

LONG-TERM ESC  
IN KERIC,  
SLOVAKIA



10-12 months from September to August 2025

# INFOPACK 2024

non-formal English classes for youngers





## About our organization

- KERIC is a non-governmental youth organization established in **2003**.
- Our primary focus is on working with children and young people that are **7-30 years old**, but also with **adults** from our region, Kysuce.
- We collaborate with **local organizations, schools, and institutions** that work with people with **fewer opportunities**.
- Our projects focus on a wide range of areas such as **education, environment, sports and outdoor activities**
- During the summer we organize **summer camps**
- Each project's profile has a **specific topic** and specific working hours.



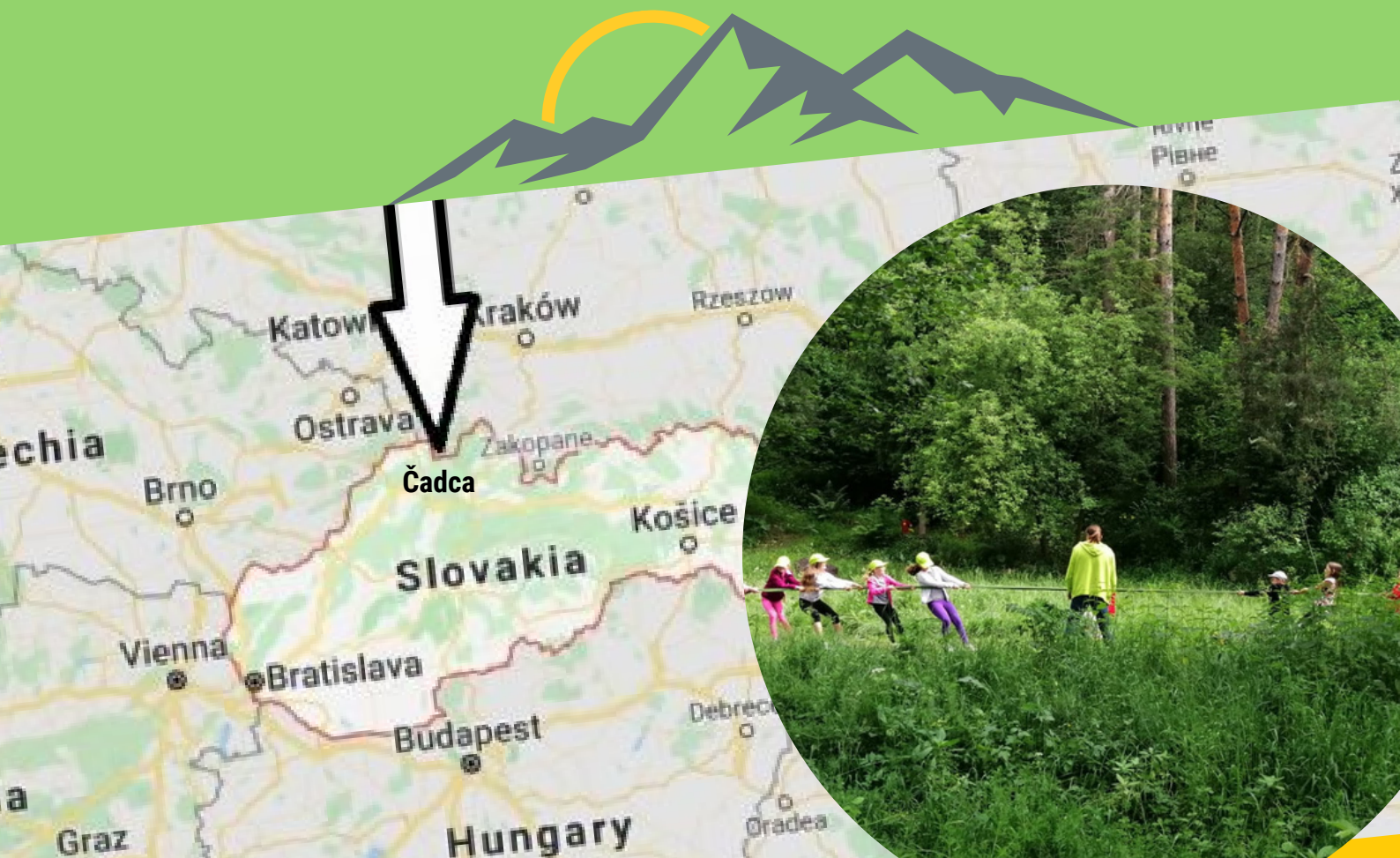
# Where is KERIC situated?

Our organization is based in the center of Čadca, a small town with a population of about **24,000 inhabitants**.

Čadca is situated in the north of Slovakia, near the border with the Czech Republic and Poland. Čadca is the main town of a region called Kysuce, which is known for its **beautiful countryside**, with lovely **mountains** and excellent opportunities for **skiing, hiking**, and mountain **bike trips**.

The climate is mild but with **cold winters** and a lot of **snow**. The summers are usually hot with a **lot of sunshine**. The center of the town is organized in such a way that all important facilities are within walking distance.

