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KOSTIANTYN KOLCHYN

born on 16/08/2007 in Ukraine

volunteered in the project

HANDS AZORES

in Azores

from 25/06/2026 to 10/07/2026

About the project

International and local volunteers are integrated into daycare centres and After-School Activity Centres, where they support educational, recreational and social activities for children and families. Through these placements, volunteers contribute to children's development while gaining practical skills and valuable intercultural experience. Activities include educational support, creative workshops, outdoor and environmental initiatives, leisure activities and community engagement actions.

The tasks of Kostiantyn Kolchyn

Participation in the daily routines and educational activities of Olhar Poente's social services, working with children aged 4 months to 14 years, including summer camps. The volunteer supported non-formal learning activities and contributed to the end-of-year closure event by delivering cultural games and workshops showcasing their country and traditions to children, families and the local community.

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LEARNING CONTEXT

A European Solidarity Corps Volunteering Project offers an informal and non-formal learning context for volunteers to engage in a community or help overcome societal challenges. The tasks and responsibilities volunteers assume within the project, along with a new cultural context, help them develop new and strengthen existing competences. This process is supported by mentoring provided by the hosting organisation as well as a cycle of training and evaluation activities.

COMPETENCES DEVELOPED BY KOSTIANTYN KOLCHYN

The following summary is the result of a reflection and self-assessment process which took place during and after the project in dialogue with the mentor Mara Areias.

Multilingual competence

The volunteer developed communication skills by using English as the main working language while interacting daily with children, staff and volunteers from different cultural and linguistic backgrounds. They also acquired basic Portuguese through everyday interactions with children, colleagues and the local community, enhancing their ability to communicate in a multicultural environment.

Personal, social and learning to learn competence

The volunteer strengthened teamwork, adaptability and intercultural communication through active participation in daily routines and educational activities. Living and working alongside volunteers from different countries, as well as engaging with the Olhar Poente team and the local community of Terceira Island, fostered openness, mutual respect and personal growth. Regular collective reflection supported the volunteer in recognising their learning experience.

Citizenship competence

The volunteer developed intercultural awareness and appreciation of European diversity by participating in local cultural activities and discovering the traditions, heritage and history of Terceira Island.

Entrepreneurship competence

The volunteer developed an understanding of active citizenship, social inclusion and community engagement by exploring the SOS CASA - Olhar Poente hybrid social enterprise model. This experience highlighted how social entrepreneurship can address local needs while creating sustainable social impact and supporting both the community and those employed within the initiative.

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<https://education.ec.europa.eu/focus-topics/improving-quality-equity/key-competences-lifelong-learning>



Cultural awareness and expression competence

The volunteer enhanced their appreciation of cultural diversity by participating in local cultural activities and discovering the traditions, heritage and identity of Terceira Island. They also gained a broader understanding of how public services, social support systems, governance and administrative procedures operate in an outermost European archipelago, recognising the opportunities and challenges associated with insularity.

Literacy competence

The volunteer improved their ability to communicate clearly, understand instructions and participate in discussions, while preparing and delivering educational and cultural activities.

Other competences

The volunteer enhanced organisational, creative and leadership skills by planning intercultural workshops, supporting non-formal education activities and collaborating in the preparation of educative community events.

FURTHER INFORMATION

The following resources provide further context and evidence for the learning process and outcomes of Kostiantyn Kolchyn.

- Social media: <https://www.facebook.com/olhar.poente/posts/pfbid0qKh69Akt9BC3qrJiEpE2q7hwKiZnDiz4jp6RPnvm4GGZENhvpqiVfB9JCspzVhBNI?ref=1>

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