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CENTRE FOR REGIONAL GEOGRAPHY

20 years of activity
2003 - 2023

The Centre for Regional Geography, established in 2003, aims at tackling current scientific approaches in the field of geography such as sustainable local and regional development, territorial cohesion and spatial planning.

OBJECTIVES

1. To conduct research on the regional phenomenon, in all its hypostases..
2. To provide research and consultancy services that address the current societal needs in terms of local and regional development:
 - assessment of the natural and human potential of various geographical units and subunits;
 - elaboration of territorial development strategies at various scales and levels of complexity (local, microregional, zonal, cross-border, regional, transnational);
 - elaboration of spatial planning plans;
 - analysis of territorial disparities;
 - analysis of areas, poles and axes of spatial gravity;
 - analysis of geographical mental spaces;
 - analysis of cultural landscapes.
3. To provide training and professional development for researchers, graduate and post-graduate students interested in the field of regional research, through practical training and involvement in research activities.



RESEARCH DIRECTIONS

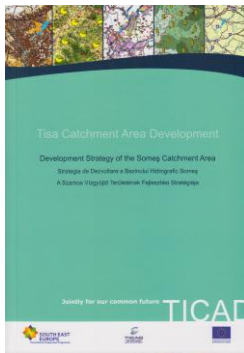
1. elaboration of spatial planning plans, from microscale to macrosystem level (zonal spatial plans, inter-city spatial plans, inter-county spatial plans, county spatial plans, regional spatial plans), from local, zonal and inter-regional to cross-border and European planning documents;
2. elaboration of development strategies for various territorial levels, involving different levels of complexity;
3. fundamental and applied research on regional tourism and its implications for regional development;
4. regional analysis of distinct territorial units such as "țară" (land) and "ținut" (district);
5. analysis of cultural landscapes;
6. GIS applied in territorial planning.

The research centre is accredited by the National University Research Council (CNCSIS) and is issued the Certificate of Accreditation No. 32 – CC-C/11.05.2004.

Multidisciplinary team, which includes seven specialists attested by the Romanian Register of Urban Planners, authorized to sign and seal urban and spatial planning documents.



International projects



2009-2012



SOUTH EAST EUROPE
Transnational Cooperation Programme



Tisa Catchment Area Development SEE A/638/4.2./X—TICAD

Project funded by the South East Europe Transnational Cooperation Programme
Transnational partnership between institutions from Hungary, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, and Ukraine
Lead partner: VÁTI (Hungary)



2016-2017

Demographic Disparities in Rural Areas DISRUR/14-AUF

Project funded under PN III Programme/Sub-programme 3.1. Bilateral/multilateral/ Module AUF-RO
Contracting Authority: Francophone University Agency in partnership with the Institute for Atomic Physics
Partnership between universities from Romania, France and the Republic of Moldova
Lead partner: Babeş-Bolyai University, Centre for Regional Geography, Cluj-Napoca (Romania)

2019-2021

Heritage and Urban Renewal: Creative Spaces, Inclusive Culture and Civic Engagement CREATONVIL/17-AUF

Project funded under PN III Programme/ Sub-programme 3.1. Bilateral/multilateral/ Module AUF-RO
Contracting Authority: Francophone University Agency in partnership with the Institute for Atomic Physics
Partnership between universities from Romania, France and the Republic of Moldova
Lead partner: West University of Timișoara, Centre for Regional Development, Cross-border Studies and Territorial Planning (CDR-START), Timișoara (Romania)

WHAT WE OFFER

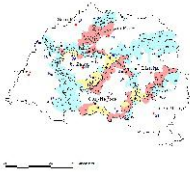
Consulting services and preparation of specialized studies in the field of territorial planning and development: territorial development strategies, territorial development plans, substantiation studies, analysis, diagnosis, and forecasting studies on territorial development, development/updating in GIS format of spatial planning documents.

OUR PROJECT PORTFOLIO

1997-1999

REGIUNEA DE INTER-CONTACT
Zona de contact inter-judeţean

Acti de contopreştere



The Inter-County Spatial Plan – The Inter-County Contact Area of Cluj, Bihor, Bistrița-Năsăud, Maramureș, Mureș, Satu Mare, Sălaj

Beneficiaries: Bihor County Council, Bistrița-Năsăud County Council, Cluj County Council, Maramureș County Council, Mureș County Council, Satu Mare County Council, Sălaj County Council

2000-2001

BAZINUL INFERIOR AL ARIEŞULUI
Harta riscului geomorfologic



Study of Anthropogenic Risks in the Arieș River Catchment Area (Corresponding to Cluj County)

