

Mareena is a civic association that has been assisting refugees and foreigners in their integration into Slovak society since 2017. It offers the public the opportunity to learn more about the topics of inclusion, migration and diversity.



How do we do it?

We bring communities together

We create a friendly environment and organise diverse community events during which local people and people from other countries living in Slovakia can get to know each other. We provide space and support foreigners in creating engaged communities and in making them visible in Slovak society. Visit our community events in Bratislava, Banská Bystrica, Košice, Nitra and Trenčín.

We support engagement

Even the two hours a week that our volunteers dedicate to people who have found a new home in Slovakia contribute to a more inclusive society. Thanks to the commitment and support of more than 120 volunteers, Mareena can contribute to making Slovakia a home of dignity for all, regardless of their background.

We do awareness raising

Schools, businesses and the general public are becoming an integral part of discussions about diversity, identity and equality. To help them navigate through all the available information and look at inclusion from new perspectives, we organise educational workshops on the lives of foreigners in Slovakia. We regularly run information campaigns to bring the topics of hate speech, inclusion, identity and diversity to the public.

We develop potential and skills

We organise language courses, socio-cultural workshops and provide job counselling for people who have found a new home in Slovakia. We help them understand, navigate and be successful in the new job market and society. We provide them with the chance to develop their skills and gain work experience in Slovakia as lecturers in our various educational workshops for the public. In this way, locals can get to know people from other countries and cultures in a natural way and broaden their horizons.

We share expertise

We advise local actors on the inclusion of foreigners at the local level. We participate in research on migration and integration topics, prepare analyses and test innovative approaches in education and research with national and international partners.

We help people from Ukraine

The situation in Ukraine has affected us both personally and professionally. For people who came and are still coming to Slovakia from Ukraine, we provide and organise:

- Slovak language courses in Bratislava, Nitra and Košice,
- community events to create a friendly environment to establish new relationships with local communities,
- complex services in the field of protection, development and education of children from Ukraine in the humanitarian centre Gabčíkovo,
- job counselling,
- mapping of local services for people from Ukraine and coordination with local actors,
- community volunteering and support, in which we engage the potential of people from Ukraine to assist their own community by mapping their real needs and providing relevant information,
- an information website www.ukraineslovakia.sk.

We could not do all this without your volunteer or financial support. Help us continue in our activities and create together a solidarity-based and inclusive Slovakia.

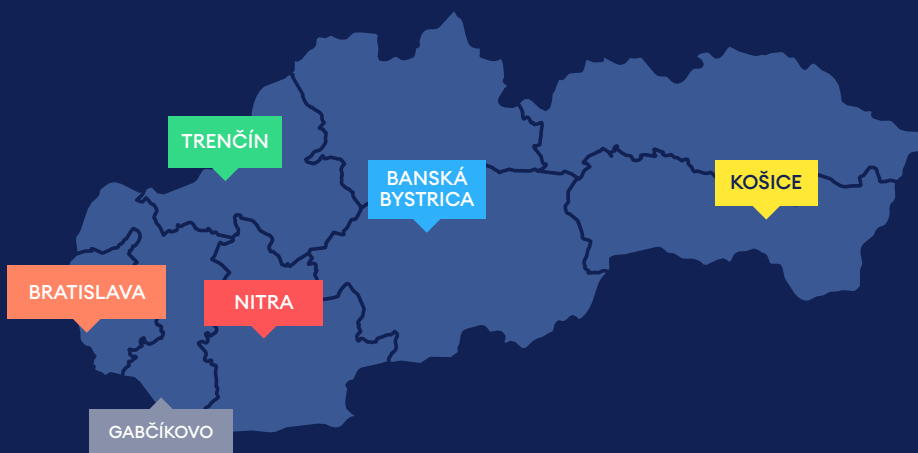


Support Mareena or join us:

- as a volunteer,
- as a member of our Mareena team,
- as a lecturer and trainer of educational activities.

Find more at www.mareena.sk/pridaj-sa

Where to find us



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