

**Volunteer report by Nino Makrakhidze
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This past ten months went by so quickly and so many things have happened its hard to share and choose only some of them. I consider myself as a very lucky person to be the part of the environment were I grew so much as a person and individual.



First month of the project is where you meet all the new people and where you have the realization that something different and exciting is happening to you. These were months when I met lifelong friends, a lot of amazing people who accompanied me through the whole project and were my biggest supporters.

Being around with kids was nothing new for me, like I kind of already had an idea what it would be like to work in a kindergarten. But what I got from this experience was way above than my expectations. Being a member of a professional team, who made me feel like one of them and one of the main role-player made me more confident in my abilities. I will be forever thankful that I chose this kindergarten and I had an opportunity to spend my volunteering year with people who really enjoy their work and life in general.



Going out with kids and exploring nature life, sliding down hills, hiking through woods, swimming in the river and pool days are the most enjoyable activities we did. Outdoor days were my favourite ones, where we spent most of our time outside, playing with kids and talking and sharing a lot of interesting stories with my colleagues. I will always cherish these memories, the strong bond children had with me and their trust and love is all I needed. There is not a lot of tasks that a volunteer is asked to do. They mostly need your support in daily activities that are very fun and enjoyable.

Time flies very quickly and its hard to feel present and enjoy every moment. Those couple of months taught me not to rush and worry about time and things that we can't have control over. Be as open as you can with your co-workers and ask for everything you need. Those people are more than happy to help and make your stay fully enjoyable.

