

Volunteer report by Berna Sağınc

**European solidarity corps volunteer at Wohngemeinschaft St. Martin in Klosterneuburg, Austria
from September 2023 to August 2024**



I'm Berna. I came to Austria in September 2023 for the ESC volunteering project. I worked for disabled people for a year. the location of my project is a small, sweet city teeming with nature, about 20 minutes from Vienna.



During the project, I supported the adaptation of disabled people to social life. We played developer games with them. We helped each other with various tasks such as cleaning, cooking, washing clothes in the house. Now we have many memories, we have known each other, we have shared love, we have been involved in life. Thanks to my colleagues, I learned to communicate well with people with disabilities. I participated in trips for them, supported them at daily art events. We have grown plants together, and now many flowers, vegetables and fruits grow in our garden. This improves their manual skills.

During this year, I have met many volunteer people from different countries. We met together at trainings, at events, and then we became friends with many of them. I think this project is an important opportunity to get to know new people, new cultures. I have traveled to many countries for a year. It was very important for me to take this opportunity because every city, historical building, cultures I see make me a new person.



It was a very good opportunity to improve my English and German language skills. I got to know the Austrian culture closely, visited many museums, attended parties, had fun and learned a lot of new things. I shared my own experiences and gained new experiences. It's been the best 1 year of my 20s. I would recommend to every young person to get involved in this project. You will get to know yourself and create a new person. I owe a thank you to Grenzenlos and the institution I volunteered at, and everyone involved in the project who supported me during this process. It is worth walking this path that will add meaning to your life.



Thank you!

