

# ADULT EDUCATION AND OER 2015 EU COUNTRY UPDATE: POLAND

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Poland is the smallest of the large EU Member States, with a population of around 38 million. (The next largest to Poland is Romania, with just over half Poland's population.)

## **Adult Education**

Although there is no truly national Open University (as in UK, Netherlands, Spain etc) there is a *Polish Virtual University* (hosted by two universities, in Lublin and Lodz).<sup>1</sup> A small number of other universities offer distance education as a university priority, including Warsaw University, Warsaw University of Technology and AGH University.

In 2012 the VISCED project reported the existence of an online provider of secondary school qualifications to adults, *Szkola Online*: this continues to function.<sup>2</sup>

## **Copyright**

The copyright situation in Poland in respect of education is strictly regulated.

Creative Commons has a very active affiliate in Poland, hosted jointly by a specific Foundation and a department in Warsaw University. Alek Tarkowski is the spokesperson and well known in OER and CC circles.

## **OER in Adult Education**

The best-known OER activity in Poland is the **Digital School** programme. The programme is running until 2015 and plans to release 63 e-textbooks for 18 primary-school subjects.<sup>3</sup> However, especially with the focus on primary this has very little spill-over into adult education.

The OER repository run by **AGH University** (in Krakow) is the first one established by a Polish higher education institution.

In contrast to this limited picture, there are many Open Access repositories and other, smaller and less well known OER activities such as **Panjandrum**, **Free Manuals** and **University of Orange**.

## **Quality for OER**

The Polish Quality Agency for Higher Education, *Polish Accreditation Committee* (PKA), is a full member of ENQA.<sup>4</sup> There is nothing non-trivial reported on any OER-related activities.

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.puw.pl/pl>

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.szkola-online.pl>

<sup>3</sup> <http://creativecommons.pl/open-educational-resources-in-the-digital-school-program/>

<sup>4</sup> <http://www.pka.edu.pl/en/>