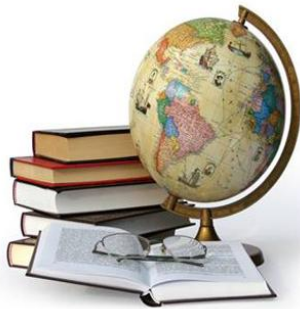




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How to make education more competitive in Ukraine?



The market and political freedom have radically changed the environment in which Ukraine's system of education operates. But the system itself remains fundamentally unchanged since soviet times.

To determine the best configuration of reforms that will ensure a real restructuring of the educational system in line with the needs of the marketplace and a democratic society, a clear vision of the reform needs to be developed. Moreover, CSOs should play a role in this process.

Ukraine has every possibility to improve the quality of its education and to ensure that education is connected to the labor market.

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