

Smart Migration South Moravia: Everything Important in a Phone



Photo: South Moravian Foreigners

Adam Stašek is a lawyer and the developer of the Smart Migration South Moravia app. The app makes it easier for foreigners in Brno and the South Moravian region to navigate in a new environment. It will help them when choosing a residence permit, remind them of things they shouldn't forget and who to turn to when they need help.

What can foreigners find in the Smart Migration South Moravia application?

Thanks to the app, foreigners can find out what to do after arriving in the Czech Republic, how to obtain permanent residence, what are their obligations, how to obtain long-term residence, how to prolong it, where to ask for it and other things. The application also has information about employment, social security and crisis situations. Newcomers might not even know that things such as free social and legal

consultations exist. These are the services provided by our Centre for Foreigners JMK.

Among other things, the application has a function called "virtual assistant". How does it work?

The virtual assistant basically works like a chat. The user writes their questions and the virtual assistant will search for the specific answer in the database of information. If the questions are more complex, the assistant redirects the user to a legal or social consultant.

Who is the application for?

The application is for foreigners from all countries who live in Brno or in the South Moravian region. This narrow scope gives us space for a more detailed framework. The application contains information about local charges, adaptation-integration courses and Czech courses in Brno.

Will you continue developing and updating the application?

Yes. I already have some ideas on how to upgrade the application to make it even more helpful. In the future I would like to add an event calendar which is already on our webpage: cizincijmk.cz. It would also be great to add registration forms for events and courses for foreigners. At the Centre we are organizing free Czech courses, expert lectures and multicultural activities for children and adults. In the future I would also like to add a reservation system for meetings with legal and social consultants.

Where can the application be downloaded?

It is available through Google Play. In the future it will also be available for iOS. I also plan to release the app online, so that it will be available through an internet browser. It could then reach a wider audience.

How can the app help foreigners who have just arrived in Brno?

The application can guide foreigners through their first steps in Brno. The tasks will be shown in a list, where the user can add comments, tick off completed tasks and mark their progress.

In what languages is the app available?

English, Russian and Ukrainian due to the current situation.

What are the most common problems that foreigners deal with and what should they look out for?

The most important thing is to check the validity of your residence permit and prolong it in due time. This is something the app can help you with.

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