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Session Announcement

Sustainable Hunting Tourism and Wildlife Management

SHUNTDIEM Summer School

Croatia (Krasno), 19 to 27 September 2026

Host: University of Zagreb (UNIZG)

Session background:

Hunting tourism represents a rapidly developing sector that combines wildlife management, tourism, and sustainability. It plays an important role in rural development, biodiversity conservation, and cultural heritage preservation. At the same time, it faces increasing challenges related to environmental protection, public perception, and the need for professionalisation and international cooperation.

The SHUNTDIEM Summer School is designed as an intensive international programme aimed at addressing these challenges through interdisciplinary education, combining academic knowledge with practical field experience.

Session objectives:

The summer school aims to provide students with a comprehensive understanding of sustainable hunting tourism and wildlife management in a European context. It focuses on strengthening students' knowledge, practical skills, and ability to work in international teams.

The programme includes lectures, workshops, and field-based learning activities, allowing participants to explore key topics such as sustainability in hunting tourism, wildlife management practices, social aspects of hunting, and the role of tourism in rural areas.

Programme structure:

The programme combines academic and practical components and is highly interactive and field-oriented. According to the daily programme, it includes:

- introductory sessions on the SHUNTDIEM project and partner institutions,
- expert lectures delivered by international academic staff and external stakeholders,
- guest lectures from representatives of national parks, hunting organisations, and agencies,
- case studies and workshops focused on sustainable planning and human–wildlife interactions,
- group work in international teams, leading to student presentations,
- field excursions to key sites such as Kuterevo Bear Sanctuary, Northern Velebit National Park, and hunting grounds,
- practical demonstrations (e.g. wildlife tracking, camera trapping, hunting practices),
- interactive activities such as quizzes and discussions.



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A central part of the programme is **field-based learning**, where students observe wildlife, analyse management practices, and collect data in real conditions. They work in international groups on assigned tasks and present their findings at the end of the programme.

Learning approach:

The summer school is based on experiential learning, combining theoretical input with practical activities, stakeholder engagement, and teamwork. It encourages critical thinking, problem-solving, and the exchange of knowledge between participants from different countries.

Participants:

The session will be conducted in an international group of students and academic staff from partner universities (Czechia, Serbia, Croatia, Greece).

Working language: English (communicative proficiency required)

Who should apply?

Bachelor's students in Game management and Wildlife Conservation or related fields, interested in the session topic and/or whose specialisation aligns with it.