



# Report on Study visit for professors and students Kavarna, Bulgaria, June 25th 2024





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## STUDY VISIT AGENDA

Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	
08:30 h	Departure from the hotel
09:00 – 09:30 h	A visit to Dobrudza Agricultural Institute and protective forest belts as an example of agroforestry practice
12:00 – 13:00 h	Lunch
13:00 – 17.00 h	A visit to Balchik botanical garden <i>A visit to a historical complex - Cape Kaliakra</i>
18:00 – 20:00 h	<i>Traditional Bulgarian dinner by the sea</i>

Participants from 5 partner institutions - University of Belgrade Faculty of Forestry, Serbia (UB); University of Montenegro Biotechnical faculty (UOM); University of Forestry from Sofia, Bulgaria (UFS); Josip Juraj Strossmayer University of Osijek Faculty of Agrobiotechnical Sciences (UNIOS) and Croatian Forest Research Institute from Jastrebarsko, Croatia (CFRI) were present at the study visit. The study visit was attended by 16 professors and 5 students.

The Study visit of the project Agroforestry practices on West Balkan: weaknesses and strengths – AGFORWEB was held on Tuesday, June 25th, 2024.

The study visit started at 8:30 am. The first location to visit was the Dobrudza Agricultural Institute. The participants were given information about the history of the Institute, its structure, main activities and scientific researchers (picture 1 and 2).





Protective forest belts were visited as an example of agroforestry practice. A field protection belt of *Quercus cerris* with field elm and shrubs was also viewed. Information was given on the establishment of the forest protective belts in South Dobrudza, on the tree-shrub species composition, on their main functions and benefits. Researchers from the Dobrudzha Agricultural Institute presented experiments with different agricultural crops in the protected fields (picture 3 and 4).

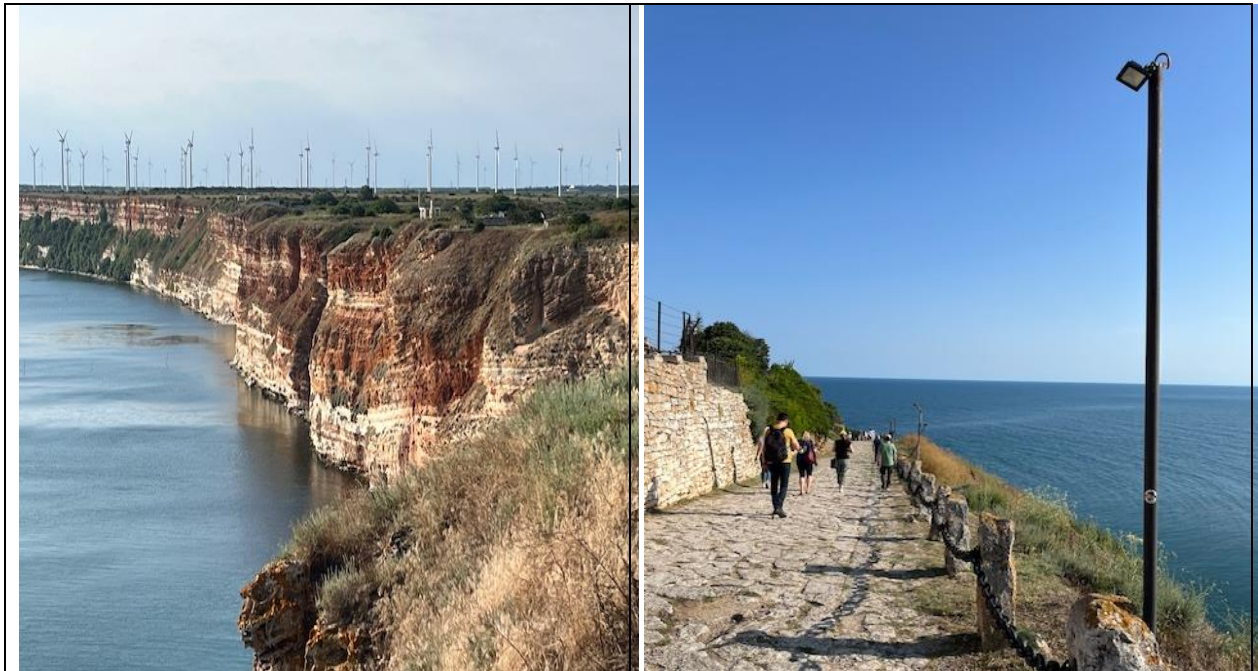


After lunch the visit continued in the University Botanic Garden in Balchik, where a thorough tour was given to the participants. The Botanical Garden was created in 1955 by academician professor Daki Yordanov, rector of the Sofia University Saint Kliment Ohridski during the 1956-1962 period. Today, it stretches over an area of 19.4 ha and has botanical collections containing more than 4 900 species that constantly grow richer (picture 5 and 6).

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The next destination point was the cape Kaliakra, a rocky peninsula headland into the sea. Kaliakra is a natural and archaeological reserve (picture 7 and 8). The Aristotelian cormorant nests here and dolphins can be seen. It also covers a specific Natura 2000 area - the Sarmatian steppes. After a short walk the field trip was complete. The return to the hotel was at 7:00 pm. The list of attendees is attached below.





## ATTENDANCE LIST

No.	Name	Organization
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