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AGENDA

World Heritage in Romania - Implementation of the 1972 Convention

PERIOD	November 16–18, 2026
VENUE	**Palace of Parliament, Bucharest** Entrance C1, at the intersection of Libertății Boulevard and United Nations Boulevard; *the meeting is held in hybrid format*

Day 1, November 16, 2026
Hall: Nicolae Iorga

09:00 - 09:30 Welcome

09:30 - 10:30 Opening Remarks

Dumitrița Gliga, Chair of the Joint Committee of the Chamber of Deputies and the Senate for Cooperation with UNESCO

Ioana Ciocan, Minister of Culture

Ștefania-Georgiana, Presidential Advisor

Simona-Mirela Miculescu, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Delegate of Romania to UNESCO

Alfred-Robert Simonis, President of the National Union of County Councils of Romania

Oana Zaharia, Interim Director of the National Institute of Heritage

10:30 - 11:30 Session 1 - Strategies for the Nomination and Management of World Heritage Sites

Keynote
Berta de Sancristóbal, Head of the Europe and North America Unit, UNESCO World Heritage Center
World Heritage Action Plan for the Europe and North America Region

Ole Søe Eriksen, Riksantikvaren/Directorate for Cultural Heritage (Norway)
World Heritage and management - the Norwegian experience

Claire Breen, National Monuments Service (Ireland)
Ireland's World Heritage Strategy

Irina Iamandescu and Raluca Grama, National Institute of Heritage
World Heritage Sites in Romania and the Need to Develop a Dedicated National Strategy

11:30 - 12:00 Coffee break

12:00 - 13:30 **Session 2 - Romania's Tentative List for the UNESCO World Heritage**

Keynote

Luba Janikova Caris, Project Officer in the Nominations Unit, UNESCO World Heritage Center
The Nomination Process: From the Tentative List to the World Heritage List

Horia Moldovan, independent expert
Royal Founders in Moldavia and Wallachia (2024)

Constantin Preoteasa, Neamț National Museum Complex
The Cucuteni-Trypillia Civilization (2026)

Nicușor Halici, President of the Vrancea County Council
World War I Memorial Sites (proposal in progress)

Ioan Carol Opriș and Raluca Grama, "Limes" National Commission for the Frontiers of the Roman Empire - DLES/National Institute of Cultural Heritage
The Borders of the Roman Empire - The Eastern Section of the Danube Limes (under nomination)

13:30 - 15:00 Lunch

15:00 - 16:30 **Thematic Discussions on the Tentative List**

Moderators: Irina Iamandescu and Raluca Grama, National Institute of Heritage

Focused on cultural properties with the potential to be inscribed on the World Heritage List, the discussion will bring together representatives from the Ministry of Culture, public authorities, local governments, heritage experts and researchers.
The session will examine UNESCO's process for inscribing properties on the World Heritage List, as well as how the Tentative List can serve as a strategic tool for planning, protecting, and promoting Romania's heritage. The discussion will cover the outstanding universal value, integrity, and authenticity of cultural properties, as well as the conditions for management, legal protection, conservation, and community involvement necessary for a viable nomination. It will also examine past experiences, lessons learned, and how the Tentative List can support the prioritization of resources and the protection of heritage.
Aimed at identifying priorities, gaps, opportunities, and concrete courses of action, the discussion will focus on a participatory approach, in which local communities, authorities, landowners, and experts contribute to defining a coherent, realistic, and sustainable indicative list.

16:30 - 17:00 **Conclusions Regarding Prospects for Future Collaboration**

Day 2, November 17, 2026

Hall: Nicolae Iorga and hall of the Committee on Economic Policy, Reform, and Privatization

09:00 - 09:30 Welcome

09:30 - 11:00 Session 3 - From Nomination to the Commitment to Preserve Outstanding Universal Value

Keynote
Gwenaëlle Bourdin, Director of the World Heritage Unit at ICOMOS
The Nomination Process, from Preliminary Assessment to Management and Protection — the Role of ICOMOS

Barry Gamble, National Institute of Heritage
Making the List — How to build a successful World Heritage nomination

Felix Marcu, "Limes" National Commission for the Frontiers of the Roman Empire — Dacia
The National Limes Program

Mirela Stamate, Târgu Jiu Local Police
The Process of Inscribing the Brâncuşi Monumental Ensemble of Târgu Jiu on the World Heritage List

Sarah Court, National Institute of Heritage
Managing change and protecting the Outstanding Universal Value

11:00 - 11:30 Coffee break

11:30 - 13:00 Session 4 - Protection and Management of Cultural Properties Inscribed on the World Heritage List (Planning)

Keynote
Eugene Jo, Coordinator of the World Heritage Leadership Program, ICCROM
Managing World Heritage - heritage place approach

Liviu Bailești eanu, Ministry of Development, Public Works, and Administration
The Multiyear Funding Program for General Urban Plans of MDLPA

Chiara Ronchini, Great SPA Towns of Europe
Managing World Heritage Across Borders: Europe's Great Spa Towns

Ondina Tăut, Art Consult
Cultural Projects—Funding and Strategic Planning

Michaela Türk, Mihai Eminescu Trust
Living Heritage, Living Communities—From Heritage Preservation to Heritage Promotion for Sustainable Community Development. The Experience of the Mihai Eminescu Trust

13:00 - 15:00 Lunch

15:00 - 16:30 **Thematic Discussions on Cultural Properties of Ecclesiastical Heritage Inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage List**

