

Blended Intensive Program (BIP) Artificial Intelligence in Education & Research

3^o Edition

BIP Participant Information Package
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WELCOME

Dear Participant,

Welcome to the BIP Program: Artificial Intelligence in Education and Research.

This package provides all essential information to help you prepare for your participation.

Warm regards,

The VEVU Host Team

WhatsApp Group Chat

We would like to give you the opportunity to get in touch with each other via WhatsApp.

We have created a group for this. If you want to join please feel free!

VEVUBIPinEDU [LINK!](#)

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BIP Program Artificial Intelligence in Education and Research

The Blended Intensive Program (BIP) “Artificial Intelligence in Education and Research” is the third edition of the program organized by the Working Group on Artificial Intelligence in Physiotherapy Education, part of the European Network of Physiotherapy in Higher Education (ENPHE), in collaboration with the University of Applied Sciences “Lavoslav Ružička” in Vukovar (VEVU), Croatia as the host institution, and co-organized by: Escola Superior de Saúde do Alcoitão / Alcoitão School of Health Sciences, Portugal; Comillas Pontifical University, Spain; University College Absalon, Denmark; and HAN University of Applied Sciences, Netherlands.

The program is designed for university and higher education teachers, primarily in the field of health, as well as academic staff who wish to acquire structured, practical, and pedagogically grounded knowledge on the application of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in education and research. Participants will explore the fundamental concepts of AI, its applications in teaching and research, tools for personal organization and communication, support for teaching and learning, as well as the integration of AI into academic and research work, taking ethical and institutional considerations into account.

[The link to the provisional programme.](#)

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PARTICIPATING INSTITUTIONS

COUNTRY ORGANIZATION INSTITUTION/ HEIS

1.	EUROPE	ENPHE	
2.	Croatia	University of Applied Sciences "Lavoslav Ružička" in Vukovar (VEVU)	
3.	Portugal	Alcoitão School of Health Sciences (ESSA)	Karelia
4.	Spain	Comillas Pontifical University	
5.	Denmark	University College Absalon (UCA / Absalon)	
6.	Netherland	HAN University of Applied Sciences (HAN)	
BIP FACILTATORS HEIS			
7.	Czech Republic	Palacký University Olomouc (UPOL)	
8.	Finland	Satakunta University of Applied Sciences (SAMK)	
9.	Germany	Bochum University of Applied Sciences (HS Bochum)	
10.	Spain	CEU San Pablo University (CEU-SP)	
11.	Luxemburg	LUNEX University of Applied Sciences	
<i>COUNTRY BIP PARTICIPANTS SENDING HEIS</i>			
12.	Belgium	Haute Ecole Léonard de Vinci (Brussels)	
13.	Belgium	VUB - Vrije Universiteit Brussel	
14.	Czech Republic	Palacký University in Olomouc	
15.	Finland	Karelia University of Applied Sciences	
16.	Finland	LAB University of Applied Sciences	
17.	Finland	Seinäjoki University of Applied Sciences	
18.	Poland	Warsaw Medical Academy	
19.	Slovenia	UNIVERSITY ALMA MATER	
20.	Spain	CEU San Pablo University	
21.	Spain	Universidad Pontificia Comillas	

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IV. BIP PARTICIPANTS:

Facilitators - Experts and Lecturers

We warmly welcome all experts, lecturers, and facilitators participating in the BIP Program. Your knowledge, experience, and active engagement are key to the success of the program. As a lecturer, you will contribute to workshops, lectures, and discussions designed to enhance participants' skills and foster collaboration across institutions.

Please ensure that you have reviewed the program schedule, prepared your materials in advance, and are familiar with the technical and logistical arrangements provided in this information package. Should you require any support regarding session organization, AV equipment, or administrative matters, please contact the relevant person from above mentioned Key Contacts list.

We greatly appreciate your commitment and look forward to your valuable contributions in creating an engaging and impactful learning experience for all participants.

Additional: [Good practices in the implementation of the virtual component of blended intensive programmes \(BIPs\)](#)

According to the mode of participation you have indicated (online, on-site, or blended), you will receive detailed instructions for participation in the programme from the host HEI.

BIP- Learners - STT Participants:

We are pleased to welcome all participants to the **BIP Program**. This learning experience has been designed to provide you with high-quality teaching, practical workshops, and opportunities for international collaboration. Throughout the program, you will engage in interdisciplinary activities, develop new skills, and connect with colleagues from various European higher education institutions.

Please review the **program agenda**, logistical guidelines, and practical information provided in this package to ensure a smooth and well-organized stay. Your active participation, motivation, and openness to new perspectives will greatly contribute to the success of the program.

