



**BLENDED INTENSIVE PROGRAMME**  
**REGIONS, PEOPLE AND PLACES:**  
**HUMAN GEOGRAPHY FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

**INFORMATION:**

**Organizer:** Department of Socio-Economic Geography and Faculty of Geology and Geography, Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski, Sofia, Bulgaria

**Partners:** Faculty of Regional Development and International Studies, Mendel University, Brno and Faculty of Geography, Babeş-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania

**Name of the Blended Intensive Program (BIP):** Regions, People and Places: Human Geography for Sustainable Development

**When:** 01-05 June 2026 (+ 2 days for travel)

**Where:** Kiten, Bulgaria - <https://maps.app.goo.gl/q3yhCTJAo3332tVL9>

**DESCRIPTION OF THE BLENDED INTENSIVE PROGRAM:**

The blended intensive programme entitled Regions, People and Places: Human Geography for Sustainable Development offers an excellent opportunity for BSc, MSc and PhD students in Geography and related disciplines to engage in a dynamic combination of theoretical knowledge and practical experience. The programme focuses on contemporary themes in human geography and regional development, with particular attention to spatial inequalities, demographic change, and the interaction between rural and urban areas in the context of sustainability.

This mobility enables students to critically analyse regional and social processes shaping sustainable futures, using established methods of geographical observation, mapping and spatial analysis. Major topics explored include population and mobility trends, cultural landscapes, urbanisation, rural revitalisation, sea tourism, and the protection and management of natural and cultural territories.

The programme combines lectures, workshops and field-based activities, where experiential learning plays a central role in connecting theory and practice. Interactive group work encourages participants to develop communication, research and analytical skills, particularly in the use of English for academic and professional purposes. The BIP also fosters intercultural dialogue and teamwork among students from different European universities, strengthening their ability to understand and address the complex spatial challenges of sustainable regional development.



**Number of credits to be earned upon successful completion of the course:** 3 ECTS

**Language of instruction:** English

**Target group:** students (BA, MA, PhD)

#### **TIMETABLE**

<b>Date/Period</b>	<b>Activity</b>
May 2026 (exact dates will be communicated later on)	Virtual component
31 <sup>st</sup> May 2026	Travel day (from home country to Kiten, Bulgaria)
01 – 05 June 2026	Physical mobility in Kiten, Bulgaria
06 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	Travel day (from Kiten, Bulgaria to home country)

#### **WHY PARTICIPATE IN THE BLENDED INTENSIVE PROGRAMME:**

- You will deepen your knowledge of the course topic;
- You will gain intercultural experience, experience working in an international team, and acquaintances among students from the participating universities;
- You will receive 3 ECTS.