

Title of the BIP		FOREST MANAGEMENT AND BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION IN ROMANIA
General information		
<b>Objectives and description</b>		<p>The main objective is to analyse the Romanian forest management system, high conservation values and forest conservation measures. Students will have the opportunity to identify conservation elements, to assess forest habitats with high conservation value and to learn how Romanian natural areas conserve biodiversity elements.</p> <p><b>Objectives:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Understanding the national network of protected natural areas in different IUCN categories and the types of protected area management;</li> <li>-Learning to apply vegetation inventory methods: specific sampling techniques, conducting surveys, data processing and analysis.</li> <li>-Identifying active measures to protect conservation objectives in protected natural areas.</li> </ul>
<b>Methods and outcomes</b>		<p>The BIP program uses a blended learning approach, effectively integrating several teaching methods to cover both theoretical and practical aspects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Introductory lectures (online component): The 8-hour online session is used to provide fundamental knowledge through presentations by experts.</li> <li>- Physical component: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Peer learning: The session of presentations and discussions by participating students allows for the exchange of perspectives and knowledge about forest management in different countries, enriching the educational experience.</li> <li>2. Technical demonstrations: The program specifically includes data collection using modern techniques, which involves practical demonstrations and training on the use of current equipment and research methods in the field of biodiversity conservation and forest management.</li> <li>3. Field practice (learning by doing) and project-based learning: This is the central component of the physical program (48 hours).</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Outcomes: 1. Justification of sustainable forest management and biodiversity conservation in protected natural areas  Result 1.1: The student is familiar with the management of protected natural areas; Result 1.2. The student describes the components, phenomena, and processes specific to the economic framework of the forestry sector from the perspective of the direct and indirect benefits provided by protected natural areas; Result 1.3. The student uses modern techniques to collect the data necessary for biodiversity assessment; Result 1.4. The student makes descriptions (surveys) of vegetation and maps forest habitats in protected natural areas  2. Applying measures to protect, improve, and increase the productivity of forest ecosystems in protected natural areas  Result 2.1. Students assess the current state of the forest using specific inventory and monitoring methods, analyze the effect of the management measures applied, and propose solutions to improve the functional effectiveness of the tree stands; Result 2.2. Students identify and set conservation objectives in protected natural areas; Result 2.3. Graduates have the ability to establish appropriate conservation measures for maintaining biodiversity in protected natural areas.</p>
<b>Field of Education</b>		Forestry
<b>Target Audience / Participants profile</b>		Target: Students at Bachelor's degree, Forestry study program (or close to this programme) with minimum knowledge on terminology related to the disciplines of Botany, Dendrology, Soils, Ecology, wildlife management or GIS.
<b>Nº of ECTS issued</b>		3 ECTS
<b>Language of instruction requirements</b>		English B2
<b>Dates for Physical activities</b>		08.06.2026-12.06.2026
<b>Location of physical activities</b>		Brașov, Building S of Transylvania University of Brașov, Beethoven Street No. 1, 500123, Brașov Field trips (UNITBV teaching facilities in Brașov, Bucegi Natural Park, Lake St. Ana, Piatra Craiului National Park - Zărnești)
<b>Dates for virtual component</b>		26.05.2026
<b>Virtual Component Description</b>		The 8-hour online session is used to provide fundamental knowledge through presentations given by experts (e.g., introduction to Romania's forests, forest management, biodiversity conservation). This component includes interactive sessions, including interaction between participants to facilitate group cohesion before the physical component.
Organizing board		
<b>Receiving/Host university</b>		Faculty of Silviculture and forest engineering/Transilvania University of Brasov, BIP coordinator: Aureliu-Florin HĂLĂLIŞAN, Erasmus Coordinator: Mihnea CĂTĂEANU
<b>Sending/Partner universities</b>		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Czech University of Life Sciences Prague (Cehia)</li> <li>2. Poznań University of Life Sciences (Polonia)</li> <li>3. Faculty of Forestry Zvolen/Tehnical University (Slovakia)</li> <li>4. Universities from UNITA: University of Torino, Public University of Navarre</li> </ol>

