

**THE EVS PROGRAMME IN VIENNA
IN CLOSE COOPERATION WITH
THE CITY OF VIENNA/WIENXTRA**



European voluntary service – Time to volunteer



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„Dumitru hat einen großen Einsatz und hohe Motivation gezeigt, er war stark identifiziert mit seinem Freiwilligendienst – das war sichtbar in der Pünktlichkeit, im Einsatz, in der Motivation.“ (Mentor über Dumitru Sava)

“Before I leave for my EVS I expected that it would be an experience where I will learn things and I will face challenges. Now that I am at the end I could certainly say that I learned many things and I faced more than enough challenges, even though they were different than I expected. I am completely satisfied with the tasks and activities in my project, even though at the beginning it was difficult. I definitely recommend EVS to others because it’s an experience that changes you.” (M.Panagioutou on her EVS)

„Eine besondere Erfahrung für den Freiwilligen und die Kinder sind die Waldprojektstage, die im Sommer stattfinden; hier konnte sich der Freiwillige in der Vorbereitung einbringen; auch seine Erfahrungen aus den Work Camps aus Rumänien konnte er nicht nur in der Organisation der Waldtage (logistisch vor Ort) einbringen, sondern auch im Angebot an Tagesaktivitäten – hier war nicht nur starke Identifikation, ein großer Erfahrungsschatz und Know-How des Freiwilligen zu beobachten (Lagerfeuer, Arbeiten mit Holz, etc.), sondern hat auch die Beziehung zwischen dem Freiwilligen und den Kindern gestärkt.“ (Mentor über Dumitru Sava).

Venue: Vienna **Hosting Organizations:** Horkindergruppe goldrichtig, Caritas Refugio

Sending Organizations: K.S.D.E.O. “EDRA” (Greece), Asociatia Lumea lui Pinocchio (Romania)

Involved Volunteers: Maria Panagiotoiu, Dumitru Sava

Within the project “Time to volunteer” one private day nursery for kids and a shared flat for unaccompanied minor refugees were connected in Vienna and hosted two EVS volunteers.

The main objectives for all involved organizations were:

- + get new inputs on how to involve EVS volunteers
- + broaden the organisational horizon
- + receive intercultural and foreign language input through hosting an European volunteer
- + Strengthen partnerships through a concrete EVS activity
- + to strengthen partnerships among the involved organisations
- + create a joyful learning space for children and volunteers
- + support and give recognition to child care institutions
- + promote volunteering as an added value within society

The project was part of the MELANGE program, the EVS programme in Vienna strongly supported by the city of Vienna/wienXtra where Grenzenlos set up networks for volunteers and international partners and host partners and volunteers receive special support.



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