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Having the best Coworkers: How to start talking about my experience without mentioning the team at Politistiko? I worked daily with an other volunteer called Oana who is the best co-worker that I've ever had ! Between joy and laughter we shared the best experience ! We worked in the office with the project manager Eleonora Chrysanthi who was the perfect leader for us. She followed us from the beginning and she was always there to help, listen and guide us. We also worked with Maria, she got a job at Politistiko after volunteering like us, and she is the most patient, happy and funny person I've met ! A project coordinator, Alexis, was also with us for a while, he was also very friendly and welcoming. We had the perfect environment to work and grow in our professional and personal lives. We also shared a lot with the other volunteers who had other projects at Politistiko. To sum up we were a big family !!

Volunteering expertise: How about our work ? It was exactly what I was looking for. I worked in the office and helped with the administrative tasks. I helped organizing projects, writing and sending applications, answering to emails, organizing folders, creating posters and files... I also could select volunteers for the World Wide Village project which was one of the best experience. After posting the offer online, recruiting the volunteers and managing some parts of the project, I welcomed the volunteers and took part in the project with them. To conclude this experience I would say that it was an amazing opportunity, I've made so many friends for life, I could travel, explore new countries and cultures, and I could learn how to be a project coordinator and manage european projects. Indeed, I would say it was a life changing experience that brought me both professionally and personally.

By Alexandra Popa, participant of the "UNITY-iOS, Volunteer Expertise" project

My ESC Cypriot Adventure

A year-long journey of self-improvement

When I landed in Cyprus back in February 2021 I did not know what to expect. How was I supposed to know that I will have the chance to change for the better, go on so many adventures and meet such amazing people? The project that brought me to Cyprus was a one year experience called "Unity-iOS, Volunteer Expertise" and had the aim of involving international volunteers in the organization, implementation and management of European volunteering projects. In this project I developed skills relevant to preparing, implementing, managing and finalizing projects, from the point of applying to the point of closing the project. During one year, I was running project logistics, recruiting, maintaining everyday needed documentation, closing and reporting on implemented projects, communicating with partners/volunteers/stakeholders, promoting and disseminating project calls and results. The 12 months spent on this beautiful island in the eastern Mediterranean Sea were used also for exploring numerous sandy beaches, blue lagunes and mountain trails. I developed a love and appreciation for the world around me that made me more environmentally aware and helped me realize that I would like to live more in contact with nature. The work I was doing at Politistiko also allowed me to be the Project Coordinator of a month-long project happening in the Troodos mountains. It was a crucial moment for me as I learned to deal with

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constraints outside of my control and to keep my calm under pressure. I also had the chance to experience the authentic Cypriot life-style. Without a doubt the friends that I made during this project were the most fulfilling part of the whole experience. We grew together as persons and I realized aspects of my character that I didn't know before - is as if they took my hand and walked me down the road of self improvement - a path that I had no idea I was walking down on until the time came to stop, to look back and to see how far I have come. I am very grateful for the opportunity to become a person that has more patience, is kinder and believes that people can always change and become better. My time in the project made me discover myself, this beautiful country and the world of Politistiko Ergastiri. It should be hard to part with such wonderful memories, nevertheless I do it with an easy heart. I am leaving Cyprus now as a much happier, wholesome and fullfield individual.

Thank you Eleonora mou, Maria mou and Alexis mou for everything!

By Oana Denisa Balan, participant of the "UNITY-iOS, Volunteer Expertise" project