There is a good train connection with other bigger towns as well as with Poland and the Czech Republic.



# Volunteers tasks



## Communication English courses for children: (2 – 6 hours a week)

Encouraging English Fluency in Children with Fun Cultural Experiences

Our courses are designed to inspire children to speak English, learn about different cultures and have fun while doing so. Volunteers don't need to be fluent in English; their main role is to motivate kids to give a foreign language a try. Our classes aim at children aged 8 to 15, Our young Slovak teachers helps prepare and lead lessons for younger kids.



## Cooperation with local elementary schools: (6 to 8 hours a week)

Supporting Schools through Volunteerism. Each volunteer works alongside two or three schools in Cadca or neighboring towns to add an international dimension to the classroom and the school itself. By using non-formal education techniques, the volunteer assists various teachers during their lessons in English, but also a variety of subjects, such as sports, art, IT, science, math, and more. The volunteer engages students in games, creative activities, and supports teachers in any way necessary. Additionally, the volunteer may offer assistance to weaker or disabled students. The volunteer is encouraged to participate in school life, including field trips, special events, sports tournaments, and other activities.



## Preparation for classes (4 – 12 hours a week)

The volunteer will prepare his/her activities alone or with the methodological and logistical support of the KERIC staff. Methodology, reference books and special training are provided by KERIC as well as the local schools, that the volunteer cooperates with.



## Office work (2 to 6 hours a week)

Volunteer Duties for KERIC Office Management  
Volunteer will assist in managing the KERIC office and organization. Volunteer's responsibilities will include completing general office duties, paperwork, creating leaflets about KERIC's activities, administration connected with international projects and tending to any other tasks that may arise. These tasks will vary depending on the organization's needs.



## Communication language courses for youth or adults (2 – 6 hours a week)

Exploring Culture, Country and Language with Volunteer-led Courses

Our courses are designed to provide students with an immersive experience of the volunteer's culture, country, and language. Non-formal educational methods are utilized by the volunteer, who can also offer cultural presentations and organize lessons in a relaxed atmosphere. While KERIC staff provides assistance with preparation, the classes are led independently.



## Non-teaching activities - workshops, sports and creative activities (1 to 8 hours a week)

During the initial weeks, volunteers will be primarily involved in teaching. As the project progresses, volunteers may wish to participate in creative, sport or social activities or international events while balancing their educational responsibilities. KERIC offers support to each volunteer to develop ideas and schedules for these activities. Additionally, volunteers have the option to participate in a language course of their choice.

**During the summer**, the volunteer will help in preparation and running weekly **summer camps** for children and youth instead of their regular teaching activities.



## Regular KERIC team meetings and mentor meetings (2 hours a week)

Meetings to evaluate activities, plan the next steps, and to discuss anything important for a smooth running of the project.

# Accommodation in KERIC

A general description of the experience "**Living together**" is the perfect phrase to encapsulate what it's like to share a flat with people from all over the world. It comes with its own set of ups and downs, both good and bad.

**It helps to increase your tolerance and learning from each other.**



The volunteers stay in the upper floors of KERIC - separated from the KERIC office and classrooms. The rooms are usually **shared by 2 volunteers**. Kitchen is equipped with a kettle, cooker, oven, microwave, fridge, toaster and **dishwasher**. The volunteers share 2 showers and 4 bathrooms. There is wifi in the whole building.

Shops and all facilities are about 2 to 5 minutes from KERIC.

**Respect other people's space, privacy, things, religion and habits (or at least try) and you will be happy to live together during your ESC.**

# What to bring?

1 Towels;



2

Sheets are provided by KERIC, but if you prefer your own ones, bring them;



3

There is a wireless internet connection in KERIC, so if you have a notebook it is useful to bring it for attending/giving meetings and preparation.



4

Sleeping bag - if you have enough space in your suitcase, it is very convenient to bring one for your own travelling.



5

Mobile phone;



6

Materials and items you can use for presentation of your country or region or info about you and your organization.  
Some typical food/drink from your country

7

Comfy/sporty and waterproof clothes and shoes for outdoor activities.



**PASSPORT AND OTHER REQUIRED TRAVEL DOCUMENTS**



# Summary



Čadca and region Kysuce,  
Slovakia,



**Type of project:**  
non-formal education of youngsters



**Period:** September 2024 - August 2025  
**Duration:** 10-12 months



## **Project Objectives:**

The aim is to motivate children to speak English, experience the culture of the volunteer, and have fun while speaking English. The aim of the cooperation is to add an international dimension to the classes and to the school.

## **Project's activities**

- **Teaching English** communication courses to children
- Offering **communication courses** to teenagers and adults in your native language
- Collaborating with **local schools**
- **Administrative work** at the office
- Attending **regular KERIC team meetings** and **mentor** meetings
- Planning and leading non-teaching activities such as **workshops, sports,** and **creative sessions, summer camps**
- Preparing for upcoming classes and events
- **Leading summer camps** for children during the summer



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