





# INFORMATION PACKAGE FOR INCOMING CEEPUS TEACHERS



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## Dear CEEPUS friends,

You have been awarded with the mobility to the Josip Juraj Strossmayer University of Osijek and its oldest and lead institution in science and teaching – **Faculty of Agrobiotechnical Sciences Osijek**. Faculty of Agrobiotechnical Sciences Osijek was founded on 18 October 1960 under the name Higher School of Agriculture and on the 18 October 2020 it marked exactly 60 years of its foundation.

#### WHERE IS IT?

Faculty of Agrobiotechnical Sciences Osijek is located at the University Campus. Address is Vladimira Preloga 1, 31000 Osijek, Croatia. Campus is located in the geometrical center of the City.



Location of the Faculty of Agrobiotechnical Sciences Osijek and the New Students' Dormitory.







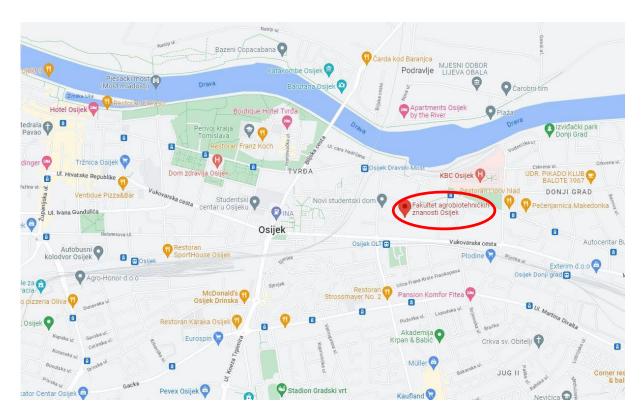
#### WHERE TO GO FIRST?

When you arrive at the Faculty of Agrobiotechnical Sciences Osijek, first place you should visit is the International Relations and Projects Office. Office is located on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor (across the elevator on the right) and is easily reachable from the main entrance to the building (southern entrance). At the International Relations and Projects Office, you will receive all the information you need during your mobility on the Faculty.

#### WHAT ABOUT ACCOMODATION?

You have prepared (and paid) accommodation waiting for you in the New Students' Dormitory which is located next to the Faculty of Agrobiotechnical Sciences Osijek.

Dormitory is located at the University Campus and is near the Old Town called Tvrđa (15-minute walk) and City Center (30-minute walk). Since it is a dormitory, you will have to carry your own toiletries. It is important to inform NCO or Faculty of Agrobiotechnical Sciences Osijek if you do not plan to stay in the dormitory!



Map of the City with the Faculty of Agrobiotechnical Sciences Osijek marked at the University Campus.







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#### AND MY SCHOLARSHIP?

The awarded scholarship includes a monthly allowance of 319,00 EUR for mobilities from 5 up to 15 days and 478,00 EUR for mobilities from 16 up to 30 days (for short-term excursions the daily allowance amounts to 27,00 EUR) to cover the subsistence costs during the mobility period. Agency for Mobility and EU Programmes will pay your scholarship to the account of the Faculty of Agrobiotechnical Sciences Osijek, your host institution. The scholarship will be paid out to you by the Faculty upon your arrival.

# Typical procedure to get the scholarship funds

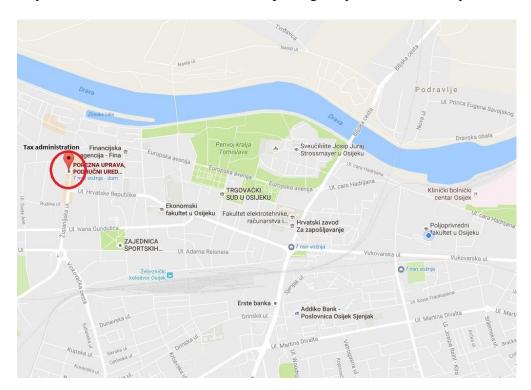
In order to receive your scholarship, you will need to open a giro bank account (žiro račun) starting with the number 31, or a current account (tekući račun) starting with the number 32, at any bank in Croatia immediately upon your arrival.

To open your bank account, <u>you should first request a personal tax number (OIB)</u> at the Central Tax Administration (Porezna uprava). You will need your passport and the Request Form <a href="http://www.porezna-uprava.hr/en/EN\_obrasci/Documents/PINrequest.pdf">http://www.porezna-uprava.hr/en/EN\_obrasci/Documents/PINrequest.pdf</a>.

The Application has to be submitted in person and the OIB can be issued immediately. This is a straightforward procedure, free of charge.

You can also get you OIB number online. For more details, visit: https://www.porezna-uprava.hr/en/Pages/SingleNews.aspx?NewsID=7&List=News

Make sure you close the bank account before departing for your home country!



Tax Administration is located in the Centre of the City, Županijska 4.

URL: https://www.fazos.hr/studentska-razmjena/ceepus







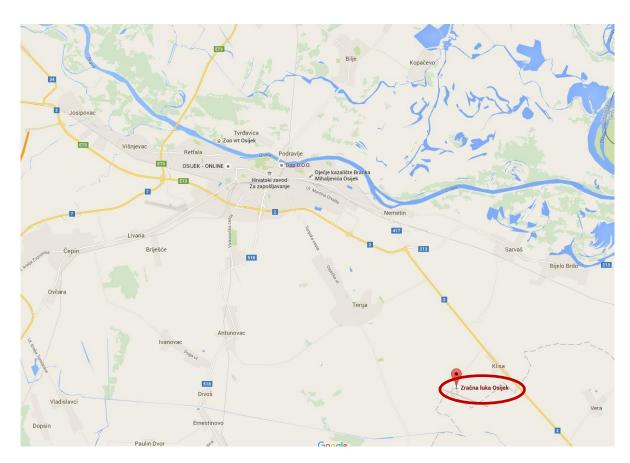
# **Arrival in Osijek**

# By plane

**Osijek Airport** is located 16 km south-east of the City Centre. Osijek Airport is a small (international) airport and it's not likely that you will be coming to Osijek by plane. There is regular traffic between Zagreb and Osijek and some other European destinations, but that's about it. If you chose an airplane, you could take a taxi since shuttle buses aren't operating on a regular daily basis, especially for flights between Osijek and local towns in Croatia.

