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BIP UNIZD ZADAR 2026 – Agroecology and Sustainable Agriculture

At the **University of Zadar**, we are pleased to announce the organization of a **Blended Intensive Programme (BIP)** entitled “**Agroecology and Sustainable Agriculture Practices in Mediterranean Environments.**”

This **3-ECTS programme**, scheduled for **September 2026**, offers students a unique opportunity to learn in **authentic Mediterranean settings** while collaborating with **international peers**, academic staff and local experts. By combining online preparation with an intensive on-site programme in Zadar and its surrounding rural areas, participants will explore **sustainable agriculture, agroecology, cultural heritage** and **rural entrepreneurship** through **hands-on, field-based learning**.

And honestly—September in Zadar, learning in olive groves, vineyards and a 3,000-year-old city by the sea... why wouldn't you join? 🌿🍇🏛️🌊☀️

WHY JOIN THIS BIP?

- This **Erasmus+ Blended Intensive Programme** is more than a course — it is an immersive **Mediterranean experience** where **sustainability, tradition and innovation** come together.
- Set in **authentic Mediterranean landscapes**, this programme offers a **dynamic, field-based learning experience** where sustainability meets tradition. By combining **agroecology, innovation, cultural heritage and rural entrepreneurship**, it connects **academic knowledge** with **real-world agricultural practice**.
- Bringing together **international students and educators**, this BIP fosters an **inspiring environment for collaboration, knowledge exchange and intercultural learning**.
- Participants gain **hands-on experience** in Mediterranean agroecosystems while developing **practical skills, critical thinking and a deeper understanding of sustainable agriculture within a European context**.

WHAT MAKES THIS PROGRAMME UNIQUE?

Participants can expect a **rich and engaging experience** based on **intensive field-based learning**, including:

- 🌿 **Field-based learning** in authentic Mediterranean landscapes
- 🌍 **International and intercultural out-of-classroom experience**
- 🌿 **Practical skills** in olive growing, viticulture and beekeeping
- 🏛️ **UNESCO cultural and landscape heritage** exploration
- 🌱 Focus on **sustainability, agroecology and rural entrepreneurship**



PROGRAMME STRUCTURE (1&2)



1. ONLINE PREPARATION (1 ECTS) 31 AUGUST – 4 SEPTEMBER 2026

Online via **Microsoft Teams**

The **online preparation phase** includes:







-  Introduction to **Mediterranean agroecology and sustainable agriculture**
-  Interactive lectures on **sustainable development and food safety**
-  Exploration of **agroecological olive growing practices**
-  Insights into **beekeeping and the role of bees in agroecosystems**
-  Use of **digital tools and methods in agroecology**
-  Interactive workshop and student engagement activities

This phase provides the **theoretical foundation** for the on-site programme, preparing students for **hands-on, field-based learning** and practical application in real agricultural systems.

2. ON-SITE INTENSIVE PROGRAMME IN ZADAR & REGION (2 ECTS) 7–11 SEPTEMBER 2026

The on-site phase is the **core of the programme**, built on hands-on, field-based learning in the **rural areas of the Zadar region**. All activities are **professionally guided by experts** from the University of Zadar, combining **theory with real-life agricultural practice**.



During this intensive week, **students will engage in:**

-  **Beekeeping practices** and understanding the role of bees in agroecosystems
-  **Traditional olive growing** and sustainable olive oil production
-  **Grape harvest activities** and sustainable viticulture
-  **Experience one of the largest and most historic traditional fairs in the region**, connecting with **local producers and short food supply chains**.
-  Insights into **rural entrepreneurship and community-based initiatives**
-  **Team-based project work** and final student presentations

This on-site component allows students to **apply knowledge directly in real agricultural environments** while **strengthening collaboration, intercultural exchange and practical problem-solving skills**.

WHO CAN APPLY?

This programme is ideal for students interested in **sustainable agriculture and agroecology** who enjoy **hands-on learning** and working in an **international environment**.

So, if you are seeking for an international journey that blends learning, landscape and culture—where sustainability is not only studied but experienced—this BIP is your invitation to discover the Mediterranean way of life rooted in tradition, resilience and respect for nature.  

ASSESSMENT & CERTIFICATION

Assessment is based on **active participation, teamwork and a final project presentation**. Successful participants are **awarded 3 ECTS credits**.

COSTS & FUNDING

The programme is **free of charge**.

Travel, accommodation and subsistence costs may be supported through **Erasmus+ funding** via participants' home institutions.

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