



The CEEPUS programme

Catalysator of regional cooperation: Agriculture and Environment in the 21st Century - @groen

CEEPUS network coordinated by Szent István University

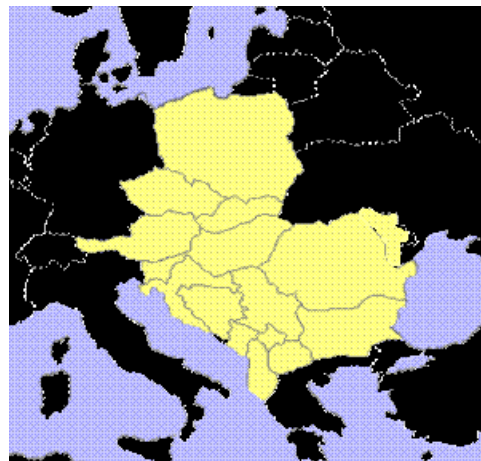
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CEEPUS

- **C**entral **E**uropean **E**xchange **P**rogramme for **U**niversity **S**tudies
- International Agreement signed by the member states and open for accession
- Current member countries:

Albania, Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, Poland, Romania, Serbia, the Slovak Republic and Slovenia. Prishtina/Kosovo is also participating.

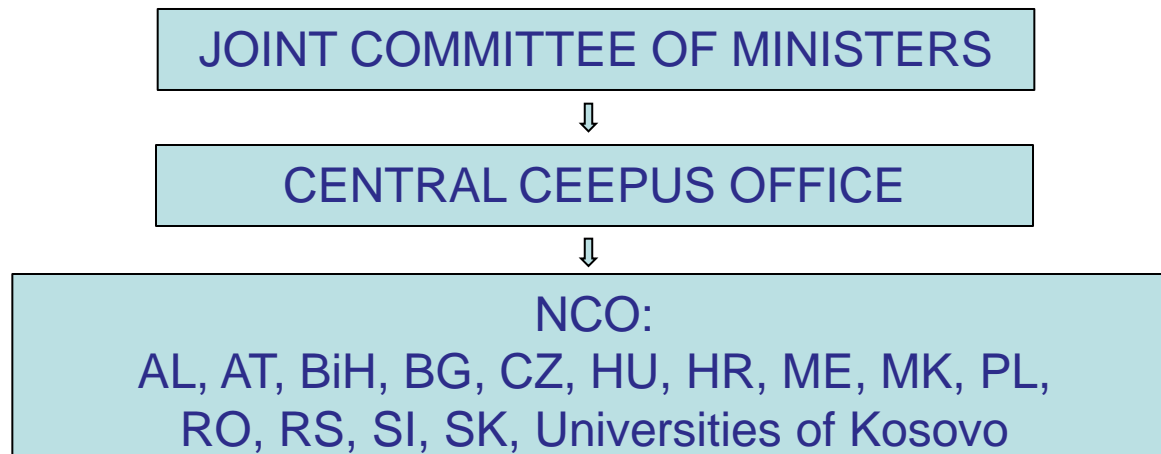




CEEPU History and Structure

- International Agreement was signed during 1993 in Budapest and started with implementation on 1 December 1994
- Croatia joined shortly after 1995
- CEEPU III contract from 2011 → emphasis on the development of joint studies and cooperation → Priority Area 9 "Investing in People and Skills" of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region

STRUCTURE:





CEEPUS Networks

- Network mobility – main activity of CEEPUS programme
- Network – minimum 3 partner institutions from 3 different countries: 1 coordinator and others as partners
- Academic year 2014/15:
 - Croatian HEI's are partners in 46 of the 69 approved Networks within CEEPUS programme
 - Croatia is Coordinator of 4 Networks
 - University of Zagreb Faculty of Agriculture → active in 4 CEEPUS Networks
- How can HEI's be included in CEEPUS?
 - partnership in existing Networks (www.ceepus.info)
 - launch a new network



CEEPU Annual Cycle

- **November – December** → preparation of the application (tentative traffic sheet)
- **January 15** → on-line submission
- **March** → evaluation, national commission
- **April** → international commission - results and final traffic sheet
- **June 15** → student / teacher scholarship application for the winter semester
- **October 31** → student / teacher scholarship application for the summer semester
- **November 30** → Freemover scholarship application (application possible from June)