Hall of the Committee on Economic Policy, Reform, and Privatization

Churches of Moldavia, Wooden Churches of Maramureş, Hurezi Monastery

Moderators: Oana Zaharia, Anca Filip, Raluca Grama

Focused on the challenges and solutions related to the protection, conservation, management, and sustainable use of religious monuments of exceptional universal value, the discussion will bring together representatives of cultural institutions, local authorities, religious communities, conservation specialists, and stakeholders involved in the management of World Heritage cultural properties.
The session will address how the spiritual, historical, and artistic value of ecclesiastical properties can be protected while also meeting the needs of local communities, ensuring public access, and promoting the balanced development of cultural tourism. The session will examine the responsibilities of owners and administrators, funding mechanisms, preventive conservation, community engagement, and coordination among churches, authorities, and experts.
Aimed at identifying relevant experiences, best practices, and concrete courses of action, the discussion will focus on value-based, participatory management tailored to the specific characteristics of each cultural asset.

Thematic Discussions on Cultural Property, Including Cultural Landscapes and Urban and Rural Sites Inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage List

Nicolae Iorga Hall

Villages with Fortified Churches in Transylvania; Historic Center of Sighişoara; Roşia Montană Mining Landscape; Brâncuşi Monumental Ensemble of Târgu Jiu

Moderators: Irina Iamandescu, Florentina Murea-Matache, Ioana Petrescu

Dedicated to the integrated conservation, sustainable management, and responsible enhancement of Romania's built heritage and cultural landscapes, the discussion will bring together representatives of public authorities and local governments, as well as architects and urban planners.
With the aim to address how historic centers, villages with fortified churches, and cultural landscapes can be protected as living heritage sites, the discussion will address the financing of these cultural assets, as well as the importance of protection and management, documentation and, last but not least, territorial planning. It will also analyze how contemporary interventions can be harmoniously integrated into the historic fabric and the rural landscape.
Aimed at identifying best practices, institutional challenges, and concrete courses of action, the discussion will focus on a participatory approach, in which local communities, authorities, landowners, and specialists assume complementary responsibilities for protecting cultural and natural heritage.

16:30 - 17:00 **Conclusions on the Prospects for Future Collaboration**

Day 3, November 18, 2026

Hall: Nicolae Iorga

09:00-09:30 Welcome

09:30 - 11:00 Session 5 - Protection and Management of Cultural Properties Inscribed on the World Heritage List (Implementation)

Keynote

Ciprian Barna, Northwest Development Agency
From Heritage Preservation to Territorial Development: The Role of Regional Policies in Protecting and Promoting Cultural Heritage

Luana Floricică and Ionuț Mârzac, National Institute of Heritage
The National Restoration Program and the Historic Monuments Duty Stamp

Răzvan Mateescu, Babeș-Bolyai University
Projects for the Conservation and Promotion of the Archaeological Heritage of the Orăștie Mountains

Péter Pánczél Szilamér, Mureș County Museum
Limespark, Călugăreni

Gabriel Herea, Archdiocese of Suceava and Rădăuți
Managing a World Heritage Site: the Pătrăuți Case Study

11:00 - 11:30 Coffee break

11:30 - 13:00 Session 6 - Governance of Cultural Properties Inscribed on the World Heritage List

Keynote

Leticia Leitao, ICCROM Consultant
One Convention, Multiple Perspectives: The Evolution of Understanding Governance in the Implementation of the World Heritage Convention

Adrian Bălteanu, Ministry of Culture
Legal Provisions Concerning Cultural Properties Included on the World Heritage List

Petronela Luca, Alba County Council
Roșia Montana Mining Landscape UNESCO Organizing Committee — From Legal Framework to Implementation

Florin Salajanu, Maramureș Prefecture
Fire Risk Analysis for Historic Wooden Churches

Alexandru Andrășanu, Cristina Toma-Ungureanu, University of Bucharest
Governance of UNESCO Geoparks in Romania — Concepts and Operational Elements

13:00 - 14:30 Lunch

14:30 - 16:00 **Thematic discussions on cultural properties of archaeological heritage that are inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage List or are in the process of being nominated**

Dacian Fortresses of the Orăștie Mountains, Roșia Montană Mining Landscape, Frontiers of the Roman Empire—Dacia, the Frontiers of the Roman Empire—DLES

Moderators: Oana Zaharia, Irina Iamandescu, and Raluca Grama, National Institute of Heritage

Dedicated to the protection, research, conservation, and sustainable use of archaeological sites of universal significance, the discussion will bring together representatives from the Ministry of Culture, public authorities, local governments, museums, research institutes, universities, and experts in archaeology and conservation.
The session will address how archaeological sites can be managed as living cultural assets that require special protection, interdisciplinary research, preventive conservation, and responsible public interpretation. Among other topics, the session will examine funding, protection, and management tools; monitoring of conservation status; oversight of interventions; protection against destruction and inappropriate land use; and the role of local communities in safeguarding these cultural assets.
The discussion will highlight the importance of an integrated approach that combines archaeology, conservation, and heritage presentation with land-use planning. It will examine how archaeological research can support the preparation of nomination files, substantiate outstanding universal value, and the development of management strategies tailored to the specific characteristics of each site.
With the aim of identifying best practices, institutional challenges, gaps in protection, and concrete courses of action, the discussion will focus on a participatory approach, in which authorities, researchers, landowners, local communities, and civil society assume complementary responsibilities for the protection and sustainable management of archaeological heritage.

16:00 - 17:00 **Conclusions on the Prospects for Future Collaboration**

Concluding remarks

Oana Zaharia, Interim Director of the National Institute of Heritage