

Intercultural Competence courses - autumn 2022

During the period from 13 September 2022 to 14 October 2022, four runs of the Intercultural Competence course took place as part of the PDP1 project "Increasing police competence in preventing and combating crime, strengthening communication skills with the public and awareness of human rights". This course is a part of the activity No. 19 "Self-experienced interactive training focused on minority issues, hate crime, personal development, and training of lecturers".

As part of these courses, 20 police lecturers of intercultural competences, who were trained on June 2022, trained 57 police officers from all over the country, who are in contact with members of minorities during their work. Four teaching teams prepared and implemented these courses under the guidance of external supervisors, experts in education in the form of experiential pedagogy.

The graduates of the course deepened the knowledge and skills needed for effective work with members of minorities through experiential pedagogy activities, supplemented by discussions, group work and lectures. Experiential pedagogy is an approach that uses the experience of trained persons in education. The method consists in the deliberate creation of situations that bring intense experiences, and subsequent pedagogical work with these experiences.

The training of lecturers and the subsequent implementation of courses for police officers focused on intercultural competence are in accordance with the requirements contained in the Crime Prevention Strategy in the Czech Republic for the years 2022 – 2027, which are specified in detail in the implementation plan (annex to the Strategy, measures D.2.4 and D.2.5).

During 2023, further runs of the Intercultural Competence course will take place. In addition, other educational activities for lecturers of intercultural competences are also planned.