Partner Opportunity - CERV-2025 CHILD Project (Priority 3)

Slovak Coordinator: NKS – National Coordination Centre for Addressing Violence Against Children

We are currently looking for an international partner to join our project proposal under the CERV-2025–CHILD call, Priority 3: *Embedding a rights of the child perspective in actions at national and local level*.

The ideal partner would be a **foreign institution with experience working directly in re**education centres or similar special educational facilities (in the UK system, these are known as *secure children's homes*).

Project Focus:

The main objective is to build **secondary and tertiary prevention capacities** by raising awareness among children in re-education centres about their rights under both the **UN Convention on the Rights of the Child** and the **Constitution of the Slovak Republic**.

The selected foreign partner would:

- Bring essential know-how
- Deliver expert training to Slovak NGO-based prevention workers
- Help build a methodology for working with children in re-education centres

After the training phase, these trained Slovak professionals will begin engaging directly with children through after-school activities in **open-regime departments of re-education centres**, starting **September 2026**.

Training Timeline:

Training sessions for Slovak prevention workers would take place **between February and August 2026** and would include:

- Approaches to working with child offenders
- Supporting children with special educational needs
- Crisis intervention techniques
- Managing challenging behaviour in children
- Embedding child rights in daily practice

About the Coordinator – NKS

The National Coordination Centre for Addressing Violence Against Children (NKS) is a Slovak governmental body under the Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family. It coordinates national strategies and cross-sectoral efforts to prevent and respond to violence against children, while shaping policies, building professional capacity, and promoting children's rights.

In July 2024, NKS also established the **Slovak Safer Internet Centre (Centrum bezpečného internetu Slovensko)**, which is part of the prestigious **Insafe network** and the **Better Internet for Kids initiative**. The Centre focuses on protecting children in digital spaces, offering support, and educating the public about internet safety.

☑ Interested in joining as a project partner?

We'd love to collaborate with an experienced and committed international organization. Contact: <u>martina.mikulasova@employment.gov.sk</u>

Web: <u>About us – NKS</u>