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I am Remi from France. I live near Paris where I have just finished my studies in social career. I have been very interested in Romania since I came the first time in 2003 and the second time in 2008. I chose to do an EVS project in Romania because I would like to spend more time in the country and discover the daily life. My EVS project in Club VOLTIN - Braila is about activities based on non-formal education. I like very much to play games with children, for example in the kindergarden or in schools.

We play some mime games, theatre and generally games for personal development and games which help you to know you better. I do also, music activities because I play saxophone. I played during a festival of the "Clubul Voltin" in August and I play with friends too. In addition, I go to the highschool for speaking in French with students and I find this very interesting. I find quite entertaining learning Romanian language, I consider that it is very important to be able to express yourself in a foreign language and to be understood. Here in Braila, I feel very good because I was well integrated in the community and I made also some new friends. I consider that the association it is hospitable and people here are very open-minded. I can suggest different activities and they are helping us to put it in.

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The second rendezvous

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Generally, between us EVS volunteers I spoke in english. I was able to speak to understand and be understanding. I learnt english before at school in France so this language was not a problem to use it during the activities, and at home with me roommates. A basic level of english is enough to communicate during and EVS. First, I began to learn romanian language at home in france for my pleasure because I was two times in Romania in the past. I like to be integrate in a country generally and the first step is to lean the language. Because I knew romanian, it was more easy in the activities with chilrend and teachers for example.

I had the main occasion to use my mother tongue when I was in highschools of Braila. First there, I met the french teachers with who I was able to speak french in a very good way. Some of romanian students speak very good french and pronounce it very good. It was very interesting for me to listen some foreign students speaking in my mother tongue. I also had the opportunity to help a student at home with french. All this activities bring to me the capacity to be patient and to take more care about the people with who I speak and also how I speak.

Generally I am open minded with different culture. But I can say that I was in Romania to discover th romanian culture more particularly. It was my choice. I chose to stay more with romanian people that with my EVS collegues to know more about the culture, the traditions and the way of life of romanian people. In Romania I found a more spiritual culture that in my country with the religion, the differents celebrations, the traditions. I meet different and diversificate romanian people from all Romania.

It was a very good experience for me to discover the daily life of

a country that I knew a little before and that I like. Here I feel like at home, I am in a good atmosphere doing activities that I like and meeting interesting people. I would like to respect the romanian culture and to participate. I love very much the difference of culture and also the fact that Romania and France have a comun history. During the EVS, I comunicated by email with my sending organisation giving them some news and talking about my activities.

I comunicated with my EVS colleague to organise some project in my community but also in others comunities in Romania with others EVS colleague from others cities. I comunicated with my hosting organisation about the activities, planning...I talked with mymentor too.

Concerning my activities, the best way to learn was to be confronted directly with the children and the teachers in the schools. For example I prepared some games to play in the school but I learnt how to mangage the diffrent situations happened each time. I had to adapt to the children, to their behaviour, to their reactions, their personality and also to adapt in fonction of the activities of the teachers, the time they accorded to me. Of course, In my team, I learnt to manage a difficult situation when I met some problems with my colleague. I learnt that it is very difficult to work with a people who is totally different of me with the culture, the way of thinking, the motivation.

Generally, I chose to do an EVS in Romania to discover specially the daily life of this country. I am open to discover others cultures and people from Europe of course but I prefer to focalise on romanian life and people.