

#### Central European Joint Infoday 2022

Focus on the Erasmus+ centralised actions in higher education and cooperation with partner countries

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#### Good Practice – Danube AgriFood Joint Master Degree at MATE

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#### 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/ researchers/teachers
- develops the internationalisation of our universities and students
- focus on interdisciplinary programs
- provides intercultural understanding

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- increases the employability of our students

#### + EU support – Erasmus Mundus Joint Master (EMJM)

#### Master within CASEE-network



Life Sciences Universities in Central and South Eastern Europe (CASEE) A network within ICA (= Life Science Universities of Europe)

> **CASEE - The ICA Regional Network for Central and South Eastern Europe** The Life Science Universities of Central and South Eastern Europe are the basis for sustainable, ecological and economic development of the region.

GOAL:

- support development implementation 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 Southern 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,...)



# 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.....





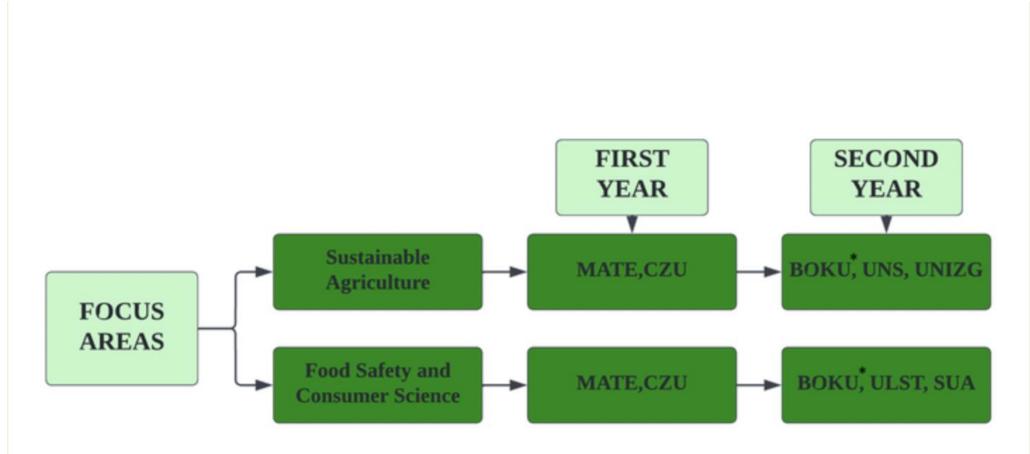
## Joint degree awarding institutions

- Hungarian University of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Hungary (MATE)
- Czech University of Life Sciences, Prague, Czech Republic (CZU)
- University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna, Austria (BOKU)
- University of Life Sciences, "King Michael I.", Timisoara, Romania (ULST)
- University of Zagreb, Croatia (UNIZG)
- University of Novi Sad, Serbia (UNS)
- Slovak Agricultural University Nitra, Slovakia (SUA)



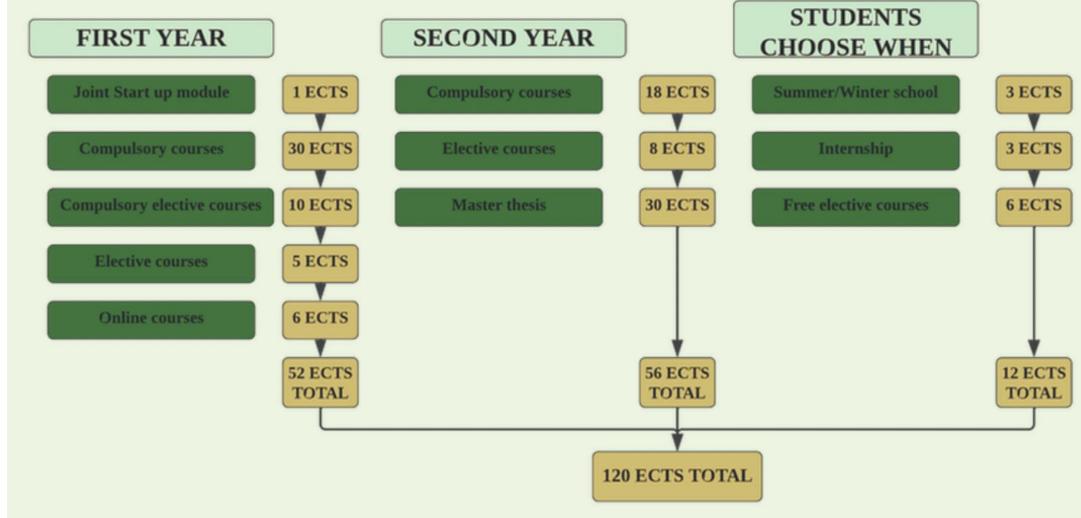


#### Mobility track





## **Curriculum design**



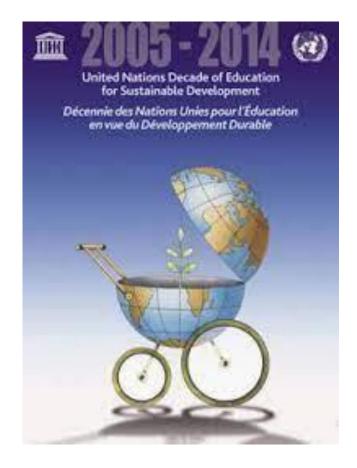


# Learning outcomes

- capability to critically select and apply adequate methods for sustainability in agriculture, food production and food technology,
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- deep knowledge of agriculture and food production under the aspect of sustainability in the Danube Region,
- understand the relevance of the principle of sustainability generally and especially for Danube Region,
  - understand the development of Danube Region from point of view of ecology, rural development and cultural history,
    - capability to analyse social interactions in an intercultural context,
    - fluent in English,
    - convey research proposals, reports and scientific papers to a wider public audience