My Cyprus experience

Cyprus? Where is that? Is that even in Europe? Cmon girl, why do you never stop? These are some of the reactions my family and friends had when I told them I was moving to Nicosia for 5 months to be a volunteer. I had lived in 6 different countries before, so they should be used to my nomadic life, but I think some things are difficult to accept. Even for me, the idea of moving to this island was scary and I was not sure if I was ready for it, but I just had finished my second Master's degree and I wanted to gain some experience in my field, education and translation, while I could discover myself a little bit more and continue exploring the world. Therefore, an ESC project was perfect for me. When Eleonora, the coordinator of the project at Politistiko Ergastiri contacted me, I was in shock. At first, I thought it was a scam and it was a joke from my friends. However, I accepted to have an interview with her and three weeks later I was taking a flight to Larnaka. Everything was so easy and was working out smoothly, so I did not believe or realize what I was doing until I arrived at my new home. Two of my flatmates were already there, Siiri from Finland and Wiktorja from Poland. I remember being in the taxi in front of our house and seeing Siiri coming out of the door waving at me ready to help me with my luggage and welcoming me to my new home. Meeting them made me feel relaxed and calmed because, even if they seemed like twins and I am the opposite to them, I knew we were going to have a good time together. A few days later Nati arrived and when she left Marta came. Having two Spanish girls in the same room and in the same house can be a disaster and so chaotic.... but I think my flatmates managed to do it without killing us, bravo girls. Before moving to Cyprus, I had fantasized about how my future flatmates would be, but I think my expectations were largely exceeded and I truly believe the person who matched us should get a promotion! The next few days consisted of discovering the city, meeting the other volunteers and just getting to know each other a bit more. We were a group of 12 volunteers coming from France, Romania, Austria, Finland, Poland, Spain, Germany and Cyprus, so we had a lot to talk about and things to discuss and learn. I think this is the best part of participating in a project like this since you can discover many things about other countries and cultures while you also discover yourself. Luckily for me, my school was also a multicultural environment. I had the pleasure of working and helping at one of the oldest primary schools in Nicosia and, even though it was really small and there was only one class for each grade, I learned a lot and they made me feel welcomed since the first day. Most of the students are foreigners and they do not usually speak Greek, so at the beginning, it was a bit chaotic to try to communicate with those kids who did not speak English either. I was matched with the first graders, the youngest ones and, even though it was a challenge at first, seeing how they evolved and developed, both personally and academically, made me feel fulfilled and so proud. We had

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18 students coming from 12 different countries, most of them having mixed nationalities, and their corresponding different languages, religions, cultures, eating habits, ways of behaving and interest in learning English with me, or even Spanish. Luckily, Eleni, the main teacher, was always there if I needed anything, as well as the Headmistress and all the other teachers, who treated me as one of them and made me feel welcomed. Sharing the teacher's room with them made me feel like another teacher and part of the team, but the best part was all the food we had! My time at the school was fantastic and it was a great opportunity for me as a teacher to learn how school is organized and structured in other countries. Moreover, I could even have the opportunity of teaching some Spanish to the older kids, giving presentations about my culture, my country and my language and teaching them about the ESC and their work. Going there every day and spending time with my students was the best part of this project, especially seeing that they felt the same about me and that they appreciated me being there. Saying goodbye to them and the other teachers, who were amazing and helped me a lot, was so hard that I had to do it in two days! It is incredible how only 5 months can affect you in this way and I can say without hesitation that they truly have left a big mark on me. I always say that what makes a place unforgettable is the people, but Cyprus helped a lot too. Before moving there, I did not know much about this small island that has many things to offer, but I fall in love with it very soon. Despite the extremely hot temperatures we had when we arrived, I think it is the perfect place to spend at least a few months. Travelling inside the island is easy, fast and cheap even if you do not have a car. From Nicosia, you can travel

to the other side of the island for roughly 4`5 euros and in more or less 3h. I can assure you there is no time to be bored when you live in a place like this because there is always a beach to go to, a hike to do, a cave to swim at, a party to attend, an Erasmus even to participate in or a snowy mountain to see while there are around 20 degrees outside. I truly believe Cyprus is for everybody and it is easy to find your spot there because even if it is small, it is also very welcoming. Everybody is helpful and nice, ready to open their houses to foreigners and to invite them for a shot of ouzo! They are also more than happy to show you their traditions and culture, like the name day (which is amazing if you are a teacher because everybody brings a lot of food to share!), food or hidden places. Moreover, if you live in Nicosia, you would have the opportunity to travel to another country,

and even a continent, just by crossing the border to the Northern side where you will find another culture, language, food, nice beaches and interesting places to go, traditions and even a different smell! It feels as if you were living in two different countries at the same time but without leaving the island. This project has been a life-changing experience for me. Cyprus has connected me with people from all over the world and from different ages, backgrounds and ideas. I am sure I found friends for life on the island that I met at the club and parties, at the organization, at the training course we did as part of the ESC program or at other random places because everywhere is a good place for meeting people in Cyprus. Everybody is so nice you just have to! I also have to give a shoutout to the people who work at the organization, Eleonora, María and Alexis, and also Panagiotis, because they are the reason everything worked out so well. They organized meetings and a training week just so we felt prepared and ready to embark on this amazing experience, as well as to meet each other, our new city and how

