

Ahoj!

My name is Adina, and I am a 25 years old girl from Romania. I was born in a small mountain town but half of my heart is in Iasi (a huge student city in the North-East of Romania) where I study and have many friends.

At the begging of the EVS everybody asked me why I choose Slovakia. In my case it was not a previous decision. I knew that I wanted to be a volunteer in an EVS project and I preferred the center of Europe. So I searched for interesting projects and finally applied for the Volunteering Centre in Banska Bystrica, Slovakia.

I have almost three months here and I have to tell you that I am quite impressed. All the people are friendly here, offer you their help and show you their country as truly is. To be honest, I didn't know so much about Slovakia before coming here, but now I am glad that I made this choice. Now I know a bit more about this part of Europe, totally unknown for me, people, culture, mind and way of life. Not only for this country, also for the organization I work with. The people at work are friendly and there are so many projects and activities to be involved in. Only with the activities of the CD you will move a lot and do many things that maybe you haven't had the change to do in other situations. You can join the projects or you can develop your own one... The Centrum will support you as much as they can.

On the other hand, you always have the possibility to join the activities and get involved with other organization projects, and trust me that people here are open and they never refuse new ideas and new people. They actually try to make you feel useful and give you the chance to have your own ideas and to implement it.

We are 'living examples' of the program "Youth in Action." The people are not very familiar of the possibilities of this program, so we try, as representatives of the European Voluntary Service, to capture the true atmosphere of it. Frequently we are asked questions like whether we like Slovakia and most of the young people are quite interested to get more information about our countries.

For me, the most difficult thing here is the language. But step by step I will be able to learn it, because they are taking care that you go to Slovak lessons and actually get out with some basic or more about Slovak language and that's pretty awesome.

The possibility of knowing a country as Slovakia is marvelous. People (at least in Romania) don't know almost anything about this country and usually they think I am in Slovenia, but Slovakia is full of magical places and you have the honor to visit them and learn much more about it, get familiar with the community in the city you live in and then ideas and opportunities pop out all the time.

I have only three months here, but I have the feeling that I am in the right place amongst the right people. So, if you are thinking about being a volunteer, EVS is the best option, and Slovakia the right place to do it!

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