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How did we become the last human species on Earth?

New ERC research project investigates life in the Balkans during the Palaeolithic



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The Suhi Dol site in Bosnia and Herzegovina was only discovered in 2025 and offers the newly funded ERC project "ENCOUNTERS" a window into Neanderthal lifeways and their responses to changing environmental conditions.

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