Beneficiary: Cluj County Council

2000-2003

PLANUL DE AMENAJARE A TERITORIILOR
REGIUNII DE NORD-VEST (PATR)

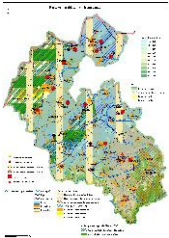
Carta de amenajare



North-West Region Spatial Plan. Major Coordinates

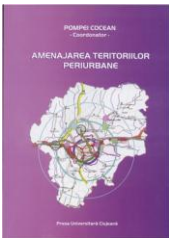
Beneficiaries: Bihor County Council, Bistrița-Năsăud County Council, Cluj County Council, Maramureș County Council, Satu Mare County Council, Sălaj County Council, North-West Regional Development Agency

National projects



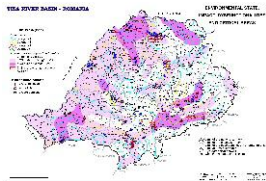
2003

Economic and Social Development Strategy for Tășnad Microregion
Beneficiary: Tășnad Mayor's Office



2005

Zonal Spatial Plan for the Peri-urban Area of Bistrița
Beneficiary: Ministry of Transport, Construction and Tourism

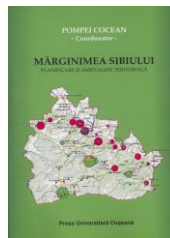


2007

Analysis of the Present State of Territorial Development Trends in the Romanian Tisa Basin
Beneficiary: Ministry of Regional Development, Public Works and Housing

2008

Economic and Social Development Strategy for the Commune of Sărmășag (Sălaj County)
Beneficiary: Sărmășag Mayor's Office



2009

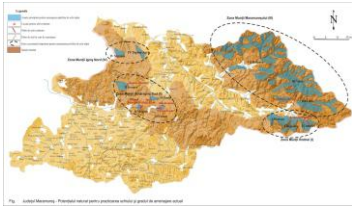
Zonal Spatial Plan for Mărginimea Sibiului
Beneficiary: Reuniunea Mărginenilor Association



2009

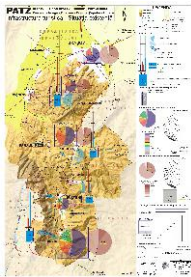
Zonal Spatial Plan for the Hârtibaciu Valley, Sibiu County – Reconfiguration of the Urban-Rural Relationship in the Context of Territorial Cohesion and the Strategic Environmental Analysis for the Zonal Spatial Plan for the Hârtibaciu Valley, Sibiu County
Beneficiary: Ministry of Regional Development and Housing

National projects



2009

Update to the Maramureș County Spatial Plan
Beneficiary: Maramureș County Council



2009-2011

Inter-City Spatial Plan for Sinaia, Bușteni, Azuga, Predeal, Râșnov, Brașov (Poiana Brașov)
Beneficiary: Ministry of Regional Development and Housing



2013

Development Strategy for the Commune of Aiton
Beneficiary: Aiton Mayor's Office

2014

Analysis and Diagnosis Study on the Agritourism Development Potential of Southwest Satu Mare Local Action Group for the Implementation of the Local Development Plan

Beneficiary: Southwest Satu Mare Local Action Group Association

2014

Analysis and Diagnosis Study on the Agritourism Development Potential of Sătmar Area Local Action Group for the Implementation of the Local Development Plan

Beneficiary: Microregional Development Association of the Communities in Sătmar Area

2019

Inventory, Assessment and Prioritization of Tourism Resources in the North-West Region

Beneficiary: North-West Regional Development Agency

2018-2023

The Sălaj County Spatial Plan
Beneficiary: Sălaj County Council

2021-2023

Creation of a spatial database of drone imagery and vector and 3D derivatives

Beneficiary: Aiton Mayor's Office

2022-2023

Services for Updating Strategic Support Documents – The Maramureș County Spatial Plan
Beneficiary: Maramureș County Council

Our activities

2004-present

Organisation of the International Conference Regional Development and Territorial Disparities

Website: georeg.conference.ubbcluj.ro



Co-organisation of scientific events

national and international conferences, workshops

Meetings and working visits

with experts from national and international institutions and organisations (Algeria, Austria, Brazil, Bulgaria, France, Germany, Hungary, Poland, Republic of Moldova, the USA, etc.)

