

## Development of the course "Democracy: ideas in practice" in VET schools

### Ukraine

#### DESCRIPTION

In 2021, the **Ministry of Education and Science** of Ukraine and the **International Foundation for Electoral Systems** (IFES) signed a **Memorandum of Cooperation to joint develop and implement a civic education course for VET institutions.**

As part of this initiative, in 2022, the curriculum and pedagogical materials for the **course "Democracy: ideas in practice"** were specifically developed for VET institutions to implement the competencies of democratic culture.

The purpose of the course is to **equip students with the knowledge, skills, and attitudes necessary to promote effective, informed and responsible democratic interactions** among citizens within society.

The implementation of the course is carried out in **2 stages**:

- **training of course trainers:** from 2022 to 2024, 2022-2024, **54 trainers - teachers** from VET institutions were trained to deliver the course
- **course delivery** to students in VET institutions: as of 2024, the course "Democracy: ideas in practice" is being taught in **35 VET institutions.**