

WHV – “Constantin Brancusi” International School for Heritage, Culture and Art

Brâncuși Monumental Ensemble of Târgu Jiu, Romania

Cultural property inscribed on the World Heritage List (2024)

PROJECT DATES

17 July - 30 July 2025

THE SITE - Austere, contemplative, yet accessible, the monumental ensemble of Târgu Jiu was created in 1937-1938 by Constantin Brâncuși, an influential pioneer of abstract sculpture, to commemorate those who died defending the city during the First World War. Located in two parks connected by the narrow Avenue of Heroes, the property includes the monumental ensemble of sculptural installations and the pre-existing Church of the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul, located on the axis. The remarkable fusion of abstract sculpture, landscape architecture, engineering, and urban planning conceived by Constantin Brâncuși goes far beyond the local wartime episode to offer an original vision of the human condition.

OBJECTIVES - The project will focus on promoting and preserving cultural heritage. Participants will engage deeply with local history, traditions, and current preservation challenges, gaining a well-rounded understanding of cultural conservation.

ACTIVITIES - The program will include awareness-raising and hands-on activities; the partnership with technical academic institutions and the Film Faculty will allow for interdisciplinary collaboration and the use of modern technologies such as 3D scanning and digital restoration. Participants will also take part in photography and filmmaking workshops, creating short documentaries that highlight the importance of heritage preservation. These initiatives aim to equip participants with both technical skills and a strong emotional connection to cultural heritage, fostering innovation, creativity, and long-term commitment to protecting historical sites.

PARTNERS - Alexandru Ștefulescu Museum; Gorj County; UAUIM - Ion Mincu University of architecture and urbanism, Bucharest; Bucharest National University of Arts; Dimitrie Paciurea High School, Bucharest; Rper- Rencontres du Patrimoine Europe-Romanie Association; National Institute for Heritage; "Constantin Brancusi" Research, Documentation on Promotion Center; Regional Development and European Policies Association; Tg Jiu Palace for Children; Museum of Oltenia; Musetesti Commune; Capital Vision srl; German Architects & Partners; National University of Theatre and Film "I.L. Caragiale"; Faculty of Environmental Sciences and Engineering - Babeș-Bolyai University; Technical University Gheorghe Asachi Iasi; National University of Arts George Enescu – Iasi

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