CEEPU Mobility types

STUDENT MOBILITY

Students (BS / MS):

- Semester mobility → minimum 3 months

Short Term Students (MS / PhD):

- Work on part of diploma thesis or PhD thesis → 1 – 3 months

Short Term Excursion

- Summer schools → 6 – 14 working days

TEACHERS MOBILITY

- no time limit
- workload of at least 6 teaching or supervising hours a week





CEEPUS Application

<https://www.ceepus.info/>

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CEEPUS - What's in a name

CEEPUS is an acronym for "Central European Exchange Program for University Studies"

The legal basis for CEEPUS is an International Agreement signed by the member states and open for accession.

The main activity of CEEPUS are university networks operating Joint programs ideally leading to Joint Degrees, esp. Joint Doctoral Programs. CEEPUS covers mobility grants for students and teachers in this framework.

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CEEPUS Member Countries

Albania	Croatia	Moldova	Serbia
Austria	Czech Republic	Montenegro	Slovakia
Bosnia-Herzegovina	Hungary	Poland	Slovenia
Bulgaria	Macedonia	Romania	Kosovo*

Welcome

... In the beginning there was the region, Danube countries and beyond. A region with a common history, albeit with different takes. A region with a strong tradition of academic cooperation that finally led to the first multilateral University exchange program in the region! On Jan 1, 1995 the CEEPUS I Agreement signed by Austria, Bulgaria, Hungary, Poland, the Slovak Republic and Slovenia entered into force. As the program proved a success, more and more countries kept joining and our objectives kept evolving: Today there are 15+ members states and CEEPUS III has entered into force on May 2, 2011. Since 1995 more than 30.000 students and teachers have been exchanged.

News

Mobility Application round for networks 13/14, winter term
 will be open from June 5, 2013 regular deadline of June 15 to extended until June 30

aviso Freemovers 13/14
 application will be possible from June 30, 2013. Deadline is Nov 30, 2013 - note that prior to the deadline processing is

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Why students / teachers like CEEPUS

- simple application → on-line system, low amount of paperwork
- scholarships covering living costs (depending on the country: accommodation, meals, travel costs – overview available at www.ceepus.info)
- flexible system with different types of mobility
- typical question: "Could ERASMUS be more like CEEPUS?"



CEEPU Network: CIII-HU-0003 Agriculture and Environment in the 21st Century - @groen

Network Coordinator:

- Szent István University, Faculty of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, HU, Dr. Zsuzsanna Tarr

Partners (17 institutions from 13 countries):

- Agricultural University of Tirana, Faculty of Agriculture, AL
- BOKU - University of Natural Resources and Applied Life Sciences, Vienna, Department of Applied Plant Sciences und Plant Biotechnology, AT
- University of National and World Economy, Department of Natural Resources Economics, BG
- University of South Bohemia České Budejovice, Faculty of Agriculture, CZ
- University of Zagreb, Faculty of Agriculture, HR
- J.J.Strossmayer University in Osijek, Faculty of Agriculture, HR
- University of Debrecen, Faculty of Agriculture, HU
- University of Montenegro, Biotechnical faculty, Centre for temperate fruit, medicinal and aromatic plants, ME
- University Sts.Cyril and Methodius - Skopje, Faculty for Agricultural Sciences and Food, MK
- Koszalin University of Technology, Faculty of Mechanical Engineering, PL
- Wrocław University of Environmental and Life Sciences, Faculty of Agriculture, PL
- "Politehnica" University of Timisoara, Mechanical Technology Department, Mechanical Engineering Faculty, RO
- University of Oradea, Department of Geography, History and International Relations, RO
- University of Novi Sad, Faculty of Agriculture, Department of Field and Vegetable Crops, RS
- Slovak University of Agriculture in Nitra, SAU Faculty of Agrobiological Sciences and Food Resources, SK
- University of Prishtina, Faculty of Agriculture and Veterinary, XZ



