

"UNITA - Rural Mobility"

Call proposed by Universitatea de Vest din Timișoara Romania in 2022

ART. 1 – SCOPE AND DESTINATION OF MOBILITY

The [UNITA Project](#) has among its key actions to enhance the international experience of its students through the implementation of mobilities that respect the quality requirements of the Erasmus Charter for Higher Education in all aspects related to the organization and management of mobility.

UNITA is composed of six comprehensive research universities from five countries:

- Universidade de Beira Interior (UBI)
- Universidad de Zaragoza (UNIZAR)
- Université de Pau et des Pays de l'Adour (UPPA)
- Université Savoie Mont Blanc (USMB)
- Università di Torino (UniTO)
- Universitatea de Vest din Timișoara (UVT)

In the framework of this action, the project "UNITA - Rural Mobility" is created with the aim of opening mobility channels that reinforce the competences and improve the employability of university students. "UNITA - Rural Mobility" is a programme of university internships for UNITA-Universities Partner Students' in entities and companies in rural municipalities.

For the "UNITA - Rural Mobility" call proposed by Universitatea de Vest din Timișoara (UVT) in 2022, in collaboration with our local partners: We Wilder Romania, Timiș County Directorate for Culture and ADEPT Transylvania Foundation, there are 4 different destinations for the internships to take place, as follows:

#1: Armeniș, Carpathian Mountains, Romania

The internships will take place in the rural community of Armeniș, Carpathian Mountains, Romania. The scope of these internships is to contribute our newest ambitious project in Armeniș, WeWilder Campus <https://www.wewilder.com/>- an innovation and community development hub located in Armeniș, a wild pocket of nature in Europe (see also Annex I).

#2: Mehadia, Banat Mountains, Romania

The internships will take place in the rural community of Mehadia, Banat Mountains, Romania. The scope of these internships is to contribute to activities of scientific research (archaeological excavations, conservation and restoration actions etc.) in a roman archaeological site in Mehadia 'Praetorium' (see also Annex II).

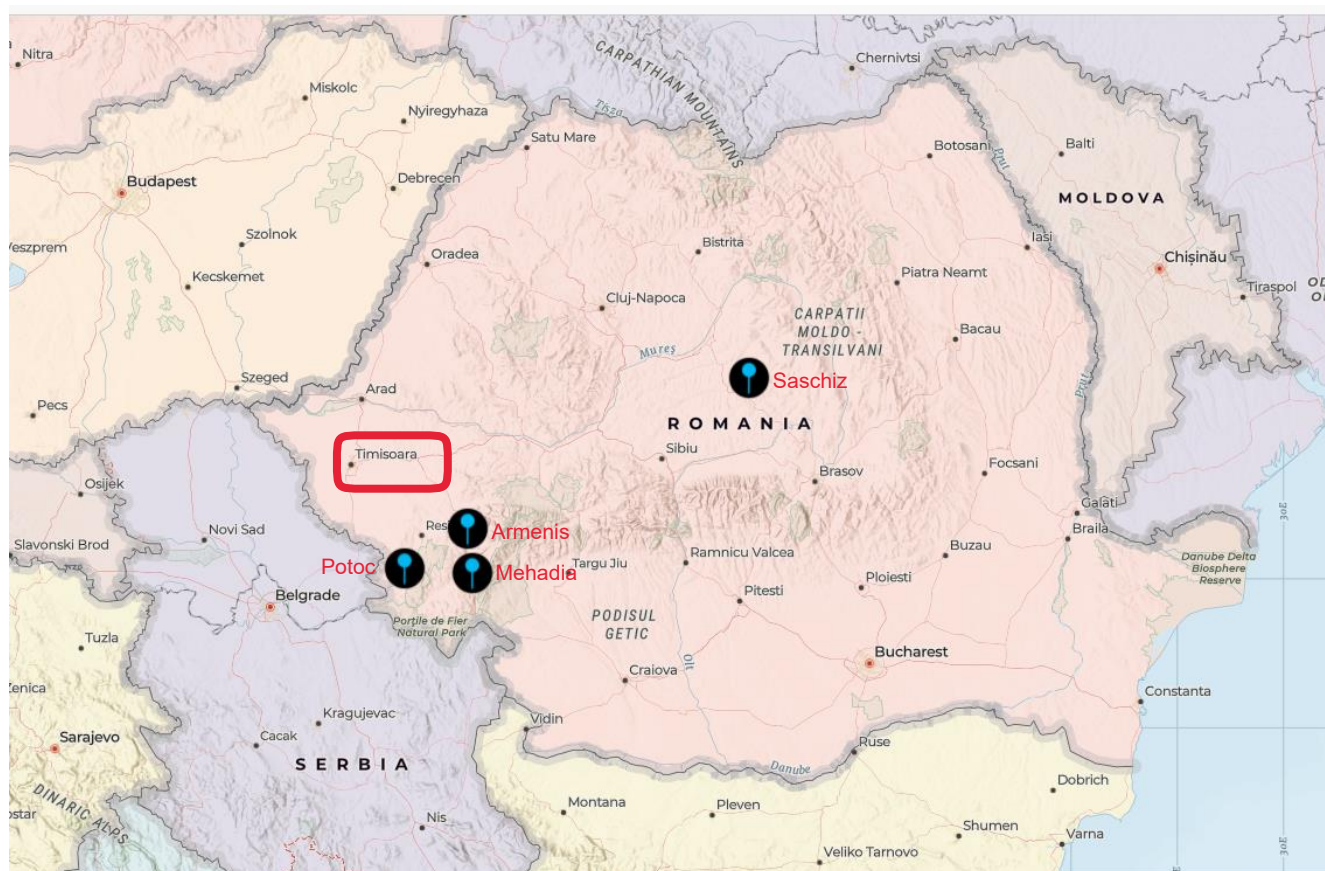
#3: Potoc, Socolari and Ildia, Caraș-Severin County, Romania

