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The investment objective "Municipal Hippodrome Park" - entitled:

MUREȘ PARKS, TÂRGU-MUREȘ
**THE HIPPODROME PARK, MUNICIPAL PARK, TURBINEI CANAL BLUE-
GREEN ENSEMBLE**
DESIGN COMPETITION

Annex 8.7.2. Roundtable minutes 01 — 11.09.2025, 10:00 a.m.

Consultation with representatives of local NGOs

Place: Târgu Mureș City Hall

On Thursday, 11 September 2025, at 10:00 a.m., at the headquarters of the Târgu Mureș City Hall, a meeting with representatives of local NGOs took place as part of the public consultation process related to the development of the competition brief "Mureș Parks", organized by the Romanian Order of Architects (OAR), in partnership with the Târgu Mureș City Hall.

The session was opened by **arch. Daniela Miheș**, chief architect of the municipality, together with **Coralia Goicovici** (urban planner, Chief Architect Directorate) and **Florian Moldovan** (director, Public Domain Administration). **Ana Horhat** (landscape architect) and **Cristian Panaité** (architect) participated on behalf of the OAR team of professional consultants.

Representatives of local civic organizations, including the **Unda Verde Association** (Klaus Birthler, Georgiana Birthler), the **Milvus Group** (Miholcsa Tamás) and the **Mureș Community Foundation** (Gál Sándor), as well as representatives of institutions with environmental responsibilities, were registered in the attendance register.

After the presentation of the objectives and the intervention area (Objective 1 – The relict meander + left bank of the Mureș River + Hippodrome area; Objective 2 – Municipal Park; Objective 3 – Turbinei Canal along Carpați Alley), a series of questions and proposals regarding the following topics were received from the part of the NGOs:

1. **Purpose of the consultation and context of the topic.** The topic aims to restore ecological continuity along the historical bed of the Mureș River, establish a major park system, increase urban climate resilience, and improve pedestrian and cycling mobility, with recreational facilities. The public questionnaire from July and the scheduling of two other consultations (professional environment; general public) were mentioned.
2. **Delimitation of the study/competition area.** Clarifications regarding the inclusion of **Objective 3 (Turbinei Canal)**: objective 3 covers the public spaces up to the boundaries of private properties; Clarifications regarding the sector at the confluence of the Turbinei Canal and the Mureș River:

hyrotechnical works are planned, and this sector is not included in the design perimeter, with only functional connections to be provided.

3. **Dialogue with key institutions.** The existence of advanced projects carried out by **Apele Române (Romanian Waters)** (including **fish ladders** and ecological measures), and the **openness** to collaboration and controlled vegetation on the shore, in compliance with technical requirements, was confirmed. The documentation will be made available to the competitors; the winning designs will be **correlated** with these investments, which are considered basic infrastructure. At the same time, the dialogue initiated with **Romgaz** was mentioned, regarding the integration of abandoned land and buildings into the general concept.
4. **Regimes and ownership.** There was a discussion about private lands in the study area, for example, in the sector between the protection dam and the Mureș River, and about the fact that the implementation of the project will require **specific expropriations** for public utility (river safety zone/green spaces), in compliance with the legal framework. The **Romgaz** land is not included in the intervention area except in a specific way, but its vicinity **will be taken into account** in the concept (sports/leisure functions).
5. **Flooding and building limitations.** **Objective 1** includes **floodable zones**; the brief **does not propose any buildings**, but **light structures** and landscaping works, with **minimal interventions on the banks**.
6. **Urban connectivity and crossings.** Challenges for the **pedestrian and bicycle connection** Carpați Alley – Municipal Park – Hippodrome, including the **railway crossing**. **Bridges** were discussed: the **Azomureș** project (general traffic), **Carpați Alley** (urban street), as well as a **possible bridge at the Hippodrome** for **alternative mobility** (further studies).
7. **Sustainable mobility vs. real estate pressures.** Environmental representatives drew attention to residential developments (Unirii/Livezeni/Corunca) and the effects on traffic; the municipality showed that **public transportation** projects, **dedicated lanes**, and **bike lanes** are advancing in parallel, following the **15-minute city principle**.
8. **Urban planning vision – Objective 3.** The importance of the warehouses in the Turbinei Canal area was highlighted, which are considered to be elements with potential for urban regeneration. NGOs recommended that a competition be used to provide a **visionary image** of how the area can be transformed.
9. **Relationship with water and nautical activities.** Supporting the **resumption** of non-motorized nautical activities (kayaking etc.), with **temporary pontoons** and discreet interventions, preserving the **natural appearance** of the riverbank; Apele Române are open to reversible solutions.
10. **Vegetal and biodiversity. Conservation of mature trees and combating invasive species.** The County Environment Directorate has reported the