## Detailed program

07.06.2026, Arrival of participants, accomodation.  
 08.06.2026, physical activity, 8 hours;  
 Opening of the Erasmus event, Building S;  
 visit to the UNITBV campus and teaching facilities  
 Presentations and discussions by participating students on forests in different participating countries  
 09.06.2026, physical activity, 8 hours;  
 Field data collection – Working visit to the forests around Brașov  
 Data collection using modern techniques - Prof. Dr. Eng. Adrian INDREICA, Prof. Dr. Eng. Mihai NIȚĂ and Ph.D Lecturer Mihnea CĂȚEANU  
 10.06.2026, physical activity, 8 hours;  
 Practical applications in Bucegi Natural Park: conservation objectives – Prof. Adrian INDREICA, Ph.D Lecturer Mihnea CĂȚEANU, Prof. Florin HĂLĂLIȘAN, PhD. Lecturer Raluca Elena ENESCU.  
 11.06.2026, physical activity, 8 hours;  
 Practical applications in Piatra Craiului National Park: conservation objectives – Prof. Dr. Eng. Adrian INDREICA, Prof. Dr. Eng. Florin HĂLĂLIȘAN, PhD. Lecturer Raluca Elena ENESCU, PhD. Lecturer Mihnea CĂȚEANU  
 12.06.2026, physical activity, 8 hours;  
 Analysis of collected data - Prof. Dr. Eng. Adrian INDREICA, Prof. Dr. Eng. Florin HĂLĂLIȘAN, PhD. Lecturer Raluca Elena ENESCU, PhD. Lecturer Mihnea CĂȚEANU  
 Analysis and interpretation of results  
 Presentation of results  
 Conclusions on practical aspects  
 \*Field trips have low-medium difficulty and require hiking equipment.

## Application procedure

<b>Fill in application form available here:</b>	Students with interest in forestry and conservation biodiversity will apply at their home university. Acceptance by UNITBV is based on student's <b>letter of intent</b> (the letter should include information about how does the BIP programme support interest and professional goals, why students are applying for this BIP programme and existing links (connections) to the domain of this BIP programme (maximum 2 pages). <b>Universities will send to outgoing-sd@unitbv.ro the student nomination lists together with their letters of intent until 23 March 2026.</b> In 30 March 2026 UNITBV will communicate the results of selection. Details for contact person in UNITBV: Administrative aspects: outgoing-sd@unitbv.ro Academic aspects: aureliu.halalisan@unitbv.ro, Aureliu-Florin Halalisan, BIP Coordinator
<b>Deadline for application</b>	<b>23.03.2026</b>
<b>Facilities provided to participants (housing, meals, ...)</b>	Accommodation offered in UNITBV residence, around 15 euro/night, limited availability Lunch: offered by UNITBV Internal travel: offered by UNITBV Travel to Brasov: not included.



# Blended Intensive Programme (BIP): FOREST MANAGEMENT AND BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION IN ROMANIA

Are you passionate about forests and their preservation? Join our blended intensive program in Brașov, Romania, where we delve into the fascinating world of sustainable forest management.

Here's what you can expect:

1. Historical Context: Explore the evolution of forest management in Romania, from pre-communist times to the present day.
2. Challenges and Solutions: Discover the enablers and barriers toward sustainable forest management. We'll discuss about forest certification, protected areas, monitoring and conservation values.
3. Field Excursions: Immerse yourself in Romania's lush forests during guided field trips.
4. Biodiversity Conservation: Understand the vital role forests play in maintaining biological diversity. Our experts will highlight conservation strategies and best practices.



Join us on this exciting journey to protect forests for generations to come!

Dates for physical activity:  
**08.06.2026-12.06.2026**

Place: Brașov, Romania



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