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## **2025 The World Annual Report**

### **Education for Sustainable Development Competition**

Education through self-study of professional publications on the subject. Internal activities within methodological associations at the level of individual kindergartens. Kindergartens implement educational projects on ESD at the local level. Committee members are involved in the ERASMUS+, eTwinning, and TAKE ME OUT projects through the Faculty of Education in Prešov.

### **WASH from the start**

We have joined an international project with OMEP Norway entitled "Children's Right to Clean Water," 11/2025 – 4/2026.

The issue of hand washing is covered in the state curriculum and is part of daily rituals. Through games, creative drama, theater, poems, and songs, we teach children the importance of washing their hands with soap. Kindergartens have developed internal projects and activities with this focus.

Kindergartens use a publication published by SV OMEP as inspiration:

<https://omep.sk/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/INSIRACIE-K-UMYVANIU-RUK-V-MATERSKEJ-SKOLE.pdf>

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### **Play and resilience / Toylibraries**

The year 2025 was marked by global challenges, including the ongoing war in Ukraine, which highlighted the fragility of peace and the urgent need for human solidarity. This difficult situation in our neighbor country had a direct impact on the initiatives of OMEP Slovakia.

OMEP Slovakia launched the ToyLibrary initiative for the second time on May 29, 2025, in the city of Košice.

The aim of the initiative is to support children from Ukraine, as well as Roma children from the region who live in generational poverty. The toy library is designed to make toys

accessible to all children. Children can play directly in the library or take the toys home and return them later.

As part of OMEP Slovakia seminars and conferences and in kindergartens, we organized a toy exchange and donated the proceeds to support children in Gaza. We are extremely proud of the work and solidarity of our teachers. We work closely with OMEP Kenya Toy Library and together we are building an initiative to support the "Toy Library" for children in Uganda.

Creation of a video by OMEP Slovakia & ADRA about their cooperation, which was presented at the OMEP World Conference in Bologna and the OMEP Slovak Conference in Prešov.

Available on YouTube: ToysforChildren in Uganda.

## **Conferences and Seminars**

### **Activity title: Kindergarten is for all children 2024**

Topic: celebration of the 11th anniversary of Kindergarten Day in Slovakia.

Specialized topics: children, teachers, content, legislative support and promotion of pre-primary education, heart kindergarten, creative drama.

Online, hybrid, or in person: in person

Number of participants: 200

### **Activity title: Movement for Health**

Topic: The seminar focused on the theoretical basis and practical demonstrations of non-traditional physical activities in kindergarten, such as Nordic walking, jumping rope, orienteering, chess in kindergarten, and healthy back exercises for preschoolers.

Online, hybrid, or in-person: In-person

Number of participants: 100

### **Activity title: NEURO principles in kindergarten**

Topic: The webinar focused on presenting the basic principles of neuropedagogy, which should be a natural part of education and teaching in the 21st century. The principles of learning and teaching are based on current knowledge about the human brain.

Online, hybrid, or in-person: online

Number of participants: 290

## **Other OMEP commemorations**

### **International Day of Peace (September 21st, 2025)**

In kindergartens, this day is commemorated in a non-violent and age-appropriate manner. In every kindergarten where there are children from Ukraine, this day is also commemorated with their parents. Activities were carried out directly in kindergartens or in various centers and organizations, e.g., discussions, interviews, reading stories, viewing photographs and films on the subject.

Approximately 1,778 children from Ukraine attend kindergartens. The largest number of Ukrainian children are in kindergartens in the Bratislava region (529). The smallest number are in the Banská Bystrica region (134).

### **World Teachers' Day (October 5th, 2025)**

The Ministry of Education prepared a video greeting for teachers. Meetings of teachers were held at the local level.

### **World Play Day (June 11th)**

World Play Day was celebrated in kindergartens with individual, group, and collective games, with children and their parents at home, and in larger groups through interest clubs outside of kindergarten. On this day, children mostly played freely and spontaneously, even with their own toys, which they brought from home to kindergarten.

