

Dacian fortresses in Orastie Mountains: management of heritage structures

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ABSTRACT

The protection of the built heritage is an increasingly debated topic in recent years. In order to protect these valuable historic structures and preserve them for the future, holistic approaches are necessary, which generally involve a wide array of specialists and a collaborative, multidisciplinary way of developing conservation strategies, while maintaining their original features.

However recent studies highlight the fact that the management of heritage buildings is far more than the simple aesthetic and structural repair of these structures, by acknowledging the role of societies and communities in maintaining the importance of these structures and the risk of environmental factors (climate change challenges or earthquake risk) on their state of conservation and the effect of unauthorized interventions over time.

Therefore, based on the case study of Orastioara, a commune in Hunedoara County, Romania, where 3 UNESCO heritage sites can be found and numerous monuments of national and local importance, the study is presenting the challenges encountered during the development of the general urban plan of the commune. Since the heritage structures have been neglected over years, the paper comprises a general overview of the complexity of the developed conservation strategy, in order to be able to manage the heritage structures while taking the particularities of their context into consideration.

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