

# Foreigner's Integration Center ESC project in Poznań, Poland

*Be part of Foreigner's Integration Center team for one year and help us make foreigners feel at home in Poland!*

## We look for you if you are:

- 18-30 years old
- open-minded and creative
- interested in migration topics
- interested in non-formal education

## Location :

Poznań, Poland

## Date :

start: November 2024  
(flexible), 12 months

**Number of volunteers: 2**





## Who we are?

Foreigner's Integration Center in Poznań (Centrum Integracji Cudzoziemców) - hosting organization.

It is one of 5 centers in the Wielkopolska region operated by the Regional Center for Social Policy (ROPS). ROPS is a public institution with a crucial social mission: building a high-quality place to live for all inhabitants of the region regardless of the country of origin. The Center provides a holistic form of assistance for migrants staying in Wielkopolska (the information point with all the necessary information on various aspects related to everyday life in Poland, the Polish language and adaptation courses, juridical and psychological support, activities for kids, etc.)

## Stowarzyszenie Jeden Świat - SCI Poland - leader of the project

We are part of the international network Service Civil International (SCI). In our activities, we combine international projects with local spirit and experience in working for peace, human rights, social justice, respect for the natural environment, and human solidarity.

Our mission is to promote a culture of peace and understanding between people through international volunteering projects, such as short-term volunteering - [workcamps](#), long-term volunteering - European Solidarity Corps, and extensive educational activities.

## ESC Programme



The European Solidarity Corps is an EU funded program for young people wishing to engage in solidarity activities in a variety of areas.

The program's ambition is not only to be more inclusive but also greener and more digital. It is open to individuals aged 18 to 30 and to organizations in EU and partner countries.



## Volunteer's tasks

You are going to work in Foreigner's Integration office in Poznań as part of the team, along with staff members.

### Your tasks are going to encompass:



- running different activities for clients of the Center - for adults, children and youth (language, artistic, creative, etc.)
- support in the organization of planned events and meetings
- promoting organized activities
- taking care of the digital documentation



You are welcome to put forward any personal project or initiative that may come to your mind. We will do our best to accommodate your ideas.

In the summer you will co-lead one of our volunteering camps (workcamps) - the flagship activity of Service Civil International.



**Working hours:** you will work around 30-35 hours a week. The work will be realized during the working days, sometimes during the weekends, when special events take place. In this case, free week-days will be provided to make up for the weekend work. Weekends and national holidays are free days. Volunteers have a right to two days of holiday for every month of service. The time and duration of the holidays will be discussed with the tutor in the hosting organisation.



## Volunteer's profile



We are looking for you if you:

- want to support us in stimulating the cooperation of local communities,
- are willing to create a friendly space for clients of the Center by organizing different types of activities
- are interested in arts/theater/music/cinema/sports/recreation and have some skills/knowledge related to those topics that you would like to share
- like to work with different people and care about the world's future
- are open-minded, flexible, and creative
- want to learn new things, mostly about the situation of migrants in Poland
- are responsible and motivated to act

Some knowledge of Ukrainian and/or Russian language will be a huge plus. A sense of humor is always welcome :)





## Trainings and learning opportunities

You will participate in the on-arrival and mid-term training delivered by the National Agency. It is a great opportunity to meet volunteers from other organizations and other parts of Poland. It will be also an opportunity to visit Warsaw and Toruń as the trainings take place in those two cities.

In the first months of the project, Stowarzyszenie Jeden Świat-SCI Poland will organize training about SCI and peace education for all the volunteers, hosted by the partner organizations. It will be a good opportunity to get to know each other and find out more about Stowarzyszenie Jeden Świat and the SCI movement. You will also learn some non-formal education tools and methods.

Once a month all the volunteers will come to the office in Poznań for a one-day workshop/meeting. We are planning to host around 10 people in different long-term projects.

You will also participate in the Polish language course.





## Living environment and costs covered

You will live in a flat with other ESC volunteers hosted by our organization. You will have your own room with access to the kitchen, and bathroom. The flat is within walking distance from the office. You will get a local transport card to move around the city. You will receive money to cover food costs and pocket money (around 300 euros per month). The first month you will get it in cash in PLN. Afterward, we will ask you to open an account in a Polish bank and will transfer the money at the beginning of each month.

You will need to buy a Polish SIM card to be able to use the bank. It will be also needed for everyday communication - this cost should be covered with your pocket money.

The ESC program covers also the insurance and visa costs if you need it to come to Poland.

The project covers your travel costs to Poland and back. The amount of reimbursement granted depends on the distance between Konin and the place you live in and the way you travel. (you can calculate the distance [here](#)). The amounts of reimbursement in the table below are for the round travel.

distance	regular travel	green travel
100-499	211 EUR	285 EUR
500-1999	309 EUR	417 EUR
2000-2999	395 EUR	535 EUR

**Be green!** We encourage you not to take the plane, even if this takes more time and might take extra effort. Of course, we know it is not always possible depending on where you are travelling from.

However: Planes are massively responsible for climate change and through our projects we would like to contribute to a more sustainable planet, not to a less sustainable one.

✓ Compare the emissions that your journey emits by train, car or plane: <http://www.ecopassenger.org/>



✓ Read more about your ecological footprint here: <http://footprint.wwf.org.uk>



## Location of the project

**Poznań** is one of the biggest and oldest (and most beautiful) cities in Poland, it has around 500,000 citizens. It has very rich cultural and social life with museums, cinemas, festivals, events, etc.



It is also a pretty green city with bunch of big parks and lots of green areas and lakes right outside of the city.

You will live in Jeżyce district with many local coffeeshops and restaurants. It's pretty central too.





## You won't be alone

Before, during, and after the project you will have the support of different people:

- sending organization - you need to have a sending organization from your country (you can find all of the accredited organizations [here](#)). Sending organization will prepare you for this experience before the project and they will be there for you if anything happens during the project
- tutor in the hosting organization - there will be one designated person in the hosting organization that assigns task and supports you in your every-day work
- mentor in the leading organization (Stowarzyszenie Jeden Świat-SCI Poland) - available at all times to answer your questions and doubts before and during the project
- troubleshooter - it is a person from the National Agency who can support you in case you have some difficulties with hosting and/or leading organization and you need external support
- if at some point you will need extra mentoring, psychological support, etc, there are extra resources that can be used to take care of your well-being to ensure a good experience for all of the parties





# How to apply?



Please, send us a CV and Motivation Letter to [longterm@poland.sci.ngo](mailto:longterm@poland.sci.ngo) or apply through [European Solidarity Corps platform!](#)

In the second step we will send a Google Form with some more questions to selected participants and then we will invite them for a short online interview.

If you have any questions, please contact Dominika at [longterm@poland.sci.ngo](mailto:longterm@poland.sci.ngo).

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