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The first week in Estonia was great: all the volunteers stayed together (volunteers from Estyes and the diaconnal year), and we had intensive language course, guided tour, visits, and a 2-day tour in bus around Estonia to show us all the different projects. This was a very good introduction to volunteering and Estonia.

First, I thought I would have to deal with children going to the club whenever they wanted to , and that I would have to create all the activities, and invent something new for each lesson. But I was nicely surprised when Eugenia introduced me to the kids and told me there was a schedule, and that the children had some books they should bring for every lesson.

The place is a very nice and comfortable room, where it is nice to work, and where the material is sufficient enough to bring information about Europe and to exchange valuable data about different cultures.

I was due to make them enjoy their lesson of English after school, sharing half an hour playing (it was my responsibility to either create games, or to use the material in the room), and another half hour studying more seriously.

I worked enough not to be bored, and not too much; so that I actually felt my project was the best structured in Tallinn; and I was sad to stop it at the end!

I hope I gave the kids the will to travel.

For sure I will recommend the European Voluntary Service to other young people. EVS is great and such a good way to grow up!