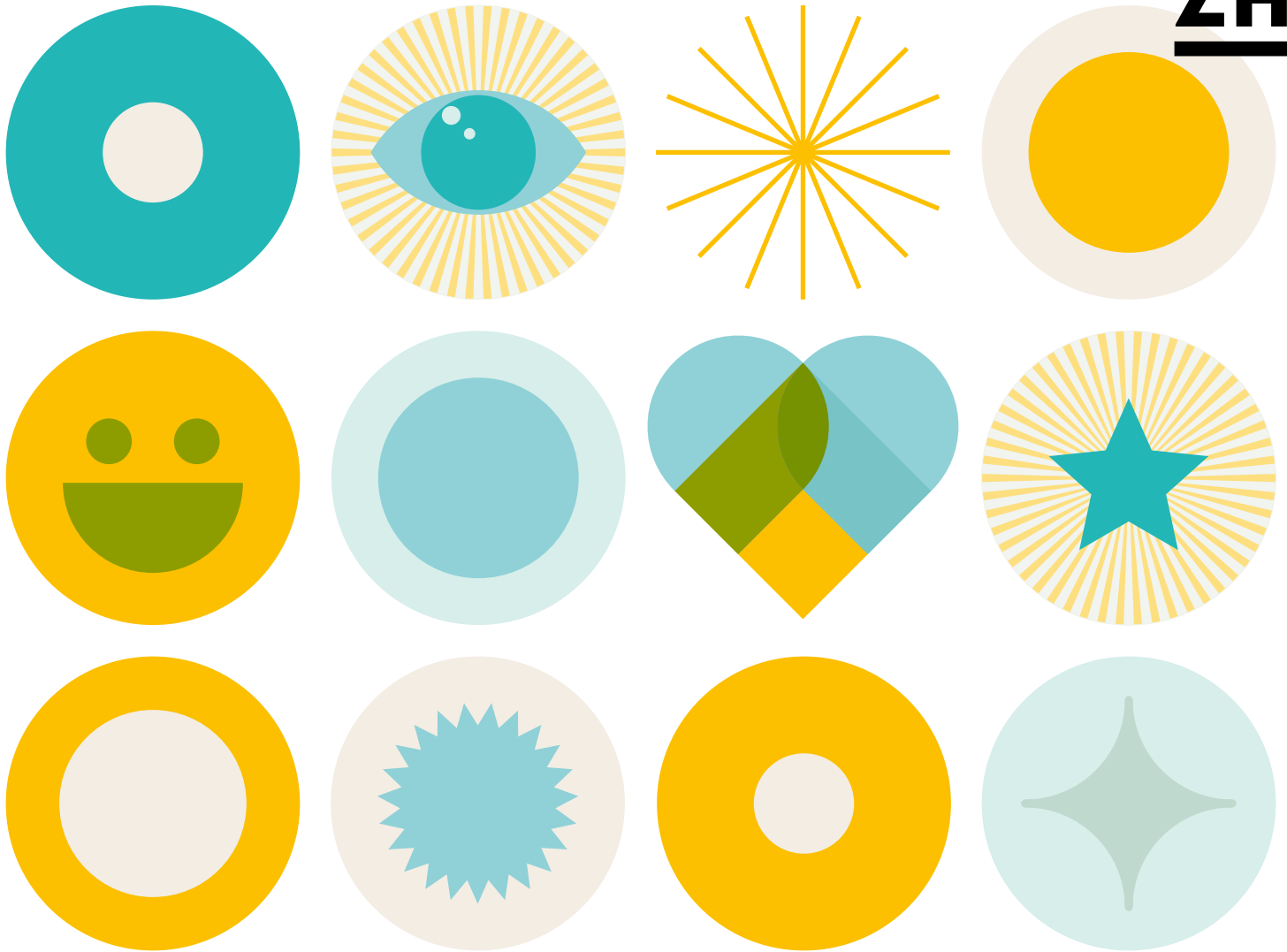




International Projects in Education

Life and Future Skills

Children and young people live in a world full of challenges. They are confronted daily with new technologies, conflicts, changing labour markets and ecological and political changes. They need an education that not only promotes cognitive skills but also helps them to develop attitudes and values and find creative solutions. It is about being open, learning new things, dealing with emotions and stress and getting involved in the community.

At work, in education and at school, it is also necessary to teach future-oriented skills for a sustainable world. Future skills therefore include the ability to deal with uncertainty, make decisions in dialogue and develop pragmatic approaches for individual and, above all, collective well-being.

Continuing education and materials

The Department for International Projects in Education (IPE) at PH Zurich develops teaching materials and organises further training courses on teaching life and future skills in many countries for teachers, lecturers, parents or NGO staff. The teaching materials have a modular structure so that they can be adapted to a new target group or curriculum as needed. They are available in many languages with more being added continuously. For children, adolescents, and young adults with a refugee background, the Department IPE has developed digital courses that work both online and offline.

Examples of life and future skills projects

FutureS Moldova

The project promotes future-relevant competences in order to prepare teachers and students for the requirements of sustainable development. Educational institutions are supported in integrating these skills into teaching and contributing to the positive transformation of the country.

Country: Moldova
Funding: Community Fund Canton of Zurich, Switzerland
Project duration: 2024–2026

Completed projects:

PALS

Children between the ages of 4 and 8 acquire both subject-specific and generic skills through play. The latter include creative thinking, social skills and dealing with emotions. The PALS project provides professional development for teachers in Serbia and North Macedonia on the topic of play and learning.

Countries: North Macedonia, Serbia
Funding: Community Fund Canton of Zurich, Switzerland
Project duration: 2022–2025

CORE and CORE Life

CORE stands for Children of Refugees in Education. In an initial project, a digital teaching tool was developed to promote life skills while teachers and NGO employees received further training. In the CORE Life project, the digital teaching material was disseminated in Greece with a particular focus on unaccompanied, underage women with a refugee background.

Countries: Greece, Lebanon, Italy
Funding: Community Fund Canton of Zurich, Switzerland
Project duration: 2017–2023 (CORE and CORE Life)

FACE

The FACE (Families and Children in Education) project aimed to develop the FACE series of teaching materials for life skills education in schools and organisations in South Eastern Europe.

Countries: North Macedonia, Kosovo, Serbia, Romania
Funding: Community Fund Canton of Zurich, Switzerland
Project duration: 2015–2019

International Projects in Education (IPE)

The Department IPE of the Zurich University of Teacher Education has many years of experience in educational development cooperation and in the exchange of knowledge between universities. We focus on the continuing professional development of lecturers, teachers, administrators and NGO staff and also offer training for students and parents on diverse topics:

Life and Future Skills	Teaching and Learning	Inclusive Education
Democratic Education	Job Orientation	Transcultural Learning

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Publications on life and future skills

- CORE**; digital teaching tool, online and offline (Arabic, English, Farsi, Greek, Italian).
- FACE**; teaching materials for children from 4 to 12 years (Arabic, Albanian, English, Macedonian, Serbian, Romanian, Hungarian).
- Personal Development**; for 12 school levels; adapted to the new Moldovan school subject Personal Development.

These and other materials on life and future skills are available in many languages at the following link:
→ ipe-textbooks.phzh.ch/de/life-skills

