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Hello, My name is Berna. I started my project in April 2022. I work as a volunteer at Volkshilfe Tirol BETA.

BETA is a vocational preparation project for young people with special needs. The aim of the project is to prepare young people for the business world in a targeted and professional way. There are professional trainers and youth coach who train young people here. Sometimes we go to mow the lawn with the young people, sometimes we learn math or English. We also have a workshop where we do creative things. Sometimes we make jewelry there or we work with wood. We give shapes to the board and paint them. This is my favorite activity.

The company is located in Tirol-Wörgl, Austria. Tyrol is an amazing federal state where the alpine mountains are located. My flat is also located in Wörgl. It is small but very cute. The city I live in is a bit small. That's why I see the same people every day and it's easier to make friends in the small cities than in big cities. But the biggest problem I had while making friends was the dialect. I learned German while living in Turkey, but I can only speak "Hochdeutsch", so it took me a long time to get used to the Tyrolean dialect. But despite all the difficulties, making new friends, getting to know new cultures and tasting their food excites me.

I am not normally a nature person. I would describe myself more as a city person. However, it is impossible not to fall in love with the exquisite view of the Alps! Every time I go for a walk or hike, the beauty of nature fascinates me. I love the mountains, the scenery, and the fresh air here.

One of the biggest reasons why I wanted to come here was that I wanted to improve my language skills. The project provides both online and classroom course opportunities. I also made many friends in this course. I improved my German by talking with them. And thanks to the project, I had the opportunity to travel to several European countries. Traveling with my other volunteer friends was the activity I enjoyed the most. It was very enjoyable for us to discover new cultures and taste the food of those cultures.

I've been living here for 10 months now. During this 10month period, I participated in many workshops, gained new knowledge, and improved myself in many ways. Meeting people of different nationalities has taught me that I shouldn't be prejudiced. I'm more open-minded to everyone now. There are always new things we can learn from people. That's why I recommend that everyone who has the opportunity to participate in this project.



I'm almost at the end of my project. I am grateful for all the experiences I have had. When I look back, I remember the moments I enjoyed rather than the difficulties I experienced.



