



Development of inclusive education in Belarus: Estonian experience

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Background

- **UNICEF concept note:**
 - development of educational services for children with disabilities
- **Objectives**
 - Policy development
 - Preschool and primary school curricula
 - Capacity building of teachers
 - Supervision model of the centres
- **Main partners:** UNICEF Belarus, Ministry of Education in Belarus, Belarusian State Pedagogical University, Institute of Inclusive Education, regional centres, Estonian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Foundation Innove / Education and Youth Authority in Estonia
- **Belarusian and Estonian teams of experts**
- **Focus on three regions:** Vitebsk, Gomel and Minsk



Exchange of practices since 2017

- 10/2017: Estonian experts in Minsk for policy analysis
- 10/2018: Belarusian stakeholders in Tallinn
- 10/2018: inclusive education conference in Minsk
- 12/2018: Estonian experts in Minsk and Gomel
- 04/2019: Estonian experts in Vitebsk
- 10/2019: training-seminar in Minsk - the future of inclusive education resource centers in Belarus
- 11/2020: international conference on the outcomes

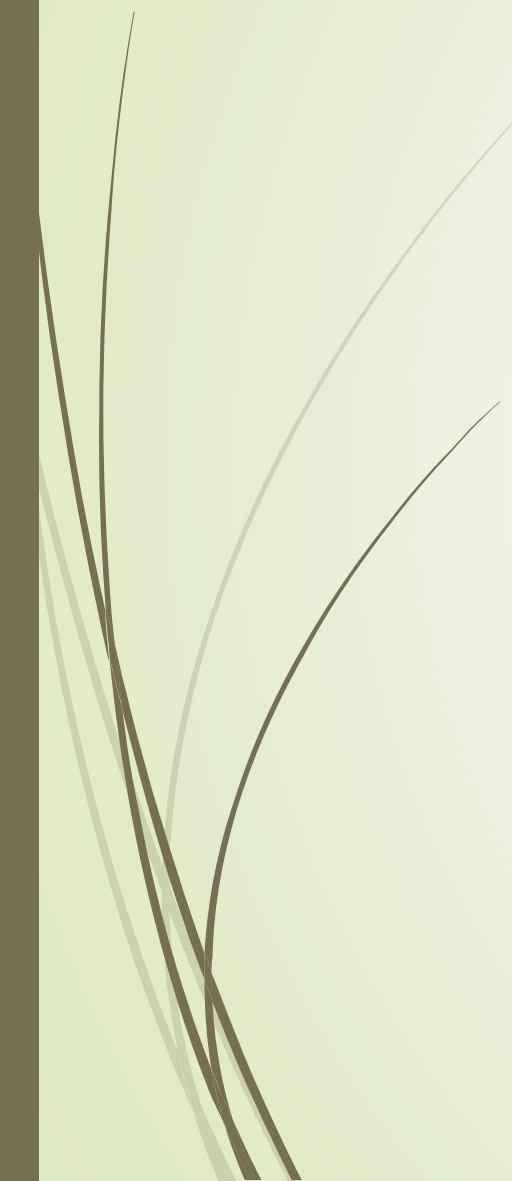


Main outcomes

- Recommendations on amendments of the national legislation on education
by Agnes Pihlak, Tiina Kivirand, Urve Raudsepp-Alt
- Analysis of pre-school and primary school curricula and recommendations for the revision of curricula
by Agnes Pihlak, Tiina Kivirand, Urve Raudsepp-Alt
- Recommendations for the development of teacher training programs
by Kadi Lukanenok and Tiina Kivirand
- Recommendation for the pedagogical medical commissions
by Olga Korkkinen
- Training: The future of inclusive education resource centers
by Olga Korkkinen and Margit Rammo
- Development of IERS in Belarus. Roadmap 2019+
by Olga Korkkinen and Margit Rammo



Roadmap 2019+

- Staff training
 - Revision of the centres
 - Modification of case management system
 - Revision of the funding system
 - Revision of the interaction between agencies
 - Use of technology
 - Revision of the commission's work
 - Networking with families
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THANK YOU!

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