

WHV – Education for heritage in Sighișoara, UNESCO World Heritage site

Historic Centre of Sighișoara, Romania

Cultural property inscribed on the World Heritage List (1999)

PROJECT DATES

10 October - 21 October 2024

THE SITE - Founded by German craftsmen and merchants known as the Saxons of Transylvania, Sighișoara is a fine example of a small, fortified medieval town which played an important strategic and commercial role on the fringes of central Europe for several centuries. The city is an outstanding testimony to the culture of the Transylvanian Saxons, a culture that is coming to a close after 850 years and will continue to exist only through its architectural and urban monuments. It represents an outstanding example of a small fortified city in the border region between the Latin-oriented culture of central Europe and the Byzantine-Orthodox culture of south-eastern Europe.

OBJECTIVES - A recurring partner of the campaign, Maria Foundation is since 2022 also a member of the International network of Clubs and Associations for UNESCO and will implement for the first time a project in Sighișoara, with the goal of raising the awareness of youth, volunteers and local communities about the importance of cultural values of the World Heritage site, and of stimulating sustainable development through arts, culture and education based on collaborations and partnerships across sectors.

ACTIVITIES - Volunteers will collect and disseminate information about the site, its Outstanding Universal Values and the challenges and needs of its preservation, running awareness-raising and promotion activities targeting the local community. They will also make models and sketches of the site to promote them online and will exhibit the results of their work at the Sighisoara County Museum UAUIM.

PARTNERS - UAUIM - Ion Mincu University of architecture and urbanism, Bucharest; National University of Arts; Dimitrie Paciurea High School, Bucharest; Rper-Rencontres du Patrimoine Europe-Romanie Association; National Institute for Heritage; Regional Development and European Policies Association; Sighisoara Art & Craft Museum, The Guild Museum, The History Museum, Astra Museum; Capital Vision srl; German Architects & Partners.

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