The internships will take place in the rural communities of Potoc, Socolari and Ildia, Caraș-Severin County, Romania, 100 km from Timișoara. The scope of these internships is to familiarize students with

actions to protect and promote the cultural and natural heritage in a nature reserve area and protected historical sites (see also Annex III).

#4: Saschiz, Carpathian Mountains, Romania

The internships will take place in the rural community of Saschiz, Southern Transylvania, Carpathian Mountains, Romania. The scope of these internships is to inform the students on and involve them in various activities related to nature conservation and biodiversity preservation and enhancement such as flora and fauna monitoring and concrete grassland restoration activities, but also other type of activities mobilizing the local rural communities - fairs, events, gatherings etc. (see also Annex IV).



[#1: Armenis, Carpathian Mountains, Romania](#)

[#2: Mehadia, Banat Mountains, Romania](#)

[#3: Potoc, Socolari and Ilidia, Caraș-Severin County, Romania](#)

[#4: Saschiz, Carpathian Mountains, Romania](#)

ART. 2 – PLACES OFFERED

#1: Armeniș, Carpathian Mountains, Romania	#2: Mehadia, Banat Mountains, Romania	#3: Potoc, Socolari and Ilidia, Caraș-Severin County, Romania	#4: Saschiz, Carpathian Mountains, Romania
Local partner: We Wilder Romania	Local partner: Timiș County Directorate for Culture	Local partner: Timiș County Directorate for Culture	Local partner: ADEPT Transylvania Foundation, Romania
The rural community of Armeniș will host 5 UNITA students in total, one from each partner University within the UNITA Consortium. If any vacancy is left, the next university student on the waiting list of each University will fill it.	The rural community of Mehadia will host 5 UNITA students in total, one from each partner University within the UNITA Consortium. If any vacancy is left, the next university student on the waiting list of each University will fill it.	The rural communities of Potoc, Socolari and Ilidia will host 10 UNITA students in total, two from each partner University within the UNITA Consortium. If any vacancy is left, the next university student on the waiting list of each University will fill it.	The rural communities of the Saxon Villages Romania, will host up to 5 UNITA students in total, two from each partner University within the UNITA Consortium. If any vacancy is left, the next university student on the waiting list of each University will fill it.
For the summer of 2022 mission, the UNITA student applicants should fulfil one or more of the following profiles: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Digital marketing - supporting marketing for WeWilder in ongoing campaigns and community building; must have an idea about paid advertising and influencer marketing. 2. Copywriting/storytelling - a person good with words, in the format of status updates, headlines and calls to action or longer forms like blog posts. 3. Photographer/videographer - the go to person that always has an eye for what is going on. Nice to have good equipment or at least a very good phone. 	For the summer of 2022 mission, the UNITA student applicants should fulfil one or more of the following profiles: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. History, Archaeology 2. Geography 3. Topography 4. Conservation/Restauration 5. Photography / Videography – for documenting the project 	For the summer of 2022 mission, the UNITA student applicants should fulfil one or more of the following profiles: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. History, Archaeology 2. Geography, Biology 3. Social Sciences and Humanities 4. Arts and Design 5. Photography / Videography – for documenting the project 	For the summer of 2022 mission, the UNITA student applicants should fulfil one or more of the following profiles: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Nature conservation 2. Ecotourism 3. Monitoring of flora and fauna 4. Photography/ Videography – for documenting the project 5. Community-based project development, involving school children

