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### Educational background

- PhD in Spatial Planning, Slovak Academy of Sciences, Bratislava, 2013
- Research stays at Lund University, Sweden (Autumn 2011) and Ljubljana University, Slovenia (Spring 2013)

### Work experience

- Project co-ordinator/Mentor, 2018-ongoing  
ETP Slovakia
- Teacher, Teach for Slovakia, 2016-2018  
[www.teachforslovakia.sk](http://www.teachforslovakia.sk)
- Voluntary community worker and teacher assistant, Birmingham, UK, 2013-2014  
[www.brushstrokessandwell.co.uk](http://www.brushstrokessandwell.co.uk)

### Organisation

ETP is working in socially disadvantaged Roma communities in Košice and Prešov regions (Luník IX, Rankovce, Veľká Ida and Stará Ľubovňa - Podsadek). To help solving the issues of people living in generational poverty we are looking for and testing new approaches and methods – e.g. self-help construction of family houses, saving and microloan program, innovative methods complementing formal education at schools like piloting Feuerstein Instrumental Enrichment in Slovakia; creating opportunities to bridge social and cultural differences – mentoring program, discussions at schools and ongoing project of Escape Room to give people a chance to experience life in generational poverty; we are creating professional networks, sharing experience and appealing to policymakers - cooperating with municipalities, self-governing regions, educating professionals working with Roma from disadvantaged communities – Bridges from Poverty program and networking with other NGOs in Slovakia.

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