



BLENDED INTENSIVE PROGRAMME

October 19–23 2026, Kaunas

WILDLIFE GUARDIANS: UNDERSTANDING AND PROTECTING ANIMAL WELFARE

WHAT YOU'LL EXPLORE

Wildlife, captive and farm animal welfare
Animal behaviour, ethograms and welfare indicators
Evidence-based welfare assessment
Wildlife and farm animal diseases in the One Health context
Wildlife rehabilitation, veterinary care and conservation
Hands-on case studies and field observations

**BIP VOLUME
3 ECTS**

BIP INCLUDES

Lectures
Laboratory works
Case studies
Group discussions
Final quiz



**Online learning activities
October 5-16, 2026;**

**Onsite learning activities
October 19-23, 2026.**

A WEEK IN LITHUANIA

DAY 1



LSMU Veterinary Academy, Kaunas

Hands-on laboratory training in animal welfare and environmental assessment. *Students will learn how to assess animal environments using practical welfare indicators, laboratory methods and environmental assessment tools.*

DAY 2



National Food and Veterinary Risk Assessment Institute, Vilnius

Diagnosis of infectious diseases and the links between wildlife and domestic animals. *Students will gain insights into disease surveillance, diagnostic methods and the role of wildlife in the epidemiology of infectious diseases.*

DAY 3



Tadas Ivanauskas Museum of Zoology and Lithuanian Zoological Gardens, Kaunas

Wildlife welfare assessment, behavioural observations (ethograms) and species conservation. *Students will learn to assess animal welfare through behavioural observations and appreciate the role of conservation.*

DAY 4



Lithuanian Sea Museum, Klaipėda

Marine animal welfare and conservation through rehabilitation and education. *Students will explore how marine animals are cared for, rehabilitated and protected, and how conservation programmes contribute to preserving aquatic biodiversity.*

DAY 5



LSMU Wildlife Rescue Center, Kaunas

Wildlife rescue, rehabilitation and conservation: from emergency care to successful release. *Students will learn the principles of wildlife rescue, veterinary treatment, rehabilitation and the criteria for returning animals to their natural habitats.*

TEACHERS OF THE COURSE

DAVID RICHARD ARNEY

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Work field: animal welfare, animal behaviour,
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RIMVYDAS FALKAUSKAS

**National Food and Veterinary
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IVETA KOCIŅA

**Institute of Food Safety, Animal
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JŪRATĖ KUČINSKIENĖ

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LAURA LUPEIKAITĖ-KUNCIENĖ

**Lithuanian
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**Wildlife Rescue Center
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AGNIESZKA TOMZA-MARCINIAK

**West Pomeranian University of
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contaminants and wildlife health

TIMELINE



Application for the BIP

Deadline for application:
September 28, 2026

1



Apply for Erasmus BIP
scholarship at your University

2



Application for scholarship

Online registration for the BIP

After your university nominates
you, complete the online
registration form for the BIP

3



Online learning activities

October 5-16, 2026

4



Onsite learning activities

October 19-23, 2026

5





IMPORTANT



COURSE FEE

The training is free of charge



ERASMUS+ SCHOLARSHIP

Students from partner universities with an Erasmus+ agreement may apply for an Erasmus+ BIP grant through their home institution. The grant provides €70 per day (up to €350 for 5 days of on-site participation).



PARTICIPANTS

The course is designed for second-year and higher-year students enrolled in Veterinary Medicine, Animal Science, Animal Production, Biotechnology, Ecology and Environmental Sciences study programmes



APPLICATION

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[APPLY HERE](#)



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