Participant's Prerequisites for Participation:

- **Laptop with charger**
- **Active Google account**

Please ensure these prerequisites are met to fully participate in the upcoming workshops.

Should you require any assistance—academic, administrative, or logistical—our team is available to support you throughout the entire duration of the program. We wish you an enriching and inspiring experience.

For networking and future collaboration, a complete list of the BIP participants you can find at this [link!](#)

Participants from the list whose participation has been confirmed will receive a notification with detailed participation instructions from the host institution no later than the beginning of February.



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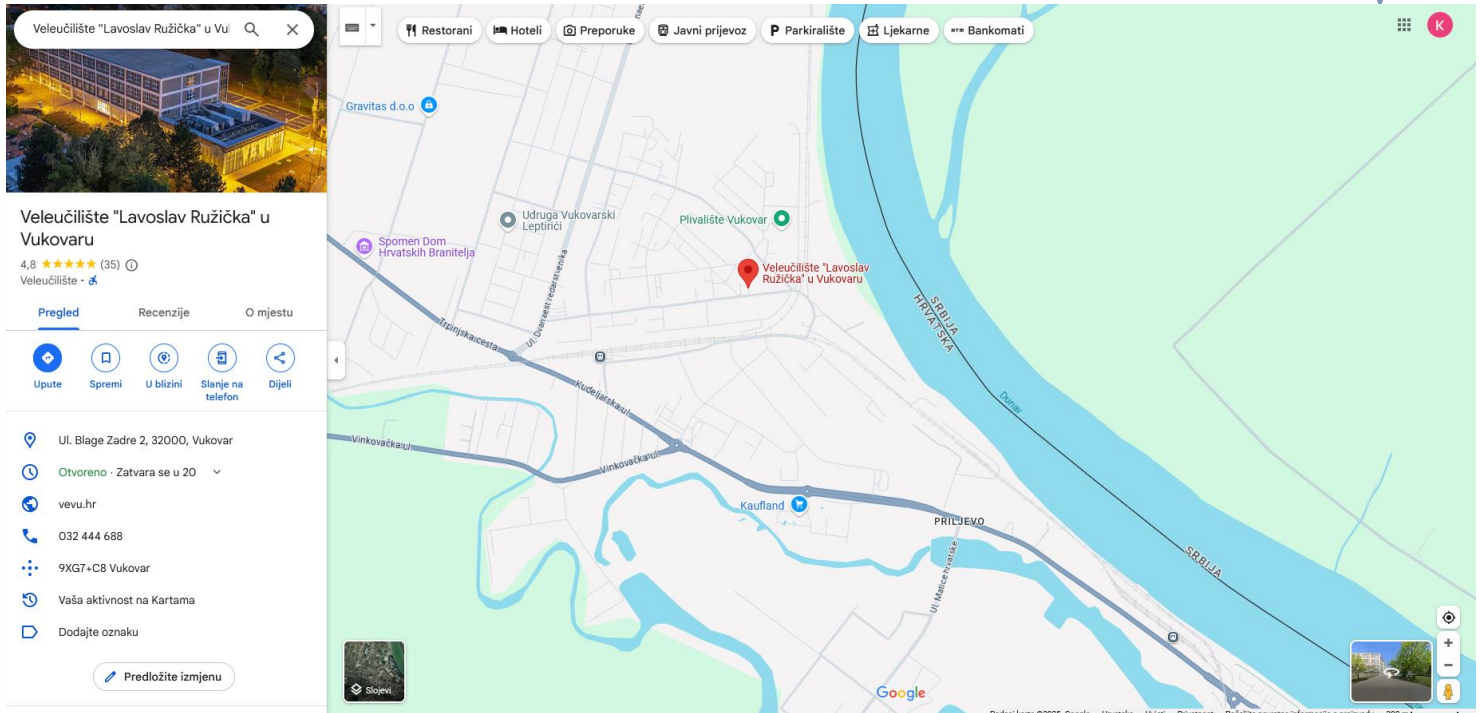


VENUE

VEVU | [University of Applied Sciences „Lavoslav Ružička“ in Vukovar](#)

Vukovar, Blage Zadre 2, Croatia

Location [link!](#)



University of Applied Sciences “Lavoslav Ružička” in Vukovar

Through its work and effort in the field of higher education ever since its establishment in 2005, the University of Applied Sciences "Lavoslav Ružička" in Vukovar has become a recognized institution of higher education in the Croatian Danube region. It is characterized not only by the high quality of its educational and scientific processes, but also by the integration of theory and practice in fields of biomedicine, health, economy, and public administration. Preservation of its reputation and the highest educational standards based on key European values is very important to the VEVU, especially because it was named after Lavoslav (Leopold) Ružička, a distinguished Croatian chemist and the first Croatian to win the Nobel Prize. University of Applied Sciences "Lavoslav Ružička" in Vukovar is a contemporary higher education institution whose services are based on the experiences of a great number of scientists, teachers and experts from the fields of economy, law, biomedicine, and kinesiology.

