

EDU Commission – POT (Preparation of Teachers) Pilot April 16-18, 2021  
Prepared for the Planning and Development Commission

General Info

Friday 16 April 15:00-20:00 CET  
Saturday 17 April 15:00-20:00 CET  
Sunday 18 April 15:00-20:00 CET

25 countries  
27 participants, from which 21 SI title holders.

**Presentations and Learning Materials**

[https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1EBGHGRzqt6b\\_dBxcVRnDvGL\\_zdatuNyj?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1EBGHGRzqt6b_dBxcVRnDvGL_zdatuNyj?usp=sharing)

**Padlet** [https://padlet.com/sargsyantamara/PoTApril\\_16\\_18](https://padlet.com/sargsyantamara/PoTApril_16_18)

**Tricider** <https://www.tricider.com/admin/3ARdjW7bbad/3epUiNUkxd5>

Pre-Course Info on the EDU website

[Pilot Preparation of Teachers - School Instructor Seminar Online 16-18 April - Chess in Education Commission \(fide.com\)](#)

Post Course Announcement for the follow-up POT Course for SI Title :

[First Preparation of Teachers course for School Instructor title - Chess in Education Commission \(fide.com\)](#)

Pilot Course Leaders :

Tamara Sargsyan, Jerry Nash, Kevin O'Connell

Course Feedback ?

Funds distributed

For the moment we have held **4 Preparation of Lecturers (PoL)** online courses, one of which was pilot:

1. 2021/02/12-14 - Pilot POL - 10 participants, from which 6 CEL diploma holders.
2. 2021/03/12-14 - 1st POL - 21 participants, from which 14 CEL diploma holders.
3. 2021/06/18-20 - 2nd POL - 20 participants, from which 18 CEL diploma holders.
4. 2021/12/17-19 - 3rd POL - 20 participants, diploma holders info will be provided.

And **5 Preparation of Teachers (PoT)** courses, one of which was pilot, one in French and one face-to-face in Kenya:

1. 2021/04/16-18 - Pilot POT - 27 participants, from which 21 SI title holders.
2. 2021/05/21-23 - 1st POT - 29 participants, from which 26 SI title holders.
3. 2021/07/02-04 - 2nd POT - 17 participants, from which 14 SI title holders.
4. 2021/12/10-12 - POT in French - 16 participants, from which 15 SI title holders.
5. 2021/12/15-18 - PoT offline in Kenya - 66 participants, titles holders info will be provided.

**In total - 38 CEL's and 76 New School Instructors (SI)**

Best regards,  
Alla Khachatryan  
Assistant to FIDE EDU chairman

The course was held 12-14 February online by Zoom.

- 13 people signed up
- 12 people attended the course – one dropped out after contracting Covid19
- 2 Lecturers from CSRI (Chess Scientific Research Institute, which was responsible for creation of the course) and one from EDU ran the course.
- 10 attendees took the exam, thus completing the requisite combination of active participation, project & exam for a full evaluation.
- Special dispensation was allowed for attendees to submit their projects. In principle, submission should have been done on February 15. Several attendees did not submit until much later.
- Evaluation by the Lecturers required one week.
- Results of the evaluation were sent to the attendees on 28 February.
- 6 passed the course, 4 'failed'.
- Failure is relative ; the 4 do not qualify for CEL but nevertheless learned a lot.

Details of the completed project/programme :

- Much feedback was received
- The feedback was extremely positive about most of the content
- There were two consistent complaints : (1) not enough about what EDU does and what 'educational chess' means ; (2) not enough advance information about timings and what

the exam involved, but especially the placement of delivery of the project after the third day.

- All the major complaints were corrected (largely) in time for the first 'real' CEL course (12-14 March).

Photos and videos of key activities should also be included as it may form part of FIDE's annual reporting.

- The Padlet Wall : <https://padlet.com/sargsyantamara/PoL>

Evidence of the FIDE brand being profiled.

- ? This was an internal Pilot for people from within FIDE and its Commissions.

Media releases, news articles, links to social media mentions, etc.

- <https://edu.fide.com/chess-in-education-lecturers-2/> with quotes from three of the attendees :
- 'I have learned a lot' *WGM Eva Repkova, Chairperson of FIDE Commission for Women's Chess.*
- 'A nice experience, fantastic course' *FM Vlad Ungureanu, national coordinator of Romania chess in schools programme.*
- 'This kind of course is a very good idea' *FM Leontxo Garcia*
- The Padlet Wall : <https://padlet.com/sargsyantamara/PoL>

Breakdown on the use of funds (€1000):

- 3x€250 = €750 to the 3 Lecturers.
- €250 as determined by EDU Chairman

Lessons Learned :

- implemented for the course 12-14 March
- That first course attracted 34 applications (too many!).
- It was limited to 20 – first come, first served
- An administrative hiccup meant that we had 21 who each paid €75
- 14 of the 21 passed and the feedback has been consistently high (better – more consistent -than in the Pilot).

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