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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

Anexa 8.7.3. Roundtable minutes 02 — 11.09.2025, 15:00

**Consultation with representatives of the professional environment – architects,
landscape architects, urban planners**

Place: Târgu Mureș City Hall

On Thursday, September 11, 2025, at 3:00 p.m., at the headquarters of the Târgu Mureș City Hall, a roundtable discussion with the professional community (architects, landscape architects, urban planners) took place, as part of the public consultation process related to the development of the brief for the international design competition "Mureș Parks", organized by the Romanian Order of Architects (OAR), in partnership with the Târgu Mureș City Hall.

On behalf of the local administration, the following were present: arch. Daniela Miheț (chief architect) Coralia Goicovici (urban planner, Chief Architect Directorate).

On behalf of the OAR professional advisors team, the following were present: Ana Horhat (landscape architect), Mircea Munteanu (urban architect), Cristian Panaité (architect).

Architects that are members of the Mureș territorial branch of OAR, landscape architects and members of the local university environment, as well as student architects and landscape architects were registered in the register of participants.

Following the presentation by landscape architect Ana Horhat of the foundation structure and the intentions of the competition brief, the following aspects were debated with the participants:

1. **The extent of the study area.** The limit of the study and intervention area and the opportunity to expand it to address additional issues at the urban level were discussed. The already significant increase in the area compared to the initial area that generated the brief development process (Hippodrome) and the need to delimit an **ambitious but implementable** area were highlighted; the division into objectives supports the phasing and the possibility of accessing various funding. The competition aims at **design solutions**, and the broader urban vision component is taken from the recently approved PUG Târgu Mureș.

2. **Clarification of the brief directions.** The direction of landscaping (alleys, vegetation, walkways/small pavilions, service points) and the lack of major new buildings or heavy road infrastructure in the brief requirements were discussed and clarified. The brief will detail specific restrictions and deliverables for the comparability of designs.
3. **Insulei street and heavy traffic.** The issue of Insulei Street was highlighted, reiterating the municipality's vision of diverting current heavy traffic from it to the future beltway. The competition brief will not request the widening of the street profile for transit traffic, but only the addition of bicycle lanes and sidewalks. The proposed designs will have to work both in the transitional stage (before the beltway is completed) and after the diversion of heavy traffic to the beltway, when the pedestrian relationship between the Hippodrome area and the Mureș River will have to be significantly improved.
4. **Bridges/crossings.** The project for the future bridge over the Mureș in the Carpați Alley area was discussed, highlighting that it is provided with an urban profile (not for heavy traffic). Another pedestrian and cyclist bridge in the Hippodrome area remains possible as a complementary project, being provided for in the PUG and could be the subject of a separate future project in collaboration with the Sâncraiu de Mureș Commune. The need for clear pedestrian and speed connectivity between the 3 objectives and in relation to the current and future city network was agreed upon.
5. **Correlation with the project of Apele Române.** The project carried out by Apele Române to **restore the longitudinal continuity of the Turbinei canal** (from the Mureș intake to the backflow into it) with technical interventions in the riverbed was discussed; the brief directions aim at complementary landscape arrangements, in correlation with the Apele Române project.
6. **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.
7. **Strategic neighbourhoods.** The status and potential of the **Romgaz base** (between the Hippodrome and the The relict meander of Mureș) was discussed – recalling the open administrative dialogue and the need to relate solutions to the different development scenarios of this area neighbouring the project: completion by Romgaz or takeover and completion by other actors with a public vocation (municipality or university).
8. **Atmosphere and uses.** The preferred directions were discussed: nature + proximity to water + alternative mobility + safety, non-motorized activities (kayaks, etc.); temporary cultural events (summer stages, projections) and small pavilions; no new large buildings that would consume critical park area are targeted.

9. **Sports and existing infrastructures.** It was clarified that the aim is not the development of new sports facilities, but rather the **interconnection, accessibility and public spaces** between existing facilities (multipurpose hall, stadium, ice rink, private facilities, hippodrome).
10. **Canoeing/kayaking – local tradition.** It was proposed to **resume the sports function** (kayaking–canoeing) on the regulated sector of the Mureș between the dams, with specific infrastructure (access points, changing rooms); within the limits of the flood protection regime.
11. **Bank of the Unirii neighborhood.** The valuable land reserves on the opposite bank, related to the Unirii neighbourhood, were discussed. This area is designated as a green area in the PUG and could be the subject of future projects; the possibility that the designs from the current competition could be replicable was discussed.
12. **Competition calendar and working hours.** A reasonable calendar for submitting competition proposals (avoiding overlap with holidays) and targeted requirements were requested from the professionals; it was agreed that the deadlines would ensure the additional time needed to develop proposals in case of overlap with holidays. It was also mentioned that two rounds of questions and answers, and a guided visit to the site would be provided during the competition.
13. **Land of MAPN (Ministry of National Defense).** There was a discussion about the land recently returned to the administration of **MAPN** and the fact that it will not be an object of the competition.
14. **Procedure & prizes.** The design competition standard imposed by OAR - Competitions Department was discussed. An increased number of prizes was requested, confirming the award of 3 prizes and 3 mentions, including for the 1st place (the value of the 1st prize will be deducted from the contract).
15. **Physical model.** It was proposed to request a model, but the costs and dynamics of the competition do not make it appropriate/possible in this case; they may be taken into account in future competitions.

Conclusions

- The brief will remain **focused on the park and the green-blue corridor**, with light interventions, **pedestrian/bicycle connectivity**, and **ecological compatibility**, coordinated with the project of **Apele Române**.
- **Restrictions** (permitted functions, limits), comparable **deliