

INTER-UNIVERSITY SEARCH AND RESCUE COMPETITION

Objective: The aim is to enhance disaster awareness, instill a culture of collaboration among university students within the Balkan Cities Cooperation Platform, and promote development through competition in the search and rescue field.

Participation Criteria:

For Participants:

1. To be a university student
2. Not to have any health condition preventing participation in the competition
3. To sign the participant commitment

Team Formation:

University-based groups will form teams with 5-10 participants and 1 team leader.

Application Procedure and Venue:

Each university can participate with 1 team.

Teams consisting of 5-10 members will be formed from Balkan countries (Croatia, Serbia, Montenegro, Kosovo, Slovenia, Albania, North Macedonia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Greece, Romania, and Gagauzia Autonomous Region).

Competition Format and Venue:

The competition will be organized as "Search and Rescue Competition" among Universities with the participation of the Balkan Cities Cooperation Platform.

The Balkan Cities Cooperation Platform Championship will take place at Gökçetepe Nature Park in Keşan district of Edirne.

Transportation, accommodation, and meal expenses for the "Search and Rescue Competition" among Universities within the Balkan Cities Cooperation Platform will be covered by the Balkan Cities Cooperation Platform (Türkiye).

Training Provided by AFAD Before the Competition (May 24, 2024):

Shoring (Support) Training

Lifting and Fixing Concrete Mass

Rescue Operations in Rubble

Mass Pulling with Trifor

GPS Usage

Artificial Climbing on a Rope

Stretcher Transportation

Competition Stages (May 25, 2024):

Rubble Works (Entry into rubble, drilling and breaking operations, completion of safety procedures)

Artificial climbing on a rope

GPS usage

Stretcher transportation

Quiz on Disasters and Emergencies

Competition Schedule:

Activity Name Date / Location

Announcement January 15, 2024 / Thrace and Balkan Countries

Application Dates January 15 – March 29, 2024

Thrace and Balkan Countries Championship May 23-26, 2024 / Edirne

Competition Awards:

Awards for the Balkan Cities Cooperation Platform Championship results:

- a. Each of the 15 members of the winning team will receive a tent, sleeping bag, mat, backpack, camping stove, and mess kit.
- b. Each of the 15 members of the second-place team will receive a tent, sleeping bag, mat, and backpack.
- c. Each of the 15 members of the third-place team will receive a tent, sleeping bag, and mat.

Arrival: May 23rd, 2024

Training: May 24th 2024

Competition: May 25th 2024

Free Time: May 26th 2024