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# ASiCEE CEEPUS Network

# 1st Summer School, 2027

Program Plan – November 30, 2025

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The University of Pécs is pleased to offer the first ASiCEE Network Summer School program to the students of the African Studies in Central and Eastern Europe Network.

**Date: 4–17 July 2027**
**Language of instruction:** English
Title of the summer course: **African Migrations Today: Focus on Central and Eastern Europe**
**Number of participants:** 25 students with 16 lecturers from the Network
**Course requirements**: regular attendance and active participation

The first ASiCEE CEEPUS Network Summer School program offers students the opportunity to continue their studies in an instinctive environment of a 650-year-old university, rich in traditions and innovations. Students can live and learn together for two weeks and broaden their professional views by integrating Central and Eastern European aspects while learning about African migrations.

# Academic Program

The course is designed to look at global African migrations with a focus on an angle which is scarcely dealt with in scientific research, i.e. via Central and Eastern European lenses. From different disciplinary perspectives, we will engage with migration policy on the levels of the EU and the members states, the economy, culture, languages, human security and soft power, together with foreign policies and pragmatism.

The course sets the goal to investigate the multifaceted and interconnected dimensions of African migrations both in a historical context and in our present time. Case studies will be sewn into the program stemming from the lecturers' fieldwork experience and research projects over the last couple of decades. The program will be organized in the City of Pécs and the Hungarian capital, Budapest.

Students will learn and know more about global African migrations, with a focus on contemporary Central European–African connections. They will understand better many of the historical development of such dynamics in the international system. They will get familiar with Central and Eastern Europe from different perspectives.

Students will be able to place Africa, Central Europe and African migrations in the context of global international relations and the several intertwined complexities these migrations represent. They become capable of identifying the connected challenges and build up an analytical framework.

Students will be able to articulate their opinions about African migrations and the Central and Eastern European contexts. Via the case studies presented by the lecturers, they will be sensitized about the African migrations across Central and Eastern Europe.

# Preliminary program

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**Preliminary Program**

**4–17 July 2027, CEEPUS ASiCEE Network Intensive Course**

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| | | 4 July | | | | | |
| | | Arrival | | | | | |
| **1st week** | **5 July** | **6 July** | **7 July** | **8 July** | **9 July** | **10 July** | **11 July** |
| **9.00-10.40** | **10:00-11:00 Opening Ceremony** | **Chinese in Africa - Africans in China** | **European Migration Overview** | **Africans in Italy** | **Meeting and discussion with Africans in Pécs (Civil Közösségek Háza)** | **Travel to Budapest, meeting with Africans in the Hungarian capital: all-afternoon and -evening programs devoted to African communities** | **Travel back to Pécs** |
| **10.40-11.00** | Break | Break | Break | Break | Break | | |
| **11.00-11.50** | **Global African Migrations** | **The Neglected African Diaspora of Central and Eastern Europe** | **International Migration seenfrom Hungary** | **Africans in the Balkans** | **Djembe session** | | |
| **12.00-13.00** | Lunch | Lunch | Lunch | Lunch | Lunch | | |
| **15:30-17:00** | | **15:00 - 17:00 Visit to the Cathedral of Pécs, the Mosque of Pasha Gazi Qashim** | | **Survival Hungarian language class** | | | |
| **18:00-19:00** | **City tour by dotto** | | | | **African Intercultural Evening** | | |
| **19.00-20.30** | **Hungarian Dinner + Wine Tasting** | | **Intercultural Evening with dinner** | | | | |

| **2nd week** | **12 July** | **13 July** | **14 July** | **15 July** | **16 July** | **17 July** | |
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| **9.00-10.40** | **Education, scholarships, migration with training purposes, case: African students at PTE** | **Human security aspects: Hungarian humanitarion engagements in East African urban slums** | **African migrants as entrepreneurs and artists in CEECs** | **Africans in Poland** | **Economic aspects and remittances** | **Departure** | |
| **10.40-11.00** | Break | Break | Break | Break | Break | | |
| **11.00-11.50** | **African students' perspectives** | **Africans in Austria** | **Africans in Romania** | **Africans in the Czech Republic** | **The legal background of citizenship** | | |
| **12.00-13.00** | Lunch | Lunch | Lunch | Lunch | Lunch | | |
| | | **Dragonboat Competition with dinner on Orfű** | | **Dragonboat Competition with dinner on Orfű (in case of bad weather on Tue)** | | | |
| **19.00-20.30** | | | **Dance House** | | **Farewell Dinner** | | |

