

Volunteers report: My first weeks in Vienna



The International music and media center in Vienna is currently hosting Eric Gyselinck from France in their office. Grenzenlos is coordinating the project, organized his pick-up at the airport and invited him to Orientation days together with other volunteers in Vienna. He reports about his first impression of Vienna:

"I arrived in Vienna on a bad weather day: It was windy, rainy and cold. And all this at the end of August! A nice Grenzenlos volunteer from Germany picked me up from the airport and introduced me to Vienna during our journey leading to my living place.

It's a big place with many young people and students live, who look friendly so I knew I won't feel alone. I'm also enjoying the infrastructure at the student hostel: There is a fitness room, a tennis court and even a Sauna! It is not so far from one of the biggest "Garden" ever, called the *Lainzer Tiergarten*, an amazing place which actually looks more like a forest.

If you once visit it pay attention of all the Wildpigs you can meet...

On my second day in Vienna I meet already my project team! Not all staff members were in the office but I could feel that there was a nice atmosphere.

It's a non profit organisation which promotes the creation of music and dance, called International Music+Media Centre. The office is very well-located and close to the old city center, in the 7th district, only five minutes from the Ring and close to some of the most famous museum of the world! The Kunsthistorisches Museum, the Leopold museum, the MUMOK and everything you can imagine.

After a full day in the City, you may appreciate a glass of *Sturm*, an Austrian speciality which is a sweet drink before the wine becomes wine. To really appreciate it, drink it before the end of September!"