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people live on this island. Therefore, I feel like I won the lottery with the group of people I met, in all the aspects of my life, because they were the ones who helped me make all the memories and what I will always remember as my Cyprus experience. Life without friends is less fun and I am lucky to be able to call them friends now. Travelling with them, discovering the island, getting ready to go out, meeting at the organization, attending different events, going to school or just having an improvised dinner at home was part of my daily routine and I would not change a thing. It was just simply amazing and I wish I could do it all over again. All I have to say now is: thank you Cyprus for all the memories, see you soon.

By Lucia Izquierdo, participant of the "UNITY-iOS, Education Volunteers" project

My volunteering experience

A pandemic - out into the world, getting to know new cultures and countries seems impossible. Especially as a young person who has finally graduated after years in school, however, this desire to travel is endless. It was the same for me. I am overjoyed to have had the opportunity to volunteer abroad with the European Solidarity Corps.

For 4 whole months I was able to work in an elementary school in Nicosia, Cyprus and help out in the cultural center of my hosting organization. Not only did I get to know great and inspiring people, but I also gained practical experience, got involved in social issues and also oriented myself professionally. I was given the chance to get to know my personality better with all its strengths and weaknesses.

Taking care of myself and living without parents was a leap into the deep end for me - doing the shopping, laundry, keeping track of my finances... all this helped me to become more independent and ultimately made me more mature and self-confident as a person.

Cyprus, Poland, Spain, Finland, France,... all these countries and cultures I was allowed to get to know - either directly through my stay or through the fellow volunteers who told me about their homeland and language. On the one hand I realized how much more open-minded and travel-loving I have become, on the other the cultural differences and yet how much we eventually have in common: We are part of a community that shares the same core values, shows commitment and supports European social cohesion.

Ultimately, through my experiences abroad, I have created memories and shared moments with friends that will stay with me for a lifetime.

A big thank you to the ESC and my partner organization!

By Daniel Klaus, participant of the "UNITY-iOS, Education Volunteers" project

Experience from Cyprus

I just finished my 5 months stay in Cyprus while participating in the ESC project organised by Politistiko. I am back at home from yesterday so I believe my emotions are still very fresh.

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I remember the day when I arrived to Cyprus, the big excitement but at the same time, calm in my heart. It really felt like I was coming to the place where I was supposed to be. I remember leaving the airport and experiencing the heat wave hitting my face. It was September and temperature was still extreme. All sweaty and tired I arrived to the old town which seemed super confusing with all one way streets able to fit only one car, no pavements for pedestrians and a bit of chaos really. Eleonora was waiting for me to greet me in the apartment which made it much more comfortable. A few hours later Siiri arrived. It was the moment where she was supposed to decide if she stays in the room with me or if she take another one. She chose to stay with me, and that was the day where I knew I was blessed with a roommate. In the evening another flatmate Lucia joined and I was even calmer. In the end, after Nati leaving, it was Marta who joined us and stayed with us until the end of the project. All different, but at the same time matched each other so well. A big shout out to the person who put us all together in one apartment!

I was matched with Siiri to work in one school by Panayiotis side. I really think I won a lottery with this project because everything was working out so well. We worked in the school where the majority of students were foreigners who in some part didn't even speak Greek. The level comparing to other primary schools was quite low, in terms of education, but also in terms of economic situation of the families. The environment at the school was quite challenging, indeed. I chose one of the first grades and was joining them every day for some Greek lessons. These kids were amazing. We became quite close, really. I loved how multicultural and different from each other everyone was. One classroom gathered at least 10 nationalities, at least 10 different languages, a few religions, different eating habits and economic standards. It all made the classes fascinating. I was helping children with writing, with maths, or general manual tasks. It was not the only class I attended but definitely the one that made the biggest impact. Together with Siiri we contributed with some projects and workshops, including painting the school yard, Bamboo, European workshops etc. I loved that we had a lot of space in the school to do that. All the teachers were very supportive, helpful and inclusive. It was incredibly enjoyable to be at the school every day. Of course there were days when there was not that much to do or there was no internet or

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electricity but there were always happy faces of other teachers, and most likely some cakes for someone's name day. It was a unique first time of working in this context.