<https://www.vevu.hr/en/>

Instagram: [vevuerasmus](#)



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ARRIVAL

Airports

[Zagreb – Zračna luka Franjo Tuđman Zagreb](#)

[Beograd – Nikola Tesla Beograd](#)

[Budapest – Airport](#)

[Osijek – Airport](#)

http://www.osijek-airport.hr/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/RL_W21_10.pdf



More information about timetables and destinations is available on the official site of Croatia Airlines (www.croatiaairlines.com).

Bus [General link for bus lines](#)

[Zagreb](#) – Vukovar 295 Km

[Belgrade](#) – Vukovar 160 Km

[Osijek](#) - Vukovar 36 Km

[Vinkovci](#) – Vukovar 25 km

Other links:

<https://busticket4.me/>

<https://www.buscroatia.com/>



Train

[Timetable link](#) in Croatia.

Vukovar train station - under reconstruction

Nearest stations:

Vinkovci

Osijek

Croatia has direct railway links with many European countries and cities. Information about Croatian railways and connections you can find here: <https://prodaja.hzpp.hr/en>.



Rent a car – [booking.com](https://www.booking.com)

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Company transfers – [Glavota transferi](#)

Taxi you can find taxis in front of the train and bus stations and at numerous other central locations. You can also order a taxi online (see the links below), but the easiest way is to call them.

Other [BlaBlaCar](#) - car sharing

VUKOVAR

Vukovar, located at the confluence of the Vuka River and the Danube, is a city with a rich history and cultural diversity, renowned for its resilience and post-war revitalization. Today, it offers a unique combination of modern educational and research infrastructure and an inspiring environment for academic staff and lecturers. Visitors will have the opportunity to explore the local history, enjoy walks along the Danube, and experience the hospitality of this vibrant university City.

Vukovar is on the crossroads of Central and South-Eastern Europe and is halfway between the capital cities of Croatia, Serbia, Hungary and Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Therefore, if you arrive by car from Zagreb, Belgrade and Budapest to Vukovar, your trip will take around 2-3 hours.

[VUKOVAR LINK.](#)

Distance from the border with Hungary is around 90 km, 30 km from Serbia and from Bosnia and Herzegovina is around 50 km. Depending on the direction you are coming from please see the google map and get directions.

Cross borders with Hungary – Donji Miholjac or Beli Manastir

Cross borders with BIH – Orašje or Županja

Cross borders with Serbia – Ilok (40km) or Tovarnik (28km)

[Google maps \(https://maps.google.com/\)](https://maps.google.com/).

[Via Michelin \(https://www.viamichelin.com/\)](https://www.viamichelin.com/)

Vukovar is a small city, if you think green, you will not need a car to come to VEVU.

How to get to Vukovar

Options to get at University of Applied sciences “Lavoslav Ružička” in Vukovar:

Airport Zagreb + bus to Vukovar

Airport Zagreb + train to Vinkovci + Taxi to Vukovar

Airport Belgrade (Serbia transit) + Bus to Vukovar

Airport Zagreb + Airport Osijek + car or taxi to Vukovar.

Airport Budapest + rent a car to Vukovar

How to Reach VEVU by Public Bus from the City Centre

To reach VEVU from the city centre, you can take a public bus. The bus stop is located right next to the VEVU building, making it very convenient. Here's how to get there:

Start from the City Centre:

You will need to head to the bus stop located near the bus station in the city centre. This is a central location easily accessible from various parts of the city.

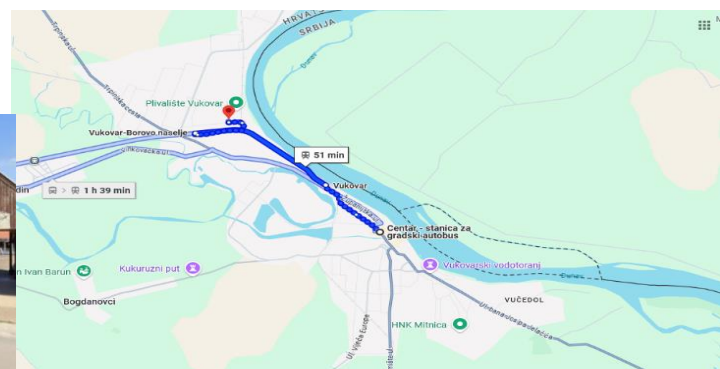
Google Location for the Bus Stop: [Centre - city Bus Stop](#)

Take the Bus to station “Radnički dom” /Borovo naselje (about 15min)

This bus route will take you directly to the area where VEVU is located.

