rights for NGO's and churches to establish schools
- Lack of fair competition in the education system
- Lack of incentives for improvement quality of education



## Reforms needed

1. To bring the system into line with European and international educational freedom standards
2. To remove a major source of conflict among religious and language groups through a pluralistic education system
3. To stimulate quality of education, bringing new energies to the educational system; the creation of a shared culture and mission in schools, and, over time, offering models of excellence
4. Ensure fairness; that requires public funding for parental choices, whether of public or private schools
5. To give parents the right to participate in the governance of schools



Clear choice for development towards the EU  
Need for EU support





**Thank you!**

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