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## REPORT

### MEP Volunteer Job Shadowing MEP Irena Joveva



Throughout the year VERA activities are supported by an increasing collaboration with the European Parliament. Meetings of the **European Parliament Volunteering Interest Group** are planned throughout 2023. MEPs get closer to the volunteering field by job shadowing a volunteer during a normal day of activities. By wearing the shoes of volunteers, MEPs involved will be better suited to support, advocate and value volunteering in their daily work at the European Parliament.

On **12 January 2023**, **MEP Irena Joveva (RENEW Europe)**, co-chair of the European Parliament Volunteering Interest Group, spent a day volunteering teaching the Slovenian to refugees in Ljubljana, majority of them from Ukraine, organised by the **CEV Member Slovene Philanthropy**. *"I'm glad that I can be a part of your stories. Your lives are anything but easy, and your willingness to learn is enviable,"* Joveva said. One of the volunteers from Slovenian Philanthropy also had the opportunity to spend a day shadowing MEP Joveva in her work.



On **21 February 2023**, **Viktor Kollar, Slovenska Filantropija volunteer**, spent a day job shadowing MEP Irena Joveva (RENEW Europe), at her local office in Ljubljana.

On **26 April 2023**, he spent the day at the European Parliament, following the voting processes and accompanied her to the meeting on youth active citizenship as well as the event "[The migratory experience adopting a three-generational perspective](#)". *"I would like to say in every volunteering experience, one volunteer gives something and they receive something, such as new experiences, knowledge, and a broadening of horizons. I would definitely recommend this opportunity to every MEP, because like this they can understand what volunteering is really about"*, he said. We have made a short interview with **Viktor Kollar** and you can find it [here](#).