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- good collaboration that has continuously been implemented between the **University of Zagreb Faculty of Agriculture (FAZ)** and **Szent István University (SZIU)** in numerous activities:
 - Agreement on Co-operation (signed 2010 valid until cancelation)
 - joint research activities and projects
 - exchange of students, faculty members and research/technical specialist
 - development and implementation of joint seminars, training-courses or conferences
- from academic year 2001/02 FAZ participates as a partner in @groen network coordinated by SZIU
- very active partnership and good cooperation in the frame of @groen CEEPUS network
- @groen was among the best networks in 2008/09 academic year juried by Ministers of Education for the Ministers' Prize Award



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Key factors for successful @groen Network:

- motivated coordinators – communication!
- balanced traffic sheets
- well worked out rules within the network
- efficient and supportive NCO's
- extensive contacts with students and teachers
- promotion of common activities (summer schools)
- development and promotion of a joint programme → International Joint Degree Programme **Danube AgriFood Master**, Sustainability in Agriculture, Food Production and Food Technology in the Danube Region (DAFM)



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Summer Courses

- organised by Network coordinator SZIU if there where available months
→ covered topics in aquaculture, environment, climate changes, forest and agricultural ecosystems

International Summer School ▀ AGRIFOOD - THE HEARTBEAT OF RURAL AREAS

- organised by FAZ in cooperation with CASEE partners → September 1 - 8, 2014
- started the activities of DAFM joint programme
- target group: final year BS students, MS and PhD students from a life science disciplines
- main aim: to improve the mobility of students and multilateral cooperation between HEI in the Danube region on the development of agriculture, food production and technology and sustainable development