<p>4. Designer/Architect - a person who is good at drawing ideas on paper and in a CAD software, but ideally who knows a thing or two about how to work with wood.</p> <p>5. Hospitality/hotel-management - a person who studies management, but would love to get at the practical side of things. It is a plus if they already study management for tourism.</p>			
<p>In terms of logistics, the UNITA students would be housed in a local B&B, a traditional local house that have been restored in the last couple of years. All food will be provided by local families from traditional sources.</p> <p>It will be desirable that at least one of the students has a driver's license and is comfortable driving a car for the group as Armeniș is a scattered mountain village and distances are not always small. Also, at that time the WWF team will be hands on to finalize the construction of WeWilder campus, organizing community events and wild tours. Also, the group may be involved in hospitality services for tourists or ecological endeavors.</p> <p>The WeWilder team you will be in touch with consists of Oana Mondoc, Business & Community Coordinator, Alina Floroi, Culture and Operations Coordinator, Wilderness Guide and Reservations Manager.</p> <p>The internship encourages a strong feeling of autonomy and real life experience, in which the WeWilder team</p>	<p>In terms of logistics, the UNITA students would be housed in 2 persons/bungalows. All food will be provided from local sources.</p>	<p>In terms of logistics, the UNITA students would be housed in rural guest houses. All food will be provided from local sources.</p>	<p>In terms of logistics the UNITA students will be housed in the Angofa school, a local accommodation venue. All food will be provided by local family, from local sources.</p>

<p>will provide the general framework and support, and the UNITA students can organize according to the challenges.</p>			
<p>The est. cost per person for a group of 5 UNITA students that will cover room & board as well as a designated car is:</p> <p>€15e/night accommodation</p> <p>€25/day 3 catered meals optionally the students can opt for 1, 2 or no meals but considering the dynamic context with lots happening we highly recommend considering 1-2 meals catered at minimum</p> <p>€7/day car & transport costs</p>	<p>The est. cost per person for a group of 5 UNITA students that will cover room & board:</p> <p>€20/night accommodation</p> <p>€25/day 3 catered meals</p>	<p>The est. cost per person for a group of 10 UNITA students that will cover room & board:</p> <p>€20/night accommodation</p> <p>€25/day 3 catered meals</p>	<p>The est. cost per person for a group of 10 UNITA students that will cover room & board:</p> <p>€20/night accommodation</p> <p>€25/day 3 catered meals</p> <p>€7/day car & transport costs</p>
<p>The internship will last 3 weeks and will take place from July 4th to July 24th 2022.</p>	<p>The internship will last 3/4 weeks and will take place from August 1st to August 28th 2022, in 2 modules*: August 1st -21st - Archaeological excavations August 22nd - 28th - Conservation and restoration <i>*The UNITA student(s) may choose to register for the 1st module only or for both.</i></p>	<p>The internship will last 3 weeks and will take place from July 4th to July 24th 2022, in 3 modules: July 4th – 10th - Designing action, identification of main sites for signalling and study July 11th – 17th - Workshops and creating the cultural and natural site signalling materials July 18th – 24th - Locating the signalling materials in the identified locations</p>	<p>The internship will last 3 weeks and will take place from July 4th to July 24th 2022.</p>

