Multicultural Centre in Krakow

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The Multicultural Center in Krakow is an innovative project co-funded by the City of Krakow, operating within the framework of the Open Krakow programm since 2021. Since 2024 the Multicultural Center has been operating in the building of the Cluster of Socio-Economic Innovations located at Zabłocie 20 (building A, 1st floor)

The main operator of the Center is the Internationaler Bund Polska foundation, which has been operating in Krakow and Silesia since 2004. its mission is to provide assistance and support to communities at risk of exclusion, including due to age, disabilities, origin, or place of residence.

The partners of the Center for the years 2024-2025 are: Zustricz Foundation, Halina Nieć Legal Aid Center, Willa Decjusza Institute of Culture, Kraków Expats Directory, Jagiellonian Center for Migration Studies, and CASPAR - Center for Advanced Population and Religious Studies, operating at the University of Economics in Krakow.

The Multicultural Center is a meeting place for representatives of various cultures. It is a space that promotes dialogue, inclusion, integration, and the creation of a common community through the organization of diverse educational, cultural, and assistance events.

The mission of the Multicultural Center is to support all foreigners residing in Krakow in their various phases of settling into our city.

The Multicultural Center works towards:

- Introducing the idea of multiculturalism to residents and presenting different cultures through selected cultural practices.
- Activating foreigners and representatives of national and ethnic minorities to participate in social initiatives.
- Providing information about projects implemented or supported by the Krakow municipality.
- Building a community based on intercultural cooperation with strong support from a group of volunteers.

Promoting and strengthening multiculturalism is the main goal of the Multicultural Center's activities. These actions are based on respect and tolerance for differences, as well as the elimination of prejudices and associated stereotypes.

The Multicultural Center conducts various activities aimed at all residents of Krakow, including city walks in different languages, language conversations, culinary workshops, multicultural breakfasts, conferences, meetings, concerts, and supports organizations, informal groups, and grassroots initiatives in organizing multicultural events.

Within the Multicultural Center, there is also an Information Point for Foreigners in Krakow. At the

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Point, every foreigner can obtain information regarding issues related to life and work in Poland. They can also receive legal advice, psychological support, career support, or assistance in completing procedures related to the education of children and youth. The Information Point for Foreigners informs and continuously monitors the situation of foreigners in Krakow and Poland.

For any inquiries, please feel free to contact us at the phone number: **+48 517 448 487**, via email at: **centrum@open.krakow.p**l, and we invite you to the Coordinator's office hours every Wednesday from 12:00 to 15:00.