presence of invasive species (Fallopia/Japanese knotweed) and the need to combat them in anthropized areas. The design brief will require the winner of the contract to provide a multi-annual **management and maintenance plan** adapted to **climate change** (native species, tolerance to aridity/temperatures).

11. **Protection of the The relict meander of Mureș.** Proposals: **limiting night access** in the area with high ecological value, **monitoring** (e.g. video), **fauna-friendly lighting** (downward facing, low intensity), **thematic trails/footbridges** for controlled visits, and a minimum **10 m protective strip** of continuous vegetation on the banks of Mureș, avoiding cycling/running tracks right at the water's edge.
12. **Pocloș Stream – integration and renaturation.** It is requested to **avoid concreting** and to favour **renaturation** (plantings, bridges/consols), with the restoration of landscape and ecological quality; positive natural developments in areas with reduced interventions were mentioned.
13. **Public events and uses.** Opportunity for **cultural events** (summer stage, projections) and **light facilities** (terraces/pavilions), within the framework of a **unified thinking** and with the protection of sensitive areas.
14. **Stallion Center/Hippodrome.** The brief will **integrate trails and spaces** for equestrian **training and competitions**, with reasonable proportions to allow a layout of the new park geared toward use by the general public.
15. **Parking lots and grey spaces.** The number of parking spaces related to the stadium/park will be **maintained**, aiming for spatial optimization and their **transformation** into green parking lots (tree alignments, permeability).
16. **Other perimeter extensions for coherence.** The **former swimming pool** (today unused) was also included to ensure **pedestrian-bicycle continuity** between Carpați Alley, Municipal Park, and the future Hippodrome Park.
17. **Cycling links to Libertății Street.** It was proposed to ensure the **cycling connection** between the Turbinei Canal and **Libertății Street** (Mureș Community Foundation), arguing for the opportunity of a **continuous artery** for cyclists (Tudor – Sâncraiu). It was noted that this extension will be treated as a **complementary project** at the municipal level, the current brief ensuring **access** to the limit of the studied perimeter (including the opening of the end of Pocloș stream).
18. **Replicability of technical solutions.** The proposed structural solutions (e.g. **suspended walkways/cantilevers**) will be analysed for **replication** on similar sections in complementary projects.
19. **Site-scale cycling network.** Competitors will **clearly** indicate the cycling routes **within the site**, the **connection** points to the existing/planned network, and the way of integration with the **proposals of Apele Române** on the dam crown.



20. **Possible additional pedestrian/bicycle bridges.** The proposal from the PMUD regarding a **pedestrian-bicycle bridge** in the vicinity of the large bridge (Boinicenilor str. – Podeni str.) was recalled; such connections **are not excluded** and will be analysed through **separate studies**.
21. **Calendar and next steps.** After the closing of the consultations and the **finalization/approval** of the brief, the municipality intends to **launch the competition** in **autumn of 2025**, followed by a **press conference**; the participants of the meeting were invited to stay in touch for specific clarifications.

Conclusion: The participants supported the orientation of the brief towards **minimal landscape interventions, ecological connections, and alternative mobility**, in **correlation** with the projects of Apele Române and municipal documentation (PUG, PMUD). The recommendations regarding the **protection of the relict meander of Mureș, the renaturation of the Pocloș stream, night management, the bicycle networks, and the selection of species** will be transposed into the brief requirements and submitted to the jury.