ART. 3 – RECIPIENTS

Students from the universities of the UNITA Consortium can apply if they are regularly enrolled in the academic year 2020-2021 in a:

- undergraduate degree programme (with at least 90 ECTS passed);
- postgraduate degree programme;
- PhD.

ART. 4 – ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Art. 4.1 - Academic requirements

UNITA students participating in the programme must be enrolled in the academic year 2021-2022, on the date of submission of applications, in official undergraduate (with at least 90 ECTS passed) or postgraduate degree programme or PhD at the Universities of the UNITA Consortium.

This mobility is compatible with other international mobility programmes as long as the two mobility periods do not overlap.

Art. 4.2 – Language requirements

For applications to be valid, candidates must prove their level with at least:

- B1 level of English required;
- A2 level of Romanian recommended.

UNITA students must prove their required languages levels by presenting a language certificate (certificate of level of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR), valid international certificate, home institution certificate, self-certification, etc.).

ART. 5 – RECOGNITION OF ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES DURING THE MOBILITY

The "UNITA - Rural Mobility" programme within the UNITA - Universitas Montium project is considered a training experience for the internationalization of the academic career.

In this regard, the recognition of the activities carried out during the mobility must be agreed by completing the "Learning Agreement for Rural Mobility".

The training activity can be recognized in ECTS according to the regulation of each institution.

For the purposes of recognition, students must submit within 3 weeks of the end of the mobility to their respective UNITA Office the relevant documentation certifying the activity carried out (final section of the "Learning Agreement for Rural Mobility" called "After the mobility", containing the learning outcomes and dates of the mobility period certified by the partner institution).

ART. 6 – FINANCIAL SUPPORT

The payment of the grant is subject to the student's acceptance of a Rural Mobility Grant Agreement. The contract outlines payment times and methods, but it also specifies that no payment will be made to the beneficiary until the student has signed the Mobility contract.

The UNITA student will receive financial support in the form of a lump sum to cover subsistence expenses (food and accommodation) and shall be paid in one instalment to the student directly, via bank transfer (in the student's IBAN account). The grant is calculated by multiplying the UNITA rural period by the amount of **EUR 50/day**. The Rural Mobility Grant Agreement shall be signed 2 weeks before arrival in Timisoara and the bank transfer shall be operated within 10 calendar days following the signature of the agreement by both parties, and no later than the start date of the mobility period. In addition, the UNITA student shall receive financial support **within the limit of EUR 400** as a contribution for travel. The financial support to cover for travel costs for one round trip shall be calculated as 'real costs' resulting from the invoice(s) presented by each UNITA student, within the limit of EUR 400.

The financial support is not meant to fully cover all the expenses generated during the UNITA rural mobility. Any additional costs shall be covered by the UNITA student from his/her own sources.

The participant shall have adequate insurance coverage (health, travel, accidents and liability, repatriation). It is the responsibility of the participant to get clearly informed about issues related to insurances. All information regarding the insurance depends entirely on the legal and administrative provisions of the host country. The participant is responsible for signing any mandatory insurance prior to arrival in the host country. At the moment of signing the Rural Mobility Grant Agreement, the participant shall provide a proof of signing the insurance, valid for the entire mobility period, according to the legal and administrative provisions of the host country.

ART. 7 –APPLICATION PROCEDURE

The online application for this call will be open from March 1st to March 31st 2022 at 2:00 p.m. (CET)

No additions to the application will be allowed after this deadline.

