



BRNO EXPAT CENTRE

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References & testimonials



Tyler Golden

Our employees have found the consulting provided by the BEC to be invaluable in their relocation process. Having the support of BEC allows us to confidently recruit highly skilled engineers that might otherwise not consider relocation to Brno.



Malgorzata Bogucka

Your flexibility saves us loads of time when adapting newcomers to the work environment and the city of Brno itself. We are pleased that, despite being a small team, you manage to provide individual care, and so help to represent Infosys and Brno significantly.



Roman Tesar

We consider the Brno Expat Centre's work beneficial not only to our company, but also to the city of Brno, especially as an important part of its strategic plan. We are grateful to the municipality for its support of the BEC.

Joseph, Canada

The BEC team are great ambassadors for Brno, and their contribution has ensured that I've relocated to my company's Brno office for much longer than I might have chosen to otherwise!

Ivan, Macedonia

I read through some of the infosheets that you have compiled and I must say that those contain some of the most valuable expat-friendly information I have come across on the Internet. My (Red) Hat is off to you for the great work!

Daiany, Brazil

It's absolutely excellent what you are doing. I am really thankful for your help. It's very difficult to start a life in a new country and this type of support is something that makes all the difference.



Anne, USA

Nice job with the program this evening! You guys are really a great help to expats in Brno. I wish there had been something like this when I came 100 years ago – but I'm glad to see so many people much more comfortable because of your help.

Helen, Brazil

They really just speak Czech at the Immigration Office. If it wasn't for you, the day could have been tough. Your help was phenomenal, thank you so much. I have never heard of an organisation so helpful and kind when it comes to helping a foreigner. I am beyond thankful for having found you!

About us

The Brno Expat Centre is a free public service supported by the City of Brno. We help foreign skilled professionals and their families who live and work in Brno - or plan to do so - to settle down in the area.

Our goal is to develop an open, creative and international city. We are delighted to welcome foreigners who want to contribute to Brno's development with their qualification and dedication.

WE HELP EXPATS WITH

- » daily living issues
- » formalities and paperwork
- » networking



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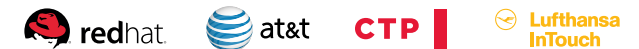
The BEC is run by the NGO Brnopolis which has also been organizing the annual TEDxBrno conference since 2010.

TEDxBrno
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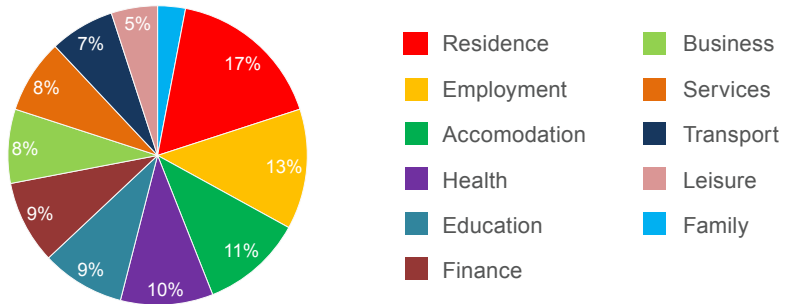
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Facts and figures

- BEC has over 1,900 registered members
- 1,200 foreign nationals from 85 countries have contacted us with 2,500 inquiries
- every month 2,500 subscribers receive our newsletter
- most represented are foreigners from the USA, UK, Romania, Italy, India, France, Russia and Hungary
- our website records over 10,000 impressions and 4,000 visits a month. In total it has recorded 71,000 unique visitors in the last four years
- two-thirds of the BEC members come from EU countries
- we have organized 90 events (seminars, informal meetings, trips, sport tournaments, blood donation, ball, etc.) attended by 1,350 people
- close to 2,500 fans follow our FB page and over 1,300 users view the posts weekly
- significant numbers of expats who contact us work for major international employers in Brno and many clients also come from international research centres such as CEITEC, RECETOX, ICRC, Czech Globe, etc.
- 8 consultants work for the BEC in specific fields of expertise

as of September 2015

Most common types of consultations



Media coverage



Brno builds on its industrial heritage in bid to make itself a hub for research

“Many factors make Brno attractive: it has 85,000 students at 13 universities and colleges, a rich history, good communications - including an airport - the region’s largest exhibition ground, a great quality of life and an international outlook,” says Ms Zezulkova. She points to the Brno Expat Centre established to help foreigners through administrative hoops as they settle down, as an example of the city’s effort to make outsiders feel welcome.

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Centre makes foreigners’ lives easier

Even top-class foreign professionals deal with every-day problems. Health, school or housing-related. That is why the thought of creating a place where they would help foreign experts in Brno came into existence. It officially operates under the name Brno Expat Centre now.



In the foreigners’ eyes – Czech are reserved and don’t speak English

Even Czechs know that dealing with Czech authorities is something that takes a lot of patience. There are several agencies helping expats with such problems. One of them is a non-profit Brno Expat Centre established by the incentive of an expat, Don Sparling. Foreigners can approach the centre with any problem and for free.