

[Life on the Edge – Studying the Coastal Zone of the Late Palaeolithic \(UKRI Future Leaders Fellowship\)](#)

**Acronym:** LOTE

**Lead institution:** University of Bradford

**Lead researcher:** Dr Simon Fitch

**Partner institutions:** Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences in Split (FHSS), Flanders Marine Institute (VLIZ)

**Project's timeframe:** June 2022. – June 2027.

**The project's total budget:**

**The amount allocated to FHSS:**

**Research goal:**

The Life on the Edge project is an interdisciplinary project that uses innovative research methods to conduct archaeological research on Late Paleolithic landscapes (20,000-10,000 BC) submerged at the end of the last glacial period. The Life on the Edge project activities will cover sites in the North Sea and the Adriatic Sea (Kaštela Bay/marine area around the city of Split).

The project will provide data on submerged landscapes and information that will significantly contribute to understanding the local dynamics of the processes of ice melting and rising sea levels after the last glacial maximum.

The University of Bradford has the largest research group for underwater landscapes in the world and is one of the few places specializing in this emerging academic discipline. Staff from the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences are participating in the project, which will establish the area of the Kaštela Bay and parts of the Split waters as one of the few reference areas for understanding the environmental changes in question on a global scale. In addition to the above, by participating in the project, the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences in Split is building up human and organizational capacities for the implementation of significant research projects in the future.

**Members of the project's team from FHSS:**

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