After the expiry of the call deadline, the candidates of the University of Turin will be contacted by the UNITA Office of Turin. They will be asked to complete a procedure for the evaluation of academic transcripts of records and the validation of applications.

All students must apply through an online [application form](#).

The following documentation must be uploaded in the application:

- Academic transcript of records;
- Enrolment certificate in the academic year 2021-2022;
- Requested language certificate;
- Letter of Motivation in English or Romanian (candidates have to explain the reason of their application, their motivation and their academic objectives).

The submission of the application implies acceptance of the terms established in this call for applications and authorization for Universitatea de Vest din Timișoara to verify the veracity of the necessary data in other institutions.

Students who could not access the application online or had technical issues, should contact Universitatea de Vest din Timișoara at: rural.unita@e-uvt.ro.

ART. 8 – EVALUATION PROCEDURE

Art. 8.1 – Processing of applications

Phase 1: First evaluation

The UNITA office/International Relations Office of each partner will check that the applicants meet the requirements of this call for applications and that their documentation complies with the provisions of the same. Incomplete applications will not be considered admissible.

Phase 2: Final evaluation

The final evaluation will be performed at UVT, through an Evaluation committee and verified by the local partner where the training will take place.

The Evaluation committee is composed of the following members:

- The UNITA Institutional Coordinator at UVT;
- The Local Coordinator of Work Package 6 – UNITA Mobility 4 All at UVT;
- The Local Responsible of subtask 6.2. Developing Rural Mobilities at UVT

The Evaluation Committee shall adopt its agreements by majority vote.

Phase 3: Evaluation of applications

The Evaluation Committee may have the support or advice it deems appropriate. The local partner where the training will take place will verify the final selection and might require an additional interview with the candidates.

The procedure in this call for applications will be processed on a competitive basis and in accordance with the principles of publicity, objectivity, transparency, equality and non-discrimination.

Art. 8.2 – Assessment criteria

Applications are evaluated according to the following criteria:

- Language skills up to 25%;
- Motivation up to 25%;
- Profile requested by the local partner and academic records up to 50%.

Should there be students of equal merit, priority will be given to the student profile.

Students who have participated in previous URM editions may participate again in this one, but priority in the selection process will be given to those who have not participated in previous editions.

Applicants for more than one destination in this edition are not allowed to confirm more than one destination unless there are vacant places, which will have to be confirmed by the corresponding UNITA Office.

ART. 9 – PUBLICATION, ACCEPTING/REFUSING THE MOBILITY

The decision on the awarding of the UNITA – Rural Mobility places will be published on the [UNITA](#) website, containing the final eligible candidate list and the waiting list in order of priority.

This publication will be considered as an official notification to the interested persons.

The students have 7 days, after the publication of the results, to accept or refuse the mobility. The final decision must be communicated to: rural.unita@e-uvt.ro.

Those who do not accept their Mobility offer within the deadlines will automatically be excluded from the eligible candidate list.

ART. 10 – SCROLLING OF THE RANKING LIST

Places not filled due to non-acceptance or renunciation of the mobility or vacant place will be assigned by scrolling the ranking up to the start date of the internship period. In this case, the assignment of the mobility will be communicated to suitable candidates called in replacement only via the e-mail address indicated at the time of application.

ART. 11 – RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF SELECTED STUDENTS

The selected trainees must comply with the following obligations:

- To process and send, in due time and form, the following documentation:
 - Learning Agreement for traineeships;
 - Accidents and liability insurance, including repatriation;
 - European Health Card or a private medical insurance (for non-EU citizens);
 - One COVID test when arriving to Romania, if required.
- Maintain the confidentiality and professional ethics required during the internship;
- Fill in a report at the end of the internship for its evaluation.

ART. 12 – DATA PROTECTION

Universitatea de Vest din Timișoara will operate in accordance with the “Privacy Policy” regarding processing personal data, as per Art.13 of EU General Regulation 679/2016 on data protection.