

Introduction

Based on the cooperation of TU Wien with Ion Mincu University of Architecture and Urban planning in Bucharest, architect and planning students of TU Wien are invited to participate in a summer school and to either participate in architectural design workshops, EU project development workshops and cultural heritage excursions. Dealu Frumos / Schönberg is situated exactly in the centre of Romania and part of the county Sibiu/Hermannstadt.

Concept

The main Idea of my Project, developed together with my colleague Rares Barbu is to encourage the tourism in Dealu Frumos by developing a touristic sheep farm which would be connected with the fortified church that was recently restaurated and could become also a touristic objective. The sheeping is a tradition in Romania, and it's still practiced by many people around the country. We think it would be a great opportunity for tourists to see how some of this people practice this kind of tradition and too see how their everyday routine is and maybe to be part of this lifestyle for a couple of days.

Tour Report

On 09.07.2018 we've met at the Austrian Consulate in Sibiu where we were supposed to attend some presentations, hold by specialized people who are trying to restaurate some of the fortified churches which are part of the The Fortified Churches Foundation like Sebastian Bethge and a short introduction in the history of the saxon civilization in Romania, presented by Hana Derer. The weather was not so favorable for us to make a short city tour of Sibiu, but we managed to visit the evangelic church situated in the center of the city, which was also under renovation, but we had the big opportunity to climb the tower and to have a great look over the beautiful City who also has a lot of saxon characteristics.

For the next two days, we've spent our time in the village Museum Astra in Sibiu where we've learned a lot about the difference between the saxon and Romanian traditional housing types. Another great thing that've managed to do in our two days Stay in the Astra Museum was to paint with the colours of the Earth with help from Milan Racek who taught us some basics stuffs about this kind of painting and how to mix the earth pigments to achieve the proper mixture to paint with.

The next day we were on our way to Dealu Frumos and on the way we've made a few stops to visit some fortified churches which were situated in villages like Hosman, Nocrich, Altana, Pelisor and Veseud. We've also visited a scouts settlement where we saw how traditional pottery is made.

In our stay in Dealu Frumos we've had the pleasure to hear a presentation about Smart Farming presented by a group of Koreans, an idea that they wanted to apply it also in Romania. A short presentation about all the landscape development of Japan presented by Koji Harashima and another two presentations about fortified churches in Romania and about their restoration process were held on the same day. We've made a tour of the fortified church in Dealu Frumos by Liviu Gligor, the architect who was charged with the restoration project of this church.

It was a hard loaded week in which I've learned a lot of new things about Saxons and about the fortified churches of Romania, which are a brilliant type of architecture.

Photos



Fortified church tower in Hosman.



Dealu Frumos fortified Church | roof construction | the old Parts of the structure combined with the new ones.

