

Dok privodimo kraju dva EVS projekta, dijelimo s vama iskustvo volonterke koja je u njima sudjelovala. Riječ je o Lini Krivickaite iz Litve. Lina je u volonterskoj službi u sklopu Žmergovog projekta Sustainability in environmental activism on cultural topics - SEact, financiranog od strane Agencije za mobilnosti program EU, a u sklopu programa Erasmus+, u Opatiji provela 8 i pol mjeseci.

LINA: "I am glad I had so many things to overcome, because if it was easy, I wouldn't be this proud of myself at the moment."

"About a year ago, I sent my volunteering application to Udruga Žmergo, an environmental organization based in Opatija Croatia. Unfortunately, the volunteers were already selected and at that time I was about to go to Czech Republic for my internship so I went there without a plan what I would do afterwards. However, on my very last day there, I received an email from my then future hosting organization again with an offer to come for another project called "Sustainability in environmental activism on cultural topics" which got a green light. I just had to come in 10 ten days. For half a year. After considering about it for a day or two, I decided to sign up for this once-in-a-lifetime adventure and haven't regretted my choice ever since. So, my journey started on 1st of February and ended up on 17th of September.

As it was more of on-a-spot decision, I did not have much time to neither build up high expectations nor get too scared to go. I was just looking forwards to this new experience. And I got so much of it, way more than I could ever imagine before going. Even if I had had time to imagine.



I was working in an organization with 5 locals and 5 volunteers from Spain, France, the Netherlands and Latvia, so it was a really multicultural environment. Together we were mostly working on events and their preparation. We had events with kids, teenagers; we had cleanups, promo events for cleanups, EVS presentations... a lot of them, mostly about

environment. My favorite ones were with kids, when we were educating them about recycling in creative, fun, game-based ways.

Separately, I was mostly working with another volunteer on social media. We were making a media plan for several campaigns, planning posts, creating content for it. I loved filming Zero Waste videos: we were coming up with ZW ideas, filming them and the best part - applying them in our daily life. I am very happy that I brought a lot of green ideas and eco thoughts with me back home. I hope to keep continuing on walking through this path on sustainability, because although I learnt a lot, there are still many ways where I can improve. Being conscious on this topic - is one of the things I am most happy about to get from my EVS.

Another one is people. I had a chance to meet many good people, learn a lot from them by simply commuting, get acquainted with their cultures, traditions... try various traditional foods, both Croatian and those from countries of other volunteers. I also met and befriended some locals, which helped me to better understand local community's reality, history and culture, which is very interesting and rich.

Of course, I would lie if I said that everything was perfect."

Nastavak Linine priče, pročitajte na njezinom blogu objavljenom na web stranici partnerske organizacije na projektu "WE GO", organizacije putem koje je Lina poslana na volontersku službu.

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