Cyprus as a place to visit and live for a few months in incredible. I think you could really make there your own world. It seems like it has a place for everyone, despite its size. I didn't particularly enjoy the heat and I know I wouldn't be able to live there forever, but being there for five months was definitely good enough to get to know local traditions (name day celebration), foods (lentils with rice, pasticho, iced Frappe) or views and places (Capo Greco, Paphos, Troodos etc.). I had a lot of time to explore the island and get

to know its people. I don't know if there's one place that stole my heart, but there's definitely at least a hundred locations I pinned with heart on my google map. A lot of hiking, riding the car, swimming, and exploring felt like I was on constant holidays. All of the travelling is really connected to island's division which is another aspect of living in Nicosia. I was able to experience the real conversations, real emotions and the atmosphere of how people feel about the division to South and North. I learnt a lot about history of the island. Despite talking of politics, I think that the Northern part of the island has its beauty, too. Living in Nicosia is truly incredible because you could teleport yourself to a completely different place with different religion, culture, language, and currency. I really liked exploring new cafes and places in the other part. I don't think I would ever have a chance to do it if not for this project!

The whole time in Cyprus was filled with incredible people, but at the same time without the most important one for me, my boyfriend. It made the whole stay quite emotionally difficult, however, firstly, he was visiting, and secondly, the other volunteers, and all other people made it not even bearable, but really amazing. I am grateful for all the support, all the trainings we had that helped us meet other people. I am grateful for my social flatmates who were always ready to introduce someone. People make the experience, always. Starting with the whole organisation, Eleonora, Panayiotis, Maria were incredible. Then, my flatmates, already mentioned were insanely great! The school teachers and the kids were making every day special. And then everyone else, my friends, the hiking society, the local gym, people at the shop, owners of Melissa, an owner of the antique shop that we were meeting every day on the way to school. He called me and Siiri "Dynamic Duo" and was asking quite often if he could marry us. All of them made this stay so good.

I could really write and write and write about all the wonderful aspects of the project. In a few last words I just want to say THANK YOU. The project made me much more confident in going for what I think is right. It showed me the importance of multiculturalism and inclusion. I started to understand Greek. It showed me how small Cyprus and in general the world is. I am a different person than I was five months ago.

Hopefully see you again! 😊

By Wiktoria Wilk, participant of the "UNITY-iOS, Education Volunteers" project

Volunteering in Cyprus

I arrived in Cyprus at the beginning of September 2021. I felt excited but relaxed at the same time, mostly because I changed my flight at Munich airport and I met there my new friends, Patrick and Daniel, who were going to volunteer in the same organisation. We had a nice chat before our flight and it felt so good to start our journey together. Travelling to a new country and starting a new experience can be exhausting: First of all, my travelling from Eastern Finland to Cyprus took more than 24 hours. Second of all, it was +7 degrees in Helsinki when I took my flight, so you can imagine how big the heatwave in Larnaca was for me! The weather in Nicosia was very hot at the beginning, but I was enjoying it a lot. Later I learnt that weather is not the only warm thing in Cyprus because people there are extremely kind and warm-hearted!

Before my departure, I checked our apartment's location from google maps and I need to say that it didn't look very good on it. But when I went into our apartment and met my roommate Wiktoria, I knew immediately that I was in the right place. Also when my other flatmates Lucia, Nati and later Marta arrived it was clear that we are going to have so many good and hilarious moments together. We all shared a passion for pumpkin pies and other

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delicious pastries from the bakery next to us and from the beginning we started to plan nice day trips and activities, such as a quad safari and beach days, together. It wasn't only us living together, because, in addition, we shared our apartment with many new friends who came to visit us from the other side of Cyprus or Europe. I started my job as an education volunteer at the beginning of September. When I came to Cyprus, a little I knew about the work I was supposed to do. From the beginning, I was surprised how well everything went in our cultural centre and in Agios Antonios Primary School where I started my work with my roommate Wiktorina. Everybody welcomed us and it was very easy to adapt to the school. Our volunteering started with manual work, organizing and preparing material for the school year and students. Later on, we planned and organized different workshops about European Union. For me, all the projects I made with Wiktorina was very important. It also showed me how much we have in common just because we all were European.

