Hi ! My name is Hilal. I’m 24 years old. I’m from Turkey. I work as a volunteer at EqualiZ in Klagenfurt am Wörthersee.

First of all, I would like to talk about myself and how I got involved in the project.
I graduated from the psychology department in 2020. And I want to continue my career focusing on gender equality. For this, I wanted to gain experience voluntarily in centers working for the development of women. Also I’ve always wanted to gain experience of living abroad. But I never had the opportunity. For this purpose, after graduating from university in 2020, I started to research "How can I go to Europe without money". Then I found the volunteering programm within the European Solidarity Corps. I applied to the projects that I wanted to be involved in.
And here I am!

I arrived at the beginning of September. My first days were spent observing the environment and getting familiar with it. And I mainly participate in two different projects at EqualiZ. The first one of my projects is about girls aged 10-21 and my other project is about young women between the ages of 18-25.

Since I came here I have participated in various activities that I would not normally try, such as bike repair and singing workshops, making origami, chair repair, painting and sewing. (So I came here to be useful, but basically this center teaches me something every day. :))
Sometimes we just made cupcakes together and talked!

Apart from these activities, the center also provides training on sexuality and eating disorders etc. and they provide assistance with employment and training. In addition, German lessons are given to women here and I attend this course.

It's only been couple of weeks and I am so happy to be here so far.
I will stay here for one year. I hope it will be a useful and enjoyable year!