

VetNEST - Veterinary Network of European Student and Staff Transfer is a network of multiple universities and faculties of veterinary medicine in **Brno, Budapest, Kosice, Vienna, Ljubljana, Wrocław and Zagreb**. The veterinary faculties in **Sarajevo and Skopje** have been granted observer status. Together with the faculties of veterinary medicine in **Belgrade and Tirana**, they form the *VetNEST-Extended network*, whose mobility activities have been funded by **CEEPUS (Central European Exchange Program for University Studies)** for many years.

VetNEST Summer School 2025

Animal Welfare, Veterinary Ethics, Law and Communication Skills

06 – 11 July 2025, Budapest, Hungary

Who: Eligible students will be in their **4th-6th year of veterinary training** during the time of the Summer School. **25 students** will be selected to participate. (Two per VetNEST-Extended partner institution – see top left box)

What: This Summer School will include class and practical work, group activities and farm visits with a focus on animal welfare, ethics, law, communication and conflict management. The program was created based on their horizontal integration. Participants will improve their communication strategies and become familiar with important and diverging concepts of animal health and diseases, learn about responsibilities to being professional as a vet in different roles. Learn how you can speak up for animal welfare and apply professional veterinary ethics in farm systems, while being a service provider. Students will work practically on diverse cases with the intention of working on different customer demands.

Topics include: • Management input on small-scale farms and extensive production systems • [Resource based inputs](#) • [Animal-based measures in different systems](#) • [Expectations of consumers that food be produced locally or regionally with acceptable animal welfare conditions](#) • [Communication skills](#) • [Legal basis and policy measures](#) • [Dealing with moral challenges](#)

Details about location, lecturers and program can be found on the official website (see below)

Why: To learn about responsibilities of veterinary professionals in small-scale farms, extensive production systems and industrialized agriculture.

Where: Coursework will be based at the **University of Veterinary Medicine, Budapest, Hungary**, and accommodation is arranged in the student dormitory. Students are responsible for their travel arrangements.

When: July 06th – 11th 2025
Application deadline April 30, 2025

How to participate:

Please sign up and submit applications only via the official website:

<https://fvm.ukim.edu.mk/vetnest-summer-school/>

Applications must include:

- Motivation letter (min. 300, max. 500 words)
- Curriculum vitae in Europass format
- Short Letter of Recommendation (e.g. from a faculty member)
- Transcript of Records (if possible, in English)

Successful applicants will be notified within two weeks after the application deadline. They will then be asked to submit their CEEPUS applications (scholarships) by May 10, 2025.

3 ECTS Credits will be awarded to successful participants.

TOPICS

ANIMAL WELFARE
VETERINARY ETHICS
LAW
COMMUNICATION AND CONFLICT

FEATURES

FARM VISITS
SOCIAL EVENTS
TEACHING LANGUAGE WILL BE ENGLISH
NO COURSE FEES

SCHOLARSHIP

Eligible students will be granted part of a CEEPUS Scholarship (daily allowance cost. Any other cost is free, will be covered by CEEPUS scholarship). *For other applicants, the summer school fee is 595 €.*

Organizers and lecturers

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