



CASEE **SUMMER SCHOOL**

**Intercultural training with focus
on sustainable agriculture, food
production and food protection
in the Danube Region**

USAMVBT, Timisoara
16-27 September, 2013



Overview/Intro.

Understanding the intercultural and regional aspects of sustainable agriculture is crucial in finding viable pathways to long-term success in Central and Eastern European agriculture. This summer school will give the students the possibility to improve their knowledge and grow their skill-set regarding the intercultural and social aspects, anthropic landscape and natural resources - related to sustainability in agriculture and the food industry in the Danube region.

The main focus of the course will be on self-development in a multicultural European region through interactive exercises and discussion. At the end of this course, students should be able to identify some of their own culturally-biased assumptions and behavior, and begin to objectively address the benefits of EU multiculturalism for regional agriculture and food industry.

The courses will combine theoretical aspects and field trips in order to broaden horizons and provide life changing experiences in the context of global changes, ecosystem degradation, biodiversity conservation and the technological and economic ability to adapt. The Banat region -- inherently intercultural and diverse -- will serve as the basis for the exploration of intercultural topics and their implications on agriculture and the food industry in the Danube region.

USAMVBT

The Banat's University of Agricultural Sciences and Veterinary Medicine Banat from Timișoara (USAMVBT) is an institution specialized in agronomical and veterinary higher education, with a national and European span.



USAMVBT

Its traditions are connected to the establishment of the Faculty of Agronomy in 1945, which functioned besides the Polytechnic Institute from Timișoara. In the socio-economical and political conditions of the time, King Mihai I of Romania promulgated the Law 617/1945 for the creation of the Faculty of Agronomy within the Polytechnics of Timișoara. After 1989, the University has had a continuous evolution, by the diversification of domains and specializations in the educational offer. At present, USAMVBT functions with 6 faculties (Agriculture, Horticulture and Forestry, Agricultural Management, Veterinary Medicine, Animal Science, and Biotechnologies, Food Processing Technology), with a number of 22 licentiate's degree programmes, 22 programmes of master studies and 2 doctoral schools (www.usab-tm.ro).



How to Participate

The CASEE summer school is open to all students who are interested in expanding their knowledge about the intercultural aspects of agricultural sustainability. Current BSc and MSc students are welcome to join. Students can register through the international relations office at their home universities.



Danube River Basin

Costs

Students are responsible for paying a €60 registration fee upon arrival as well as the costs of travel to and from Timisoara. The CASEE consortium will cover the costs of housing in the USAMVBT dormitories and meals for the duration of the course.

Registration Deadline

June 7th, 2013



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Questions

If you have any questions about the summer school or USAMVBT, you should contact USAMVBT at:

summerschool@usab-tm.ro



Courses

The Summer School "Intercultural Training with special emphasis on sustainability in agriculture, food production and food technology in the Danube region" will provide an overview of social and cultural context of food and agriculture. The main focus is on intercultural learning, multicultural learning, but also basic studies of EU union. Selected courses will e.g. include Sustainability of agriculture in the Danube region, organic farming and

The courses will culminate in a final group project where students will work together in applying the ideas and practices from the school to real world challenges and develop feasible solutions with multicultural perspectives.



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organic food, food microbiology. In addition, educational priorities in the area of agriculture and the environment in the Danube region will be discussed and each partner university will present its teaching and research activities. Last but not least, topic-related excursions (e.g. workshops on traditional food) in the Banat region will complete the program.

Lectures

- SUSTAINABILITY ASPECTS OF AGRICULTURE IN DANUBE REGION
- SOCIAL AND CULTURAL CONTEXT OF FOOD
- GENDER AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT
- EDUCATIONAL PRIORITIES IN AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT
- INTERCULTURAL LEARNING
- MULTICULTURAL COMMUNICATION
- BASIC STUDIES OF EUROPEAN UNION
- BANAT INTERCULTURALITY
- ORGANIC FOOD QUALITY AND SAFETY
- FOOD SAFETY FOOD ADULETARIAN AND AUTHENTICATION, HEALTH SAFFETY ASPECTS
- ORGANIC FARMING IN POLAND
- PLANT BIOTECHNOLOGY
- THE IMPACT OF DIETARY HABITS AND TRADITIONAL FOOD ON HEALTH POPULATION IN THE DANUBE AREA: INTERCULTURAL ISSUES
- ANIMAL BIOTECHNOLOGY AND EMBRYOTECNOLOGY
- FOOD MICROBIOLOGY
- ANIMAL PATHOPHYSIOLOGY
- THE DIVERSITY OF THE LANDSCAPE IN THE BANAT REGION
- TRADITIONAL FOOD IN BANAT
- CULTURAL EVOLUTION OF THE CENTRAL EUROPEAN BUILT SITES- THE CASE OF BANAT REGION
- DIVERSITY OF ARCHITECTURAL STYLES



Timisoara and the Banat

The Banat is a geographical and historical region in Central Europe currently divided between three countries: the eastern part lies in western Romania (the counties of Timiș, Caraș-Severin, Arad south of the Mureș, and Mehedinți), the western part in northeastern Serbia (the Serbian Banat, mostly included in Vojvodina, except for a small part included in Belgrade Region), and a small northern part in southeastern Hungary (Csongrád county). It is populated by Romanians, Serbs, Hungarians, Roma, Germans, Krashovani, Ukrainians, Slovaks, Bulgarians, Czechs, Croats and other ethnicities.

The Banat is a part of the Pannonian Basin bordered by the River Danube to the south, the River Tisa to the west, the River Mureș to the north, and the Southern Carpathian Mountains to the east. Its historical capital was Timișoara, now one of the largest Romanian cities, with a population of 303,708 inhabitants (the third most populous city in the country, as of 2011), and considered the informal capital city of the historical region of Banat, Timișoara is the main social, economic and cultural center in the western part of Romania.



About CASEE

As a regional network of ICA for Central and South Eastern Europe, the CASEE Network was founded in 2010 upon the initiative of the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna, and involves Life Science Universities in Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Croatia, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Slovenia, Slovakia, Serbia, Ukraine and Austria.

The aims of the network are:

- to support the development (and later implementation) of the EU Strategy for the Danube region
- to strengthen research, education and University Development in this region
- to develop joint research, educational and other projects (e.g. joint curricula, joint continuous educational offers, structural development, human resource development, QA, know-how-transfer, e.g. via an e-platform...)