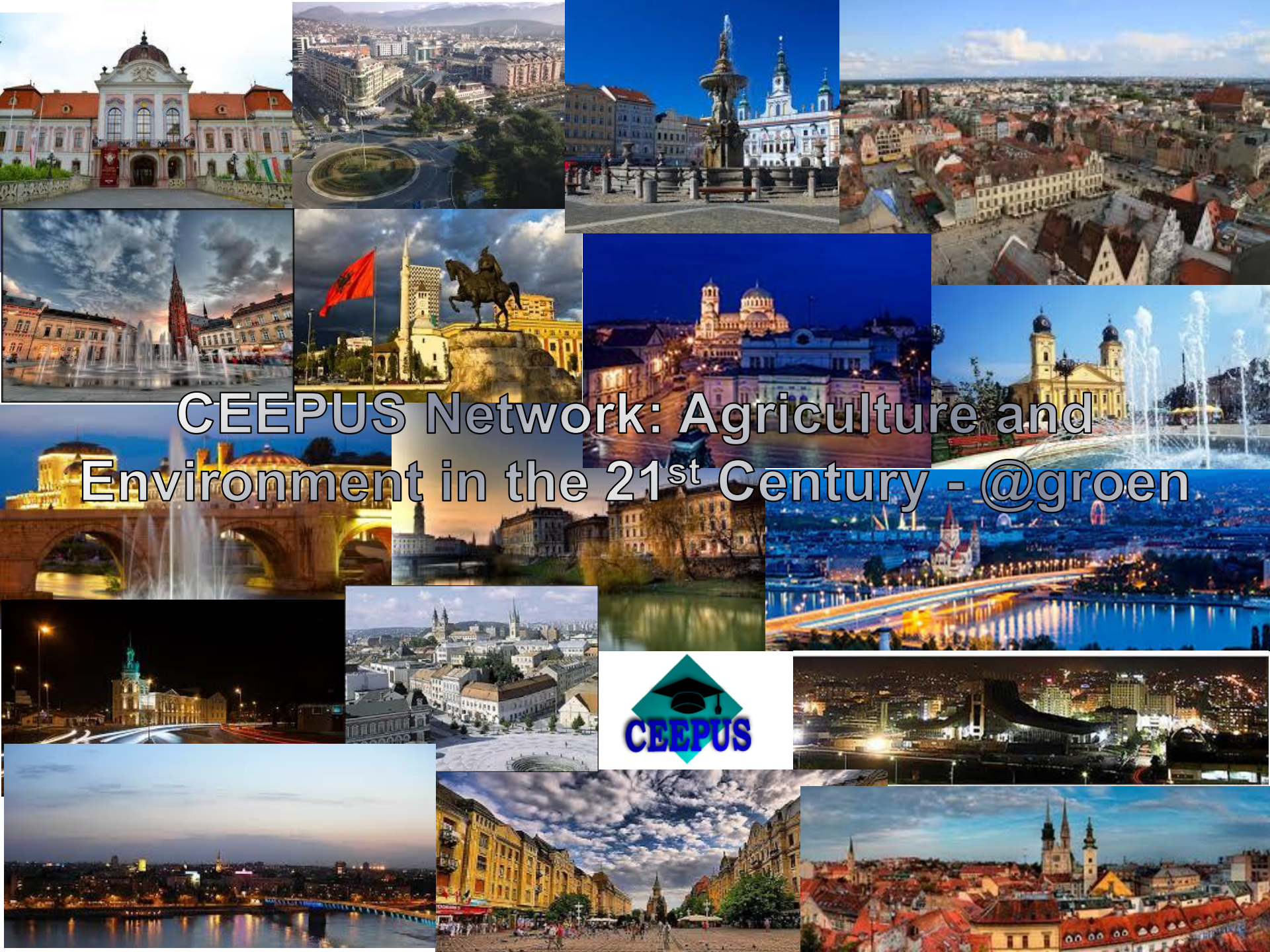


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International Summer School ■ AGRIFOOD - THE HEARTBEAT OF RURAL AREAS

- 18 participants from Austria, Croatia, Greece, Hungary, Italy and Macedonia
- 21 teachers from Austria, Croatia, Hungary, Italy, Slovakia and Serbia
- upon successful completion of the Summer school participants have earned 4 ECTS credits
- CEEPUS programme supported 7 students and 1 teacher (scholarships within short term students)
- Support of Croatian NCO and @agroen coordinator SZIU significantly helped the successful implementation of the summer school





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Thank you for your attention!

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Sustainability in Agriculture, Food Production and Food Technology in the Danube Region

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VISION

The program portfolio covers all relevant disciplines of science, **natural sciences, engineering, economics and social sciences**, offering extensive opportunities for interdisciplinary approaches.

Based on this comprehensive, scientific expertise, an International Joint Master Program is offered, which tries to make the **potential of interdisciplinarity** and the **cooperation of leading academic institutions in the Danube area** for young scientists fruitful.

Why a joint Master curriculum ?

- combines **knowledge and competences** of the partner universities
- strengthens **expertises** of partner universities by knowledge exchange
- takes advantage of **synergies** between our universities
- increases the **mobility** of the students
- increases the mobility of the researchers/teachers
- develops the **internationalisation** of our universities and students
- focus on **interdisciplinary** programs
- provides **intercultural** understanding
- increases the **employability** of our students
-

and it perfectly fits in the EU-Danube strategy!

Master within CASEE-network

- Life Sciences Universities in **C**entral and **S**outh **E**astern **E**urope
- A network **within ICA** (= Life Science Universities of Europe)

GOAL:

- support development implementatino of the EU-Strategy for the Danube region
- strengthen research, education and University development
- develop joint research, education and other projects



Development of a European dimension in education and research

Why Central and South Eastern Europe?

- **Historical links** between universities
- Region comprised of **EU** member states, candidate countries and possible candidates
 - Important region for the European Union development
- Region of **tremendous development** in ecological, economical and societal respect
- Region with a highly **significant potential** for further economical growth and improvement.
- **High cross-linking** of economies (investors, multi-national companies,...)