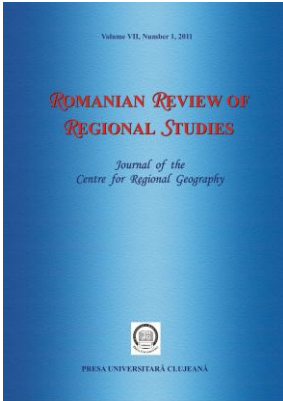
Meetings and collaborations

with doctoral candidates, academics and researchers engaged in mobility programmes

Participation of the Centre's members as experts

in specialized commissions at local, regional and national level





2005-to date

Romanian Review of Regional Studies

semiannual, peer-reviewed and open access scholarly journal, accredited and ranked in the B+ category by the National University Research Council (CNCSIS) in 2011

indexed in international databases and directories: Academic Journals Database, CABI, DOAJ, DRJI, EBSCO-CEEAS, Genamics, Index Copernicus, InfoBase Index, OAJSE, ProQuest, ULRICHSWEB, Worldcat

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2018-to date

The CGR Meetings

the series of meetings on topics related to territorial development, addressed to academics, researchers, undergraduate, graduate and postgraduate students, specialists in related fields, decision-makers, but also to the general public, interested in the topics under discussion

Education, training and professional development



2015

Practical Training in Țara Hațegului [the Land of Hațeg]
Theme: Societal Challenges



2017

Practical Training in Ținutul Ciceului and Țara Năsăudului [the District of Ciceu and the Land of Năsăud]
Theme: Economic Activities in the Rural Environment



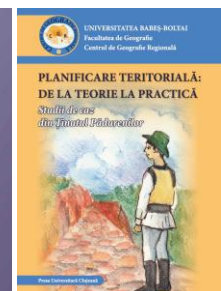
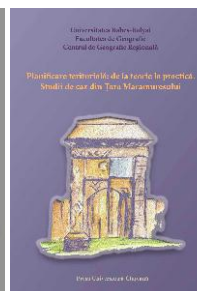
2019

Practical Training in Țara Maramureșului [the Land of Maramureș]
Theme: Facets of Multiculturalism



2022

Practical Training in Ținutul Pădurenilor [the District of the Forest Dwellers]
Theme: Resilience of Industrial Areas



20 years of activity...

2023



full members

26



associate members

3



collective volumes

12



e-books available on website

12



articles published in journals included in Web of Science

>140



national projects

20



international projects

3



international conferences organized

11



editions of the CGR Meetings

25



semi-annual journal

1



websites

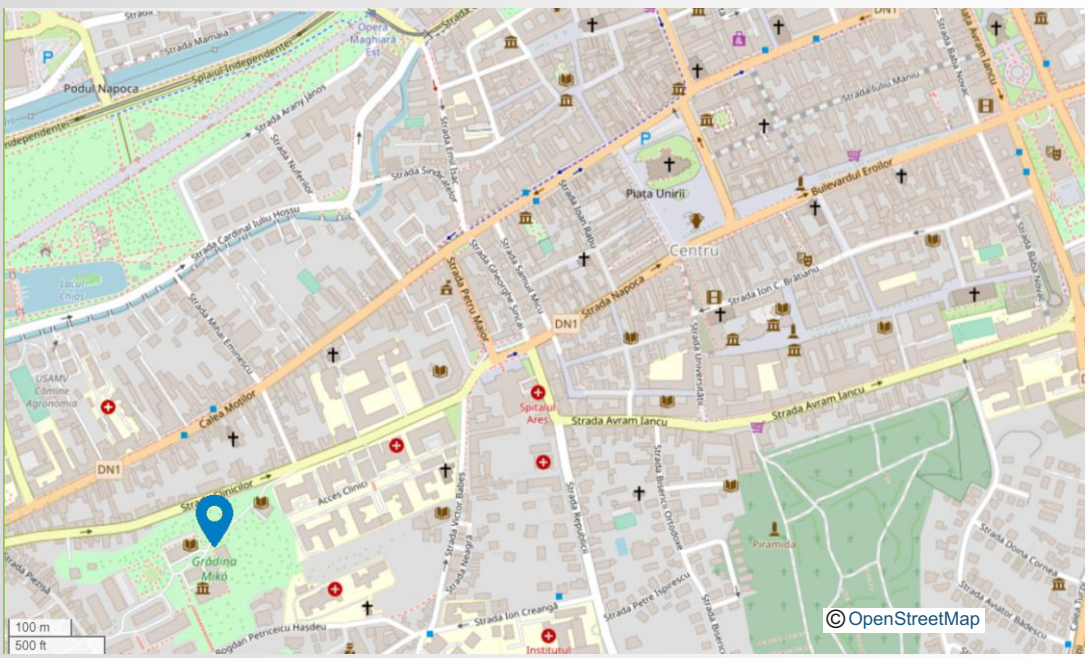
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editions of practical training for undergraduate and graduate students


4

2003



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