



SUMMER ACADEMY 2

Bosnia and Herzegovina
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We are pleased to invite students to apply for the Summer Academy 2, an international hands-on training programme dedicated to the conservation, protection, and smart management of cultural heritage sites, organised within the Horizon Europe project STECCI and hosted in Bosnia and Herzegovina by the University of Sarajevo (UNSA).

The Summer Academy offers a unique opportunity to work directly on two outstanding medieval necropolises of stećci: Križevići (Olovo) and Kopošići (Ilijaš) in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Participants will engage in on-site remedial conservation, gaining practical experience in real-world heritage contexts.

A central aim of the Academy is to familiarise students with the increasingly important and evolving role of conservators in the context of rapid climate change, highlighting new professional responsibilities, interdisciplinary cooperation, and sustainable decision-making in conservation practice.

ORGANISATION AND INSTRUCTIONS

Host institution: University of Sarajevo (UNSA)

Training providers:

University of Applied Arts Vienna
Academy of Fine Arts, Split

The Summer Academy is organised as a fully international event, bringing together students, teachers, and conservation professionals from different countries and disciplinary backgrounds.



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TRAINING STRUCTURE

1. Theoretical training

Theoretical foundations will be delivered through lectures and guided reading, addressing:

- Technological issues and the chemical and physical properties of materials
- Relationships between materials, damage patterns, and deterioration processes
- The role of environmental and surrounding conditions
- Scientific methods in conservation, including their possibilities and limitations

2. Practical training

Practical conservation measures will be:

- Demonstrated by experienced instructors
- Practised by participants under close supervision
- Implemented on-site according to the principles of minimal intervention and sustainability, with careful attention to materials, resource use, and environmental impact



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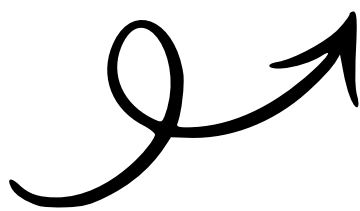
PRACTICAL INFORMATION AND SELECTION

- Accommodation and transportation costs are fully covered for selected participants.
- Selection will be based on motivation letters, submitted as part of the online registration form.
- Priority will be given to students specialising in stone conservation, although motivated applicants from related disciplines are encouraged to apply.

EUROPEAN DAYS OF CONSERVATION SCIENCE AND ARTS

The Summer Academy in Bosnia and Herzegovina will conclude with a public event titled “European Days of Conservation Science and Arts”, organised at the University of Sarajevo (UNSA). The event will present the process and outcomes of in situ conservation to all interested students and academic staff at UNSA, fostering knowledge exchange and interdisciplinary dialogue.

PLEASE APPLY BY
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