For me, all this volunteering process was a big confidence booster that also opened my eyes. I was learning a lot about myself as a person and as a teacher and at the same time, it was amazing to see how different school system works and to notice that teachers are doing many similar things that I was doing in my work in Finland: Cultural differences were not that big in the end and teachers are very professional all around Europe. The most heart-melting thing was to see how students are the same everywhere and you can help them with your knowledge and also they are teaching you something about life. I gave a lot for this project but definitely, I learned more than I could ever imagine.

I have a master's degree in educational sciences from Finland and I already had two years of professional work experience after graduation. In Finland, people called me brave when I told them about my plan to



move to Cyprus and start to volunteer in a local school. For me, this all was a natural step to take and try something new at this point of my life when I'm not too stuck in my home country. I feel, that this is something that teachers should do often: jump out of their comfort zone and try something new. Try to challenge yourself and use your skills and knowledge in a new environment, you will be surprised how much you can do and besides that, you will learn a bunch of new things and skills.

Cyprus gave me many other things besides work and growing in a professional way. It gave me good friends, delicious food, extremely beautiful places to visit, stunning beaches and beautiful

mountains. I will never forget those places I visit and those people who shared these moments with me. I will never forget the discussions I had with my friends, with strangers, with my colleagues and I will keep all those beautiful memories in my heart forever. In addition, this experience gave me time and the possibility to think about what should I do next in my life, what is the next step to take and what kind of life I would like to live in the future. After this experience, the biggest surprise for me was a phone call from my sending organisation. This phone call changed my career because my sending organisation hired me and I will start a new job soon. My

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lovely roommate and dear friend Wiktorina described that she is not the same person before and after Cyprus. I also feel the same. I'm very thankful for this experience and for all the people who made it possible.

By Siiri Lonkila, participant of the "UNITY-iOS, Education Volunteers" project

My Cyprus ESC experience

"You are going to Cyprus? On your own? You don't know anyone yet?" These were probably the most frequently asked questions I got from my family and friends. Deciding to go to a different, new country on my own right after I finished High School was the best decision I made so far. Even though I just graduated, never travelled or even lived alone, I had the interview with our project manager Eleonora and all the fears that I had were gone. Full of expectations I took my flight to Larnaca via Vienna, where I was pleased to meet Nathi and Carina, both from Austria for the first time. I can only say good job to Eleonora, because Carina was going to be my roommate for the following 5 months. Alexis, one of the colleagues of Eleonora's, picked us up from the airport and drove us to our lovely apartment in Dali, a smaller city in the Nicosia district. With him, I experienced the Cypriot culture for the first time, obviously too late but so kind and helpful and apparently our neighbour. Whenever we needed something everyone in the organisation was willing to help and give whatever they can, sometimes literally, if we needed more blankets.

Because I just finished school, I did not thought I would say this: but I loved going to school. From moment one, every single teacher welcomed us with the big typical Cypriot heart and open arms, even if we had to communicate with arms and legs. I was mainly in first grade with Elena and Demetra as my loving teachers and I helped in and out of the classroom wherever I could. Even though I did not have any experience in teaching, the teachers and students made me feel appreciated and respected every day. Saying goodbye to my class and the teachers was heartbreaking at the end of this amazing journey with our own projects. Over the weekend Carina and I usually drove to Nicosia to visit the rest of our volunteering group with people from Germany, Austria, Spain, Poland, Finland, Romania and France. With so many different people and different backgrounds we had a lot to talk about and everyone was so open even if we barely knew each other in the beginning. We discovered the wonderful island Cyprus together and found friends in each other for life. Cyprus is perfect for volunteering, especially for the first time. People here were open minded, caring and helpful in all situations. It is really nice that you can travel through the whole island within 3h, even with public transport. We always had a beach to go to, a mountain to climb or a beautiful view to enjoy. Overall, my Cyprus ESC experience was INCREDIBLE. I cannot put it in words. My work and project was really nice, Eleonora and Alexis made it really easy for me to adapt. The other volunteers who accompanied me and made this journey unforgettable with all the moments I was able to share with so beautiful people and Cyprus as an amazing island that has so much to offer made the time there just perfect. All I can say is thank you to everyone I was able to meet that you made my volunteering journey as wonderful as it was. I would not want to change a single thing.