Why ICA-CASEE Joint master program

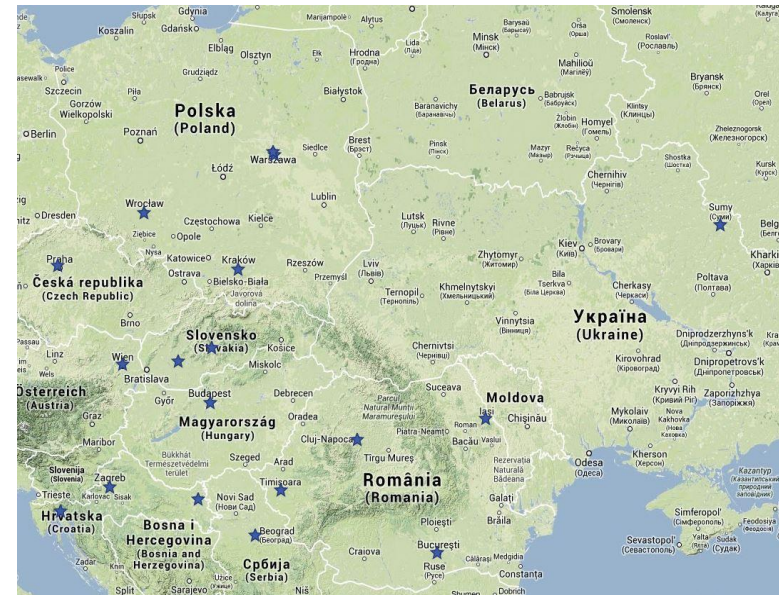
- Enormous **challenges for university development** at present
 - **Bologna process**
 - **Excellence** in research, education and university management (increasing competition between higher education institutions)
- **Specific challenges for life science universities** to develop the basis for the future development of mankind
 - Food and water security, environmental protection
 - Sustainable use of natural resources (soil, bioresources, water,...)
 - Development of high-end technological methods in biotechnology (biorefinery, renewable energy,.....)
 - Landscape development; town- and country planning
 - And many more.....

Joint degree-awarding universities:

- University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna, Austria (**BOKU**)
- Szent István University, Gödöllő, Hungary (**SZIU**)
- Banat University of Agricultural Sciences and Veterinary Medicine, Timisoara, Romania (**BUASVM**)
- University of Zagreb, Croatia (**UNZ**)
- University of Novi Sad, Serbia (**UNS**)

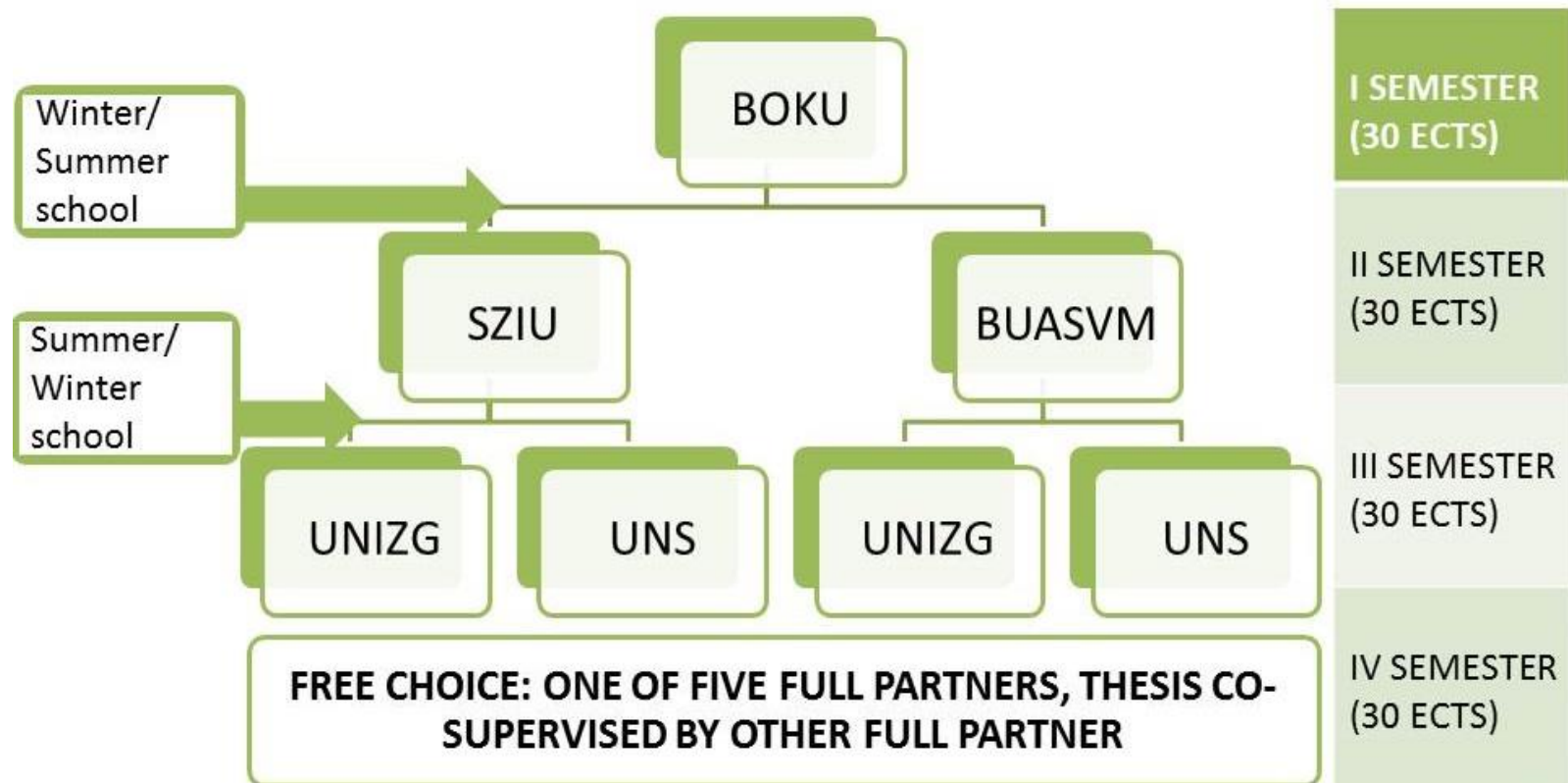
Associate partner universities:

- Czech University of Life Sciences, Prague, Republic (**CULS**)
- Slovak Agricultural University Nitra, Slovakia (**SUA**)
- Corvinus University, Budapest, Hungary (**COR**)
- Warsaw University of Life Sciences, Poland (**WULS**)



Key points:

- Joint Degree between BOKU, SZIE, BUASVM, UNZ, UNS
- Courses, summer/winter schools, excursions...) by associate partner universities



- 4. Semester Master thesis and Graduation at one degree-awarding university, co-supervision of Master thesis by second university partner
- students will attend at least **3 different universities!!**
- additional obligatory: 2 Summer / Winter schools

SUSTAINABILITY IN AGRICULTURE, FOOD PRODUCTION AND FOOD TECHNOLOGY IN THE DANUBE REGION

Focus Areas (9):

- Sustainable Rural and Regional Development and Policy
- Food Safety and Consumer Science*
- Biodiversity and Sustainable Use of Natural Resources
- Sustainable Agriculture*
- Soil, Water and Climate*
- Biotechnology
- Regional Specialities
- Sustainable Energy Systems
- Intercultural Learning*, including 2 Summer / Winter schools (each 4 ECTS)

* Compulsory Focus Areas, 60 ECTS

International Joint Degree Programme Danube AgriFood Master

Sustainability in Agriculture
Food Production and Food Technology
in the Danube Region





Joint-Master-Program:

"Sustainability in Agriculture, Food Production and Food Technology"

- ✓ a Master-program for students with background in Agriculture, Biotechnology, Food Science, Foodtechnology.....
- ✓ an interdisciplinary and intercultural program

www.ica-casee.eu



How to Apply

You can download the Application Form from this website:
www.ica-casee.eu

All documents must be submitted to:
Danube AgriFood Master Secretariat
Center for International Relations
University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences
Peter Jordan Stasse 82a
1190 Vienna, AUSTRIA
e-mail: agrifood-casee@boku.ac.at

Consortium application deadline

For **ALL candidates**
6th January



The Programme Danube AgriFood Master has won the **Sustainability Award 2014** - Award of the Austrian Federal Ministry of Science, Research and Economics and of the Austrian Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management

The Programme Danube AgriFood Master was also selected as "**UN-Project of the Decade**" by the Austrian UNESCO Commission in 2014

THANK YOU

