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From Heritage to Innovation: REBUILD Study Visit in Moldova

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Building Foundations for Sustainable Reconstruction Together

The international team of the REBUILD project recently gathered in Chişinău for an intensive period of knowledge exchange and collaboration, aligning with the EU Green Deal and Digital Decade objectives.



| DAY 1: EDUCATION AND TRADITION

• Host Visit:

We kicked off the visit at the Center of Excellence in Construction (IP CEC) in Chişinău. We explored their impressive facilities and gained insights into the local approach to vocational education and training (VET). The institution plays a vital role in the region, focusing on innovative teaching methods and preparing future experts to drive sustainable reconstruction efforts.





• Technical Site Visit:

We conducted a technical visit to a beautifully restored 17th-century wooden church. Local experts shared invaluable insights into the unique challenges of its restoration:

- Sourcing historically accurate timber while ensuring modern structural durability.
- Balancing traditional woodworking craftsmanship with modern building techniques.
- Preserving the original architectural integrity through sustainable intervention.

| DAY 2: FORTIFICATIONS AND REVITALIZATION

Rural Innovation:

In Rogojeni Village, we visited "Hobbiton Moldovenesc"—a historic site of traditional human shelters. This unique location served as an inspiring example of eco-friendly, revitalized construction, showing how traditional local materials can inspire modern sustainable building techniques.





Soroca Fortress:

We then headed north to explore the magnificent 15th-century medieval Soroca Fortress. Our technical evaluation focused on its unique circular architecture and the various historical stages of its transformation and restoration. Local experts guided us through the recent preservation efforts, sparking a profound discussion on how to protect medieval heritage while meeting modern structural resilience requirements.

DAY 3: FROM INDUSTRIAL HERITAGE TO UNIVERSITY WALLS

• Heritage Sites:

We conducted an in-depth technical visit to the historical Steam Mill, a national architectural monument, and the fully restored Manuc Bei Manor. Within the complex, an interactive presentation was organized alongside the project beneficiaries, giving us a unique opportunity to discuss the practical, technical, and social aspects of managing and restoring large-scale heritage sites.





• University Revitalization:

The visit concluded at the State Pedagogical University "I. Creangă" in Chişinău, where we observed a campus building's transformation for energy efficiency. This provided practical insights on integrating modern public infrastructure retrofitting into new VET training programs.

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