

**Volunteer report by Estelle Audinet  
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During these 7 months I was able to understand the organisation of a sports association. I had a lot of responsibilities for this project. I was able to take part in administrative and management of this association. These were important tasks where I learned to create spreadsheets to ensure the organisation of workers or events. So I created my first international tournament: Vienna Calling. It's a very important project, and I was involved in both its design and its staging in January 2024. For me, it was one of my best experiences.

At the baseballschule, I was also a coach, photographer and designer (I created materials to help with visibility and communication).

As a coach, I learnt how to play baseball and manage a team. That's how, with the help of the association's director, we created the Panthers. It's a 100% women's team. I was heavily involved in the creation of the girls' team: recruiting players, looking for funding, training and designing the shirts. A strong bond was created between us, which proves that you can create a bond even if you don't speak the same language.



Photography was a very important part of my work. There were several objectives for me: creating support for partners or schools; publications via social networks, support for the creation of a technical baseball book and of course souvenirs for parents and children. It's an activity that I've really enjoyed, and one in which I've improved over time. For example, I participated at the U12 tournament in Barcelona as a photographer. Every day I took photos and I improved my technique.

But volunteering isn't just about the project, it's also about meeting people, events and meetings. During this project, we have the chance to meet the other volunteers, spend time together and talk about life and our projects. It's a very enriching experience for all of us.



A coach shows the players the exercises! It's important for learning, but also for communication.

It's important to showcase events on social networks. Here's an example.

