



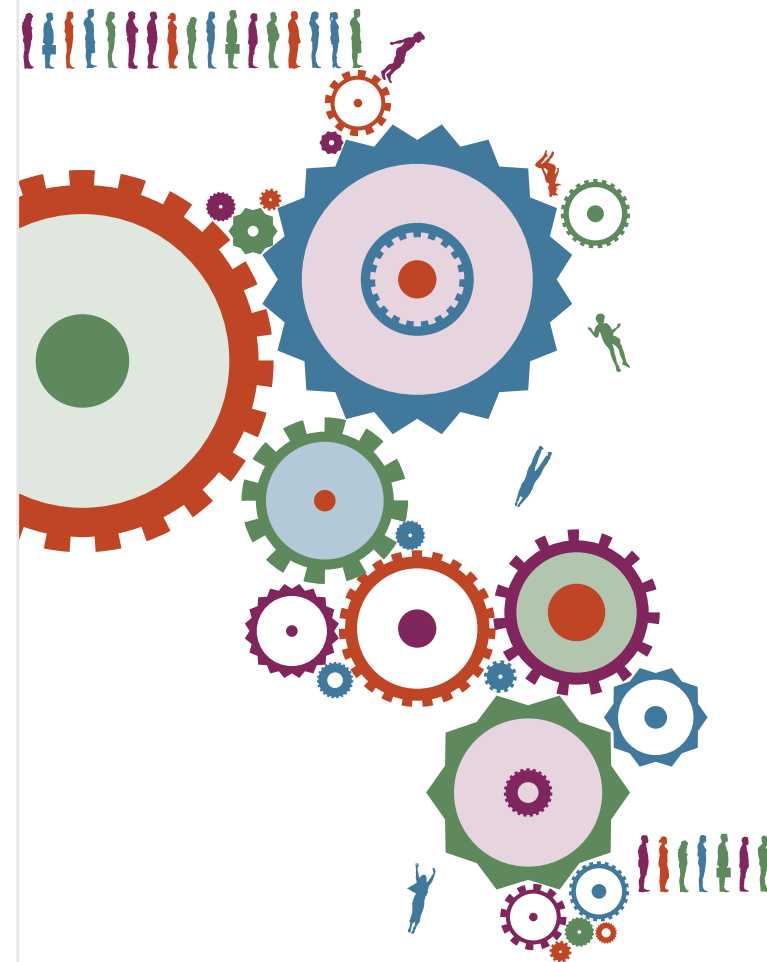
Are you a foreigner living in Slovakia and want to improve your position on the Slovak labour market or increase your qualifications? Within our Erasmus+ project, Career Path, we researched the employment conditions and career opportunities of third country nationals living in Slovakia and based on the results we bring three key points that will help foreigners find their way around the labour market in Slovakia.



This toolkit is based on the results of an analysis prepared by the Career Path project (Erasmus +), which utilized data from the four countries in which the project is being implemented (Hungary, Slovakia, Croatia, and Czechia). The toolkit responds to key findings and demonstrates how to improve access of third-country nationals to the labor market in those four countries.



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How
to get a job
or improve your
career?

3 tips
for foreigners
living in Slovakia



1. Improve your Slovak language skills

- Language is key not only to successful social integration, but also to new job opportunities. Slovak language courses are offered by language schools, non-governmental organizations, universities, employers and cities. Some language courses may be free or at a discounted price. We recommend starting with the following resources:
 - Organizations working with foreigners in Slovakia (e.g., IOM: Migration Information Centre, Mareena);
 - Your employer or the university you are studying at;
 - Self-study options (www.slovake.eu; www.e-slovak.sk; www.ucimesaslovincinu.sk);
 - Language schools (e.g., Akadémia vzdelávania; Slovenský inštitút vzdelávania; VaV Akademy);
 - Find out more information from the city offices and client centers.

2. Increase your qualification

- In order to find employment, you may have to adapt your existing skills and CV. We recommend the following resources to further develop your qualifications. Keep in mind, however, that many technical and requalification courses may only be offered in Slovak. Some available resources:
 - The financial contribution for training courses is offered by the IOM: Migration Information Centre.
 - The tasks related to the recognition of a foreign diploma or professional qualification are fulfilled by the Center for the Recognition of Evidence of Education. Arrange a consultation at: sudv@minedu.sk / +421 2 593 74 923.
 - Retraining courses are also offered by local Offices of Labor, Social Affairs and Family, which you can find in most district towns in Slovakia. Search for a contact via public telephone directory.
 - Online resources offering retraining and training courses (e.g., www.skolenia.sk; www.kurzy.sk; www.istp.sk; www.education.sk).

3. Seek advice from experts

- With Slovak language skills and relevant qualifications, you're ready to find employment. It is important to remember that the Slovak labor market can be opaque and frustrating, and many employers do not contact all of applicants. Therefore, contact professionals and professional portals when looking for a new job. The following resources can help you through the process:
 - Organizations offering career counseling and job search counseling (e.g., IOM: Migration Information Centre; Mareena).
 - Commercial career coaching services (e.g., Association for Career Counseling and Career Development).
 - Employment job boards (www.profesia.sk; www.istp.sk; www.kariera.sk; www.praca.sk);
 - Find advice or inspiration through social networks (e.g., Foreigners - Expats in Slovakia or Foreigners in Bratislava on Facebook).