# Social programs

The University of Pécs is pleased to organize various social programs for the students of the ASiCEE Network to enable them to receive first-hand information and experience about Hungary, the Hungarian culture as well as about Central and Eastern Europe. The organizers also provide the participants with various opportunities to meet the African students of the University of Pécs and to explore the city of Pécs, and to meet with Africans and African communities in the capital, Budapest. Participating students will have lots of opportunities to join the various events taking place in Pécs during their stay.

**Non-educational programs, excursions**

Participating students and their lecturer will be provided with a city tour as well as with various enjoyable social activities throughout their stay.

To enrich their professional knowledge and to make their stay most enjoyable we are pleased to offer a Wine Tasting with traditional Hungarian meals, Dragonboat Competition, Dance House, intercultural evenings, team building activities with the student mentors and other interesting and attractive social programs.

## The University of Pécs

The University of Pécs, the oldest university in Hungary, was founded in 1367. Today it is one of the largest Institutions of Higher Education in the country and offers a wide spectrum of courses to some 25,000 students in approximately 500 different study programs. The university accommodates a unique range of scientific fields in its 10 faculties/schools:

- Faculty of Business and Economics
- Faculty of Cultural Sciences, Education and Regional Development
- Faculty of Engineering and Information Technology
- Faculty of Health Sciences
- Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences
- Faculty of Law
- Faculty of Music and Visual Arts
- Medical School
- Faculty of Sciences.
- Faculty of Pharmacy

The University of Pécs provides a truly international learning environment. The university has been running degree programs in English for 40 years and so has become one of the most internationalized universities in Hungary. We are proud to host more than 5,500 international

students each year – students who come from more than 140 countries across the globe. The university manages more than 100 degree programs and preparatory courses for international students taught in English and German. The University of Pécs is also actively involved in many different mobility programs and has twice received the European Union's Erasmus Quality Award for its achievements. In addition to the full-degree international programs, the University of Pécs organizes a large number of summer schools, short-term programs and winter programs for the incoming international students.

The University of Pécs is one of the largest research universities in Hungary. The University functions as a knowledge center for innovation in the South Transdanubian Region. Nearly 2,000 members of our teaching and research staff at our 10 schools participate in research projects, whilst 22 doctoral schools offer PhD and DLA degrees covering a wide spectrum knowledge.

# Pécs

Pécs is located in the southern part of Hungary, close to the Croatian border. It is the 5th largest city of the country. The closest airport is in Budapest which is a 2.5-hour drive from Pécs.

Located in the South Western part of Hungary, Pécs is a culturally diverse and stimulating city, with a population of about 150,000. It is one of the most beautiful Central European cities. Lying in the South of Transdanubia, close to the border with Croatia, it has a mild, almost Mediterranean climate.

One of the largest African student populations in Hungary can be found at the University of Pécs with a number over 700 representing more than 20 countries of the African continent.

The history of Pécs dates back over 2,000 years, and the name of the old Roman town, "Sopianae" is still found in the names of institutions and products.

Although its development suffered several setbacks throughout the centuries, such as during the Tartar invasions or the Ottoman-Turkish Rule, it has not only survived, but developed into a pleasant, modern town, rich in historical monuments, an administrative, cultural and educational center with a lot to offer to those who wish to live or study here. The town is famous for its museums, galleries, the festivals and cultural events it hosts. It is a 'City of Culture'.

The downtown of Pécs is a unique mixture of the relics of Early Christianity, the arrival of the Hungarians, the Turkish reign and the achievements of modern architecture and art. The National Theatre, the Philharmonic Orchestra, the internationally renowned Ballet Ensemble as well as the unique Zsolnay Cultural Quarter offer fascinating experiences.

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## We look forward to receiving the first African Studies in Central and Eastern Europe CEEPUS Network participants!

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