Arrival at VEVU: The bus stop is right next to the VEVU building. Bus Fare:

The price for a one-way bus ticket is around 1,50 EUR.



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ACCOMMODATION

[Hotel accommodation](#)

[Rooms and Apartments](#)

[Private accommodation](#)

You can choose other booking links.

TRAVEL & SAFETY MEASURE

General information about safety:

<https://safearound.com/europe/croatia/>

Information about healthy measures:

<http://www.euro.who.int/en/countries/croatia>

International about travel and health:

<https://www.who.int/ith/en/>

Entry to Croatia

Passport, ID card or some other internationally recognized identification document, which proves your identity and citizenship, issued by governmental authorities of your home or a resident country is required for entry to the Republic of Croatia. Tourists may remain in Croatia for up to three months.

The diplomatic mission or the consular office of the Republic of Croatia normally issues visas.

Visa requirements overview: **Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs** [MFA](#)

Diplomatic Missions and Consular Offices of Croatia: <http://www.mfa.hr/>

Links with other useful information related to travel:

<https://ec.europa.eu/immigration/>

<http://www.doyouneedvisa.com/passport/Croatia>



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FAQ

Currency:

The official Croatian currency is the Euro.

Currency

Foreign currencies can be imported and exported freely. Foreign currencies can be exchanged at banks, exchange offices, post offices and at most tourist agencies and hotels.

On-line currency exchange: <http://www.mjenjacnice.com>

Time

Central-European time GMT + one hour (during summer: GMT + two hours).

Climate

Continental climate (average summer temperature: 20° C; average winter temperature: 1° C)

Weather forecast Meteorological and Hydrological Service (http://meteo.hr/index_en.php)

Climate and Weather: Vukovar in late June and early July

During late June and early July, Vukovar typically experiences warm to hot summer weather.

Average daytime temperatures: 26–32°C

Evening temperatures: 18–22°C

Conditions: Generally sunny, with occasional short summer showers or thunderstorms

Humidity: Moderate to high

Electricity:

Voltage of city power grid – 220(230) V, frequency 50Hz

Water:

Tap water is potable (safe to drink) throughout Croatia.

regulations:

zone:

Weather:

·⚠· EMERGENCY CALLS:

+385 112 – Universal emergency number

+385 192 – Police

+385 194 – Emergency medical service

+385 193 – Fire department

+385 1987 – Roadside assistance

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Recommended Visits during free afternoons

(A part of curated list of cultural sites, cafés, restaurants, and local experiences)

• Museums & Cultural Sites

- **Vučedol Culture Museum** – top regional archaeological museum
 - **Vukovar City Museum (Eltz Manor)** – iconic baroque palace on the Danube
 - **Memorial Centre of the Homeland War** – key site for understanding recent history
 - **Vukovar Water Tower** – restored symbol of resilience with panoramic views
 - **Franciscan Monastery & Church of Sts. Philip and James** – historical and architectural landmark
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• Outdoor & Riverfront Experiences

- **Danube Riverside Promenade** – perfect for evening walks, cafés, photography
 - **Adica Forest Park** – peaceful green area for walking or short relaxation
 - **Dunavska šetnica** – local favourite for sunsets by the river
 - [A boat ride on the Danube](#)
 - [Vukovar Swimming Pool](#)
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• Recommended Restaurants (Curated Selection)

Traditional & Local Cuisine

- **Stari Toranj** – classic Slavonian dishes, grilled specialties, rustic ambience
 - **Restoran Lola** – modern twist on traditional cuisine, stylish interior
 - **Vrške** – known for meat dishes and spacious terrace
 - **Vukovar house** - An ethno-style setting with traditional Slavonian specialties
 - and others...
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• Bars & Evening Spots

- **Kibić Fenster Bar** – one of the most unique bars in the city, known for atmosphere and music
 - **Vukovarsko Pub / Vukovarska Pivnica** – local brewery atmosphere with hearty meals and craft beer
 - **Walkow Bar** – modern interior, cocktails, good coffee and many others...
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• Local Specialties to Try

- **Vukovarsko pivo** – the city's signature craft beer
- **Slavonian čobanac, fiš paprikaš, štrukli, sarma** – depending on restaurant offerings

If you want to taste or take home authentic local products, we recommend visiting [Vrhunsko Vukovarsko](#). More information you can find on this [link](#).

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