

# WHV – Viscri 2023: The Heritage Corner at the Educational Centre in Viscri

## Villages with Fortified Churches in Transylvania, Romania

Cultural property inscribed on the World Heritage List (1993)

## PROJECT DATES

08 May - 18 May 2023

**THE SITE** - These Transylvanian villages with their fortified churches provide a vivid picture of the cultural landscape of southern Transylvania. The seven villages inscribed, founded by the Transylvanian Saxons, are characterized by a specific land-use system, settlement pattern and organization of the family farmstead that have been preserved since the late Middle Ages. They are dominated by their fortified churches, which illustrate building styles from the 13th to the 16th century.

**OBJECTIVES** - Starting in January 2023 Viscri will have an educational centre for children, open every day, offering workshops and educational activities. In order to enrich its offer and to take better advantage of Viscri's World Heritage, the organisation aims at creating a heritage corner within the centre. The heritage corner will serve as a space for interpreting and understanding heritage for the younger generations. This project aims to answer the question: "What should the younger generation be taught about cultural and natural heritage?". The main objective of the project is to support the efforts of the local people to pass on the information and the spirit of this multi-ethnic community to the next generation.

**ACTIVITIES** - The international volunteers will be working on researching and defining the concept and on the design and creation of the heritage corner space. The volunteers collect information and design materials to be displayed within that space, in both English and Romanian languages. The project will provide ideas to local stakeholders in teaching children and young people the importance of the heritage and expose the volunteers to real life experience in designing spaces for heritage purposes.

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