## Awards and prizes



#### 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



# 7-year trials

year of submission	gained scores	funding threshold	relevance	eligible no of submitted projects	funded projects
2015	76	79		76	15
2016	77	78		89	27
2017	74	80	34 (85%)	116	38
2018	formal defect			110	
2019	77	80	34 (85%)	91	44
2020	77,5	81	34,5 (86,25%)	100	40
2021	85			70	25



# Criterion 1- Relevance (2021)

"The overall and specific objectives are very well defined and are relevant to the EMJM.

The joint masters clearly addresses the needs identified from appropriate sources, for example, institutions, business sector, students, lectures, scholars and policy makers.

The needs clearly respond to the UN Agenda 2030.

The EMJM is critical to achieving strategic food production and security goals.

The scientific areas of the academic content are properly identified.

The project has potential to increase the attractiveness of the European Higher Education Area, which is attributed to the popularity of previous editions, successes and accolades of the programme, and the strong participation of the food industry.

The strategy for internationalisation is credible since results of the programme can be transferred and adapted to any river basin region."



# Annex (max 50 pages)

- **Consortium Agreement**
- Student's Agreement
- Communication and visibility plan
- Letter of supports (associated partners, agencies, associations and networks, ministries, NGOs, Chambers, research institutes, farms/firms, institutions from Heading 4 region etc.)





#### Website: agrifoodmaster.eu



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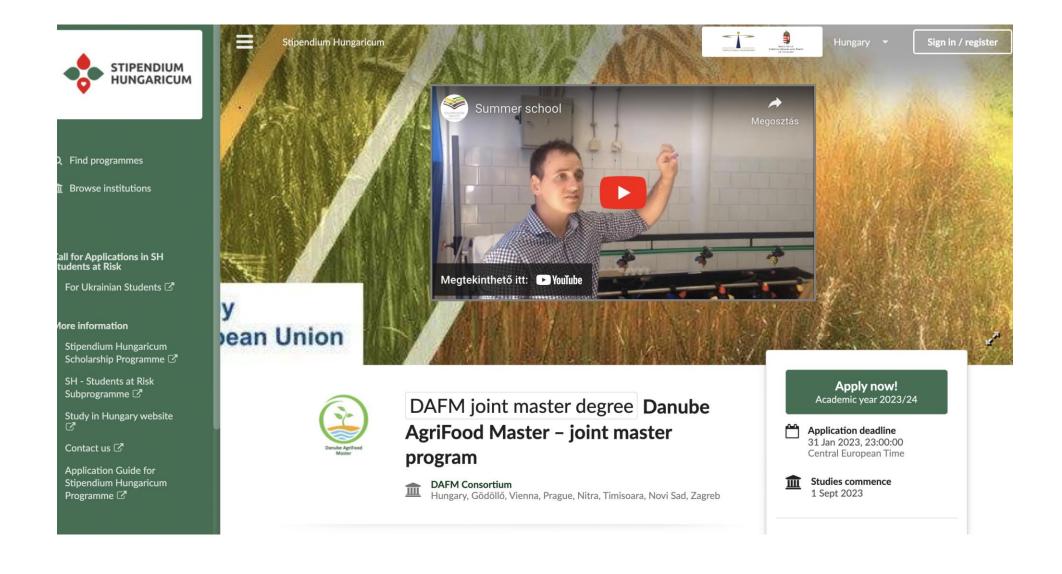


Joint Master degree study "Sustainability in Agriculture, Food Production and Food Technology in the Danube Region" (Danube AgriFood Master – DAFM) focuses on sustainable development as competent response to the upcoming challenges of climate change and protection and promotion of livelihoods. It uses the Danube region as a model region for all riparian regions worldwide.



APPLY HERE

#### **Online application surface**





## **Results of the first call**

1st intake DAFM - open from 15th Febr - 15th March - extended by 2 more weeks 31st March (in search for EU candidates)

Total of accepted applications: 522 (Nigeria-208, Pakistan-68, Ghana-39, Ethiopia-25, Kenya-14, Bangladesh-13, India-11)

1st Intake enrolled students: 25 (MATE 14/CZU 11)

Scholarshipholders: 20 Tuitions fee waived: 5



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Nationalities: EUROPE - Czech: 1, Greece: 1, Kosovo: 2
MIDDLE EAST - Syria: 1
ASIA - Pakistan: 4, Nepal: 2, India: 2, Bhutan: 1, Philippines:1, Sri Lanka: 1
AFRICA - Ethiopia: 2, Ghana: 2, Kenya: 1, Nigeria: 4
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# Thanks a lot for your attention and good luck to your application!



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