

## 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

12 - 24 September 2025

**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 will implement awareness activities and practical activities as concrete actions to bring to light the Historic Centre of Sighișoara and Transylvanian cultural heritage. The agenda will include relevant visits in at least 4 counties – Mureș, Alba, Sibiu and Brașov. The participants will engage with the history, traditions, and contemporary issues facing these locations, allowing them to develop a holistic understanding of cultural preservation.

**ACTIVITIES** - Volunteers will participate in workshops on restoration and traditional techniques, graphics and painting, advanced technologies such as 3D scanning, digital restoration, and artifact contextualization, as well as photo-video documentation sessions. These practical experiences will enhance their technical proficiency and allow them to contribute meaningfully to the preservation of cultural artifacts.

**PARTNERS** - Sighisoara City Hall; Mircea Eliade National College from Sighisoara; Mures County Council; The National Library of Romania Biertan City Hall; Saschiz City Hall; Câlnic City Hall; Sighisoara Art & Craft Museum, The Guild Museum, The History Museum, Astra Museum; 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; Regional Development and European Policies Association; 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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