By Liv Abeck, participant of the "UNITY-iOS, Education Volunteers" project

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My experience as an ESC volunteer in Cyprus

„Live in the sunshine, swim the sea, drink the wild air.“ That's what Ralph Waldo Emerson considered as a fulfilled life and that's what I was doing in Cyprus. Having the prime time of my life so far. I still remember it as clearly as it was yesterday. Going through the gate at the airport and seeing this really German-looking girl waving towards me. After recognizing her (which was pretty hard because I only knew her from a WhatsApp profile picture where her face was covered with tons of make-up and now there she was wearing no make up at all, but instead she was standing in front of me with hiking boots, a T-shirt which turned out to be her sleeping shirt and a hiking backpack, which couldn't make her look any more German) we started to talk and from this moment on I knew: Liv is not only going to be my roommate for the next five months, she will also be a very, very good friend to me. That is how I met Liv and how my journey to Cyprus started. The last five months have thought me a lot. Not only about Cyprus but also about myself. Nevertheless, first I want to share some things I have learned about the Island. For example are most Cypriots always late. You may think waiting four hours for somebody might be long, but honestly we were happy that the person came on the arranged date. Secondly, a car in Cyprus is necessary. There are hardly any pedestrian walks and using the bike is almost as life threatening as walking by feet. Once I almost got into a car crash while I was riding my bike and another time I was wandering next to the street and suddenly I got hit by a side mirror from a car. To be honest, this is not only due to the Cypriots' lack of driving skills, but also to the poor infrastructure for pedestrians. Furthermore, people from Cyprus eat a lot and almost all the time but don't ask me about their secret how they are not all fat. Olive pie, Pumpkin pie, Halloumi Pita and many many more delicious snacks were waiting for us almost everyday in the teachers room. Sometimes our Headmistress even brought us food from her friends and family. Which brings me to the next thing I want to mention about Cyprus: The people. Everybody made us feel so welcome. Cypriot people are so warmhearted and caring. They really want to help and make you feel well. For instance our teacher offered to drive us to school, to the bus station, to the airport or anywhere else. Above that you can't imagine how many drivers, which saw us walking to the bus station, stopped and asked if we want to hop until the station. As I already mentioned I learned a lot about myself as well. I got more self-confident and discovered parts of me I have never knew I had. Throughout the five months the urge to get to know different countries and experience their culture grew. I know that I will continue traveling around the world, but Cyprus will always have a special space in my heart. For sure I will come back, because as one teacher told me, if you have been to Cyprus once you will come back for sure. Speaking of teachers, I have to think of my time at the primary school in Dali. While I am writing this I am holding back tears. Just yesterday I opened a package a student sent me and I am still in touch with one of our teachers. Saying goodbye was so hard. It was only five months yet I still hold them all in my heart. Besides from going to schools during the weekdays, our weekends were full of sightseeing tours, Parties, Dinners and meeting new people. I have met so many lovely people. Not only from our Organisation, also volunteers and students from all over the world. Nevertheless, most of my time spent with the other Volunteers from Politistiko and I am so grateful that I was given the chance to meet them. Spanish, Germans, Finns, Romanians, Poles, French, Cypriots we all had so much in common although we speak different languages as well as we all have different cultural backgrounds. However, we always had each others back. Above that we went together on some crazy trips. For example once we did a Quad Tour together. Unfortunately, I caused a little crash right at the beginning so no more driving for me, but sitting at the backseat and just enjoying the view was nearly better. Another nice thing was that we were all very open. This quickly created a feeling of being safe and secure, which in turn made it possible to address problems or to open up when you weren't feeling good. Because even on an island that comes very close to paradise, there are sometimes clouds.

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To sum it up, my time in Cyprus was amazing. Starting by our Organisation, which gave us great support and a feeling of home, ending by all the amazing people I met. Also going to school never felt like work, therefore I enjoyed it way too much. Nevertheless the things I will remember the most, will probably be all the adventures we experienced. I don't mean nights like the last one, where I partied so much that I didn't hear any of my alarms which lead to the circumstance that I missed all my busses to the airport and I had to order a Bolt, I mean also the small things. Like when Liv and I were in our Apartment and the electricity went out again, so we decided that the best thing to do now is to eat all the dough for the cookies raw at 01:00 o'clock at night. Cyprus was amazing and crazy. Cyprus was sometimes really hot and other times very cold. Cyprus was so much I can't describe it with words but let me tell you my five months in Cyprus very unique and I will never forget them.

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