

**Volunteer report by Ilayda Iclek**  
**European Solidarity Corps volunteer at Kindergruppe Amerlinghaus**  
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Merhaba! Servus!

My name is Ilayda Iclek. During this time, I volunteered at Kindergruppe Amerlinghaus, a child care group where I worked closely with 13 children of different ages. My main responsibilities included supporting their daily routines, preparing activities, helping during meals, and simply spending quality time with them through play and conversation. This was my first long-term experience abroad, and it had a big impact on me both personally and socially. I had the chance to improve my German (B1 level) by communicating daily with the children and my colleagues. At the same time, I learned to be more patient, responsible, and empathetic. I discovered how much I enjoy working with children and how fulfilling it is to see their trust and joy grow day by day. Living in a different country and working in an intercultural environment also helped me become more open-minded and independent. Outside of my work with the children, I shared my volunteering journey with other volunteers. We became close friends, supported each other, and shared many unforgettable memories. From cooking meals together to exploring Vienna on weekends, these social moments made my experience even more special. It made me feel part of a small international family, and I'm grateful for the friendships I built. I believe this project gave me valuable experiences that I will carry with me in both my personal life and future career. I'm very grateful for this opportunity and hope to continue being active in social and educational fields.

