**Press Release: Expansion of the Services of the Centre for Foreigners of the South Moravian Region - New Places, New Opportunities**

The Centre for Foreigners JMK is growing and expanding its reach and offer of services. Thanks to the financial support of UNICEF, the Centre can offer its services in new places outside Brno. As a result, it can better cover the needs of foreigners living in the region.

The Centre for Foreigners JMK offers its services in nine new locations in the region; in  Slavkov u Brna, Vyškov, Bučovice, Hustopeče, Hodonín, Břeclav, Veselí nad Moravou, Židlochovice and in Kuřim. Field workers in these places closely collaborate with local social and other services, to effectively integrate foreigners and their families into their new home.

“The work of our field workers is varied. Most often they deal with visiting clients in large-capacity accommodation facilities. Field workers closely work with lead workers of OSPOD (Office of the Protection of the Social Rights of Children), where they often help with overcoming the language barrier in communication with clients from the Ukrainian community,” Tomáš Jašek, the coordinator of field workers, explains.

Field workers are here to help foreigners in various situations; be it when escorting and interpreting doctor’s appointments, taking a look at potential new apartments, or when dealing with school representatives. Field workers also help with filling in applications for humanitarian aid, looking for a job, or giving information regarding accommodation, healthcare, education, and other topics. They can also help to refer clients for legal and social consultations, Czech language courses that are free of charge, and review the opportunities for extracurricular activities for children. Field work is thus the extended hand of the Centre based in Brno at Kounicova 13.

Field work mainly focuses on help for the newcomers from Ukraine, but the majority of field workers of the Centre is capable of offering assistance in other languages as well. For more information and contact, please visit the website of the Centre for Foreigners JMK: [www.cizincijmk.cz](http://www.cizincijmk.cz)

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**About the Centre for Foreigners JMK:**

The Centre for Foreigners of the South Moravian Region has been helping foreigners on their way to integration into Czech society for 14 years. The Centre offers Czech language courses, legal and social consultations, sociocultural lectures, multicultural activities and adaptation-integration courses. All of the services of the Centre are free of charge. The Centre is an active partner of municipalities of the region and cooperates with organizations and institutions to create an inclusive and supportive environment for foreigners.