Third Regional Seminar "Faro Convention for concrete action cultural heritage"

"The Faro Way: enhanced participation in cultural heritage"

Heritage communities and governance

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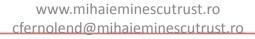




What is our aim and common goal in Viscri/Romania?

To improve the inhabitants' quality of life and living conditions by:

- The valorization of the village/community authenticity.
- The revitalization of the traditional crafts (plasterer, carpenter, roof maker, tile maker, blacksmith, weaving...)
- The restoration of the village houses and local monuments with local materials (clay, sand, stone, slaked lime, local wood).
- Turning traditional houses into bed-and-breakfasts.
- Developing horse and cart itineraries for tourists.
- Encouraging agriculture, the use of home grown organic vegetables and promoting the local gastronomy.







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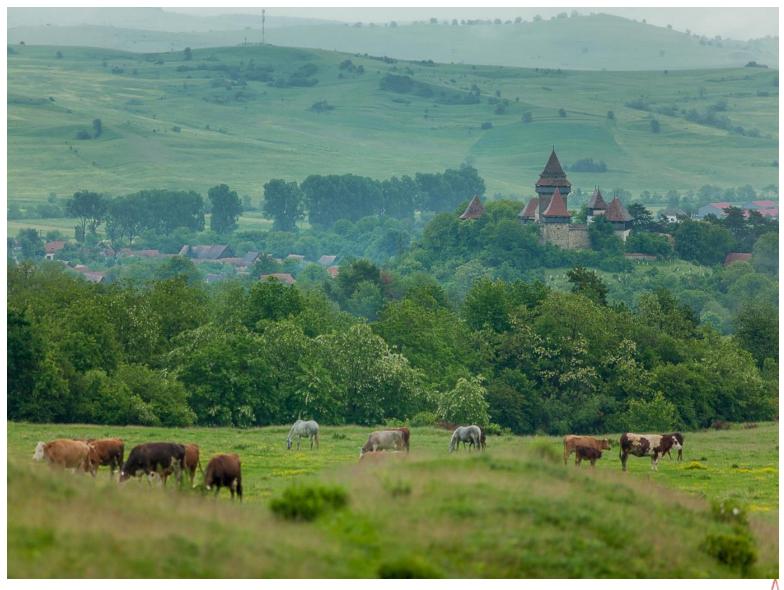


How did we managed to achieve this common goal?

- Use and implications of the Faro Convention principles on the social aspects, mainly integration of different minority groups.
- Successful integration through democratic participation.
- Co-operation between community members and villages through the application of the Faro Convention principles.









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- The constant motivation of all vulnerable groups (such as Roma or women) to **participate** and **contribute** to the implementation of the **cultural heritage valorization projects** in Viscri, has generated the foundation for their sustainable integration in the community.
- Translate the values of the **pluri cultural** community regarding the existent **cultural** heritage and the development of existing and new activities.
- Elaborate a common framework of regulations, including the **integration** of the new village residents.







Successful integration through democratic participation

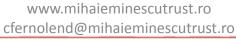
- The strategic action plan and the social contract/agreement has been created **together with and for** the Viscri s community members.
- Each group of interest involved in the development of this documents knows that the results need to be a **realistic**, **proactive** and **interactive** agreement which stays open to revision.
- The social contract/agreement, represents a pact for the Viscri community, includes an **informal parliament**, is discussing and agrees upon stipulations and arrangements before any new measures are implemented and in which all different village groups of interest are represented.





Monthly meetings of the informal parliament in Viscri





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Co-operation between community members and villages through the application of the Faro Convention principles.

- The sustainable economic development the local community from Viscri has seen over the past 30 years is based on a **high level of solidarity and co-operation** between the **community members**.
- The new, pluri-ethnic community from Viscri, along with the Mihai Eminescu Trust's (MET) progress and projects, as well as the established agricultural practices, have all contributed to the development of sustainable tourism activities and traditional local crafts into a prosperous economic environment.
- In 20 years of activity(1267 implemented projects) the MET team has acquired great experience in engaging the community members in 46 villages to preserve the cultural heritage, thus contributing to the sustainable development of the community by valorizing the local pultural and natural heritage.

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