



Volunteers in 2019 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship in Košice, Slovakia

The [Ice Hockey World Championship 2019](#) took place in Bratislava and Košice (Slovakia) between 10 and 26 May 2019. More than 700 volunteers made the event possible.

It is a common practice that big sport events involve large number of volunteers to help out. More than 900 people registered to volunteer, and 700 were selected. Around 400 volunteers were engaged in Bratislava while others carried out volunteering activities in Košice, the European Volunteering Capital of 2019.

Volunteers were responsible for assisting athletes, organisers and visitors. One of their responsibilities was to ensure that the dressing rooms of the teams were properly - equipped. *"It is important that the players can fully concentrate on their performance to bring out the best in themselves. To do so, they need to have the necessary conditions behind the scenes. I highly respect people who help to create these for us backstage"* - said **Ladislav Nagy**, the famous Slovak national-team player and member of the ice-hockey team HC Košice. He added: *"Active*

volunteering in Slovakia is a common practice. We are very hospitable and kind-hearted nation."

The volunteers, wearing a special uniform that highlighted their status, had a unique experience in the organization of the World Championship, they lived through its great atmosphere from an aspect that viewers and visitors cannot see. For many volunteers this positive experience will become an important reference for their future volunteering engagement.

The 2019 *IIHF* Ice Hockey World Championship in Košice and Bratislava could not have happened without the enthusiastic and efficient volunteer efforts in Slovakia and the skill and dedication of the volunteer and staff teams training, engaging and supporting them.