



## Welcome to Harghita County! One of the most unique corners of culture in Europe

- On behalf of Harghita County Council, I am pleased to send you our first international newsletter.

Everyone remembers different things about our land. Some remember it after its grandiose mountains or the famous Grace Statue of Virgin Mary of Csiksomlyo. Other remember it after the beautiful Saint Anne Lake or the Killer Lake.

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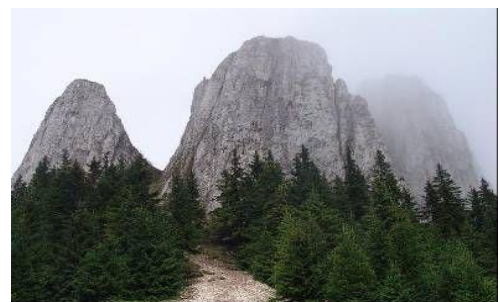


### Presentation of Harghita County

- Get to know and see our landscape, culture and traditions:

For the tourists who are looking for amazing sights and memories of times long past, Harghita County is definitely a place to see. The region offers a variety of landscapes and natural wonders like...

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### Upcoming events

- Invitation: The Day of Thousand Szekler Girls, 3rd of July 2010.

The Szekler dance, song and music are in fact the noblest expression of our community's soul. We are pleased to invite you to this event. Its biggest beauty



reflects unity in diversity and the Szekler culture is one of the color patches of Europe. This event is also known and widely recognized even beyond our state borders as one of the most beautiful local cultural manifests.

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- **Invitation: The Pentecost Pilgrimage, 22nd of May 2010.**

Șumuleu Ciuc represents an attraction due to its historical past and monuments. The monument composition found here is unique in Transylvania, with its “pièce de la résistance” being the statue of the Virgin; a masterpiece of XVI century ecclesiastic architecture. Șumuleu Ciuc also stands as the spiritual center of Ciuc region. It is a well-known pilgrimage place for Roman Catholics. We invite you to this special



event, through which you can experience the most beautiful and spiritual tradition of Harghita County. Each year, there are thousands of visitors not only from Romania, but from abroad, especially, Hungary, Austria, Germany and several other European countries.

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## Current projects and initiatives



- **INTERREG IVC Project partnership: Robinwood Plus:**

The project's main objective is to promote the multifunctional role of forests as engines of economic development, environment protection and improvement of life quality in rural areas, in

accordance with the European Union Forest Action Plan and the Sustainable Development Policies.

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- **Widening the Thermal Solar Energy Exploitation by the Successful Models – Project Partnership:**

The purpose of the project is to activate a transfer of know-how and experiences of South Eastern Europe countries with significant penetration and cooperation in order to: widen the use of Thermal Solar energy to cover the expected rise in energy demand, reduce the greenhouse gas emission, and create new employment opportunities

through DHW market enlargement.

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- **Development of Innovative Business Parks to Foster Innovation and Entrepreneurship in the SEE Area (FIDIBE):**

The main objectives are to increase the innovative potential and competitiveness of the South Eastern Europe area through the development and support of competitive and innovative small and medium-sized enterprises, to facilitate innovation, promote entrepreneurship and the development of a knowledge-based economy and to decrease the substantial disparity of economic development. These objectives will be achieved through the development and improvement of support networks and services for innovative SMEs in the area.

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- **CivPro- Regional Strategies for Disaster Prevention – Interreg IVC project partnership:**

Disasters have quite often a devastating effect on people's lives, their livelihood, the economy and the environment. This has led to a further strengthening of European civil protection legislation. EU and national/regional instruments dealing with civil protection have shown that they are often fragmented, targeting specific risks and strongly focused on response and recovery measures. The project is focused on developing improved governance models to introduce cross-cutting thinking and approaches into disaster prevention in order to establish comprehensive regional policy approaches in terms of structures and organization.

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