Osijek Airport URL: http://www.osijek-airport.hr

More information about timetables and destinations is available on the official site of Croatia Airlines (<a href="www.croatiaairlines.com">www.croatiaairlines.com</a>).



Taking a taxi from the Airport to the Faculty of Agrobiotechnical Sciences Osijek is going to cost you around 20 EUR.

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URL: https://www.fazos.hr/studentska-razmjena/ceepus







#### By bus

Bus lines connect all parts of the country. Regular international bus lines connect Croatia with all neighbouring countries. For information about national and international bus lines please check the site of the Central Bus Station in Osijek: https://www.arriva.com.hr/en-us/home.

From **Central Bus Station** (Autobusni kolodvor) you can take a taxi to the Faculty of Agrobiotechnical Sciences Osijek or Dormitory. Also you can walk from there, it will take you around 25-30 minutes.

#### By train

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

From **Central Railway Station** (Željeznički kolodvor) you can take a taxi to the Faculty of Agrobiotechnical Sciences Osijek or Dormitory. Also you can walk from there, it will take you around 20-25 minutes.



#### By car

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

So if you arrive by car from Zagreb, Belgrade and Budapest to Osijek, your trip will take around 2.5 hours, and from Sarajevo around 4-hour drive. Distance from the border with Hungary is around 45 km, 40 km from Serbia and from Bosnia and Herzegovina is around 75 km.

Depending on direction you are coming from please see the Osijek city map and get directions.

Google maps (https://maps.google.com/).

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#### **Public Transportation**

There are two ways of public transportation – trams and buses. They operate all day (every few minutes) and night (every hour). Single ticket for the first city zone (city) is 1,46 EUR. The ticket can be bought in the tram/bus from the driver and it is valid for one hour. Single ticket for the second city zone (further city parts and outskirts) is 1,73 EUR. Daily ticket is 4,65 EUR. You can also buy a prepaid card called BUTRA (bus/tram card), that way price of a single ticket is 1,06 EUR.

Here you can find all information about the city public transport and all tram and bus lines.

# **GPP** tram and bus map

#### **Taxi**

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

### Taxi service in Osijek:

- Osječki Taxi, +385 31 200 200
- Taxi Cammeo, + 31 205 205
- Taxi Matrix, +385 95 888 3072
- Taxi Vip, +385 99 800 8008
- Hallo Taxi, 0800 8333
- Student Taxi, +385 31 200 100
- Taxi Munja, +385 99 682 1182
- Taxi Sunce, +385 95 777 2222

PRICES: 4,00 - 5,00 EUR (mostly 4,00 EUR) for start and first 5 km. Every next km = 0,80 - 1,00 EUR. Since University Campus is almost at the geometrical centre of the City, it is highly unlikely that you will ever pay your taxi ride more than 4,00 EUR.

#### City of Osijek

Osijek is a town in eastern Croatia. It is situated in a plain on the right bank of the Drava river between the sixteenth and twenty-fourth kilometre from the Drava river mouth. It is the largest city in Slavonia, fourth by magnitude in Croatia and is currently the centre of the Osijek-Baranja county. The city is an industrial, administrative, judicial and cultural centre and according to the population list from 2021, it currently has 96 313 residents on a wider area of the city. The city itself consist of an old baroque part of town called "Tvrđa" built mostly in the eighteenth century. Osijek is a town with the most greenery and green surfaces in Croatia; the town area has 17 parks with a total surface of 394 000 square meters. The city has a great history spanning from the Celtic and Roman time to Croatian middle age, Ottoman occupation and modern Austrian and Hungarian influence.







Tourist office of the city of Osijek: <a href="http://www.tzosijek.hr/">http://www.tzosijek.hr/</a>

#### **Entry in 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 resident country is required to entry in the Republic of Croatia. Tourists may remain in Croatia for up to three months.

#### Visas

Some foreign citizens are required to get a visa before entering the Republic of Croatia, in accordance with the visa system prescribed by the Croatian government.

Visas are normally issued by the diplomatic mission or the consular office of the Republic of Croatia.

Visa requirements overview: <a href="http://www.mfa.hr/">http://www.mfa.hr/</a>

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

#### **FAQ**

# Currency:

Official Croatian currency used to be the Croatian Kuna before 2023. Since 15<sup>th</sup> January 2023, EURO is the official and only currency of Croatia. Nominal values are 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50 EURO cents coins, and 1 and 2 EURO coins; and 5, 10, 20, 50, 100, 200 and 500 EURO banknotes. Currency regulations:

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: <a href="http://www.mjenjacnice.com">http://www.mjenjacnice.com</a>

Time zone:

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

Climate and Weather:

Continental climate (average summer temperature: 20° C; average winter temperature: 1° C) Weather forecast Meteorological and Hydrological Service (<a href="http://meteo.hr/index\_en.php">http://meteo.hr/index\_en.php</a>) Electricity:

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

Water:

Tap water is potable throughout Croatia.

Croatian-English online dictionary (http://www.rjecnik.net/)

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