Slovakia participated in the global ToyLibrary initiative for the second time. The center was established in the city of Košice, near the Ukrainian border and in a region where the Roma minority lives. Our goal is to create safe conditions for every child and provide them with equal opportunities for education. Here, children can borrow toys, play, and develop their abilities and skills.

### **World Children's Day (November 20th)**

In Slovakia, International Children's Day is celebrated on June 1, but teachers are gradually becoming aware of November 20 as well, and are coming up with various games, plays, competitions, trips, excursions, and fun mornings for children.

### **Other national commemorations during 2025**

#### **2. 4. International Children's Book Day**

"Afternoon with a book" - reading a picture book created jointly by children and their teacher, creating children's books, visiting libraries with children, dramatizing stories and creating illustrations for stories, purchasing new book titles.

#### **7.4. Health Day**

Colorful Health Week, a week without sweets, letters and information on bulletin boards for parents, tasting of healthy spreads and foods.

#### **15.4. Art Day**

Verbal and visual interpretations of significant works by Slovak and foreign authors. Visit to the natural gallery.

#### **22.4. Earth Day**

Recycling Train, Edible Plates – saving energy in kindergarten. Land art – a picture made of live flowers. Collecting waste and cleaning up the kindergarten surroundings and nature. Mandalas made of natural materials.

#### **10.5. World Movement Day**

Physical and sporting activities directly in kindergartens and the surrounding area. Traditional public stage performances or competitions are gradually being organized.

### **15.5. World Family Day**

Family Day was celebrated in kindergartens within individual classes or as school-wide events or in public – children made gifts for their parents and learned poems and songs about family.

### **May 16.–20. Outdoor Week**

Outdoor Zumba exercise, mini golf with parents

### **1. 6. and 20. 11. International Children's Day**

Games, dances, competitions, physical activities, nature trips, etc. in kindergartens and elsewhere

### **September 23.–30. European Week of Sport**

Daily morning sports activities throughout the week, cycling to kindergarten, completing an unconventional obstacle course, and circle games.

### **4. 11. Kindergarten Day in Slovakia**

Celebration for children in kindergartens – educational games, activities, competitions, sports games, music and movement games, dances, kindergarten anthem in kindergartens. Interviews with children, writing poems, art projects. Public performances, promotion of the day in the streets with joint marches.

### **International activities**

Based on good neighborly relations, we visited the OMEP conference in Poland, Croatia (Zagreb), the Czech Republic (Prague), an online conference with OMEP Ukraine, and actively participated in ToyLibrary presentations in Japan.

### **Communication plan during 2025**

- Organization of conferences and seminars.
- Creation and commenting on conceptual materials and legislative proposals, participation in national projects.
- Ensuring cooperation with universities and other institutions in research in the field of pre-primary education.
- Conducting various studies/surveys focused on pre-primary education.
- Active partnership with a research team that cooperates on research tasks of the Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sport of the Slovak Republic, NIVAM, ŠŠI, and other organizations.
- The National Committee communicated regularly via social networks, MS TEAMS and MEET programs, ZOOM, and in person. All information and materials coming from the state level and OMEP World were published on social networks and distributed directly to kindergartens and OMEP members.

- The National Committee responded immediately to suggestions from both the local and national levels and made statements in the media as necessary.

**Main challenges faced by the National Committee**

- OMEP participation in the preparation of legislative standards for pre-primary education.
- Participation in working groups at the Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sport of the Slovak Republic.
- Support for teachers and kindergartens through consultations and guidance
- Preparation of supportive and inspirational materials for teaching practice
- Participation in projects that will also bring financial gain to OMEP
- Building a broader OMEP base among students of teacher training faculties
- Participation in calls and projects coming from OMEP
- Deepening cooperation with OMEP members through excursions and exchange visits
- Support for countries and OMEP committees in need