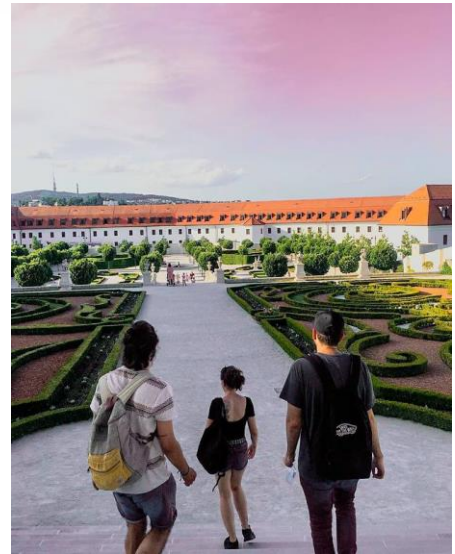


I did not come to Vienna with great expectations. I was really happy with the project I had chosen, but I expected to have challenges to face and to have to deal with uncomfortable situations. However, everything was really smooth. I soon met the people that would be my friends during the project and hopefully when we are all back in Spain as well. We explored around Vienna and even visited Slovakia. Despite covid, we managed to have a good time and found exciting things to do.

I really loved my project at Kulturhaus Brotfabrik. One of the things I liked the most were the variety of tasks that I did: from helping to set the stage we had in the main street of the 10<sup>th</sup> district to doing research on identity and community. I never felt I was doing a monotonous task. I used to work with kids back in Spain and I really enjoyed being able to work with them in workshops here in Vienna as well. With them, I was able to put my German to the test.



I choose Austria as host country because I really wanted to improve my German and put what I already knew to the test. The ESC makes it really easy to do so with the OLS platform, where you also have live tutoring sessions a part from exercises to do at your own pace. With all the things you can do in Vienna, one does not really have time to be doing exercises on their computer, but the live tutoring sessions are especially helpful. In Austria, they also cover a German course, so you have a lot of opportunities to improve your German even if you work in a more international environment where you speak mainly English.



A part from that, this experience was also a vital one. I reassured myself, knowing that I can live on my own and I discovered that I have improved my social skills a lot since I was a teenager. It is never too late to take part on an ESC project, since you will learn different things depending on the stage of life you are in.

You should not hesitate just once in applying for an ESC project. Everything is really easy and smooth, and different people are supporting you with any inconveniences during your stay. This is once in a lifetime experience and it is one of the best ways to start exploring life abroad. I would suggest volunteers to participate as much as possible in all the activities offered by the organization. You never know where will you meet new friends.

