



Hi! My name is Manar Lahbib, a third-year engineering student from the National Institute of Agronomy of Tunisia (INAT), specialized in Plant Protection. I had the opportunity to complete my final year project internship through the Erasmus+ International Credit Mobility project (KA171) at the Faculty of Agriculture, University of Szeged, in Hódmezővásárhely, Hungary, in collaboration with CABI's laboratories.

During my five-month internship, I was involved in an ongoing research project led by PhD student Patrice Nduwayo, focusing on the risk assessment of the weed biological control agent *Ophraella communa*. This research aimed to manage the invasive ragweed (*Ambrosia artemisiifolia*), which is not only a major agricultural and environmental concern but also a public health issue due to its allergenic pollen.

Throughout this experience, I acquired a wide range of technical and research skills by actively participating in laboratory, greenhouse, and field activities. Working within a multinational team gave me the chance to collaborate with students from different countries, exchange knowledge, and discover diverse cultures.



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In addition, I had the chance to participate in Erasmus Weeks I and II, which included both cultural and academic activities. The program highlights included visits to museums, botanical and medicinal gardens, the ÁRPÁD-AGRÁR greenhouse, a pilot drone farm, and attending the 22nd Wellmann International Scientific Conference. These events gave me the opportunity not only to present my work and learn about other students' projects but also to gain a deeper appreciation of Hungarian culture, history, and traditions.



In summary, I would rate this experience a 10 out of 10. Hungary is a safe country with stunning architecture, breathtaking landscapes, and convenient transportation. This internship added great value to my academic development, research skills, self-confidence and independence.