



South Eastern Europe SURE Chapter report 2022-2023

1) Name of the Chapter:

South Eastern Europe SURE Chapter

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3) Objectives of the Chapter:

- Supporting the development of the field – urban ecology
- Developing regional initiatives for research themes in the field of urban ecology
- Improving the networking of specialists from SE Europe by creating an academic platform for debates
- Help SURE establishing a world-wide network of specialists working in the field of urban ecology and profiting from this
- Providing the opportunity for young and early-stage researchers of developing their scientific career in the field of urban ecology.



4) Main activities within the last 12 months (e.g., international congress/symposium/workshop, summer schools, training sessions, research and teaching exchange support for SURE members (i.e., student fellowships, invited professors/researchers), common papers, common activities at international conferences, support for practical activities for students (e.g., support of SURE internships), other activities):

Organization of scientific events

- National Symposium of Geography Students – University of Bucharest, April 6-7, 2024. During the event, we expect 120 bachelor and master students in Geography, The Society for Urban Ecology special award will give to the best paper in urban ecology [see <https://snsgeo.weebly.com/>]
- National Symposium of Geography Students – University of Bucharest, April 1-2, 2023. During the event attended by 150 bachelor and master students in Geography, The Society for Urban Ecology special award was given to Maria-Alexandra Calotă [see <https://snsgeo.weebly.com/>]
- Summer School – Practical Methods for Environmental Impact Assessment – 21-27 July, 2023. The summer school was attended by bachelor and master students in the fields of Geography and Environmental Sciences from Romanian universities, with a focus on designing and conducting research for urban environmental impact assessment.
- Applied in Urban Ecology – course in master programs in University of Bucharest, supported by SURE members
- Participatory tools for urban nature planning and management – course realized in partnership between University of Bucharest, University of Salzburg and Society for Urban Ecology (24 SURE students memberships involved in the course).

Project collaboration

- Project proposal of Ege University from Izmir, with SURE partner.

Participation to other SURE events

- Sri Lanka, December 2023
- Iran (2024, 2 March, 2024)
- EC meetings of the SURE (2023, Izmir)

Common paper with SURE members

Pop M.I., Gradinaru S.R., Popescu V.D., Haase D., Ioja C.I. (2023) Emergency-Line Calls as an Indicator to Assess Human–Wildlife Interaction in Urban Areas. *Ecosphere* 14(2): e4418

5) Finances (any income/expenses related to SURE activities, membership dues, account balance; if you don't have a separate financial management for your chapter, please add):

Number of members: 49 members (70 persons)

Total income for 2023: 525 euro



6) Current number of SURE Chapter members (including details on share between membership categories and new members within the last 12 months):

2023

Number of members: 49 members (70 persons)

Regular members: 12 members

Institutional Members 3 members (24 persons)

Student members: 34 members

7) Hyperlink/contact to SURE Chapter (if available):

<http://sure.geo.unibuc.ro>

8) Any attachments (e.g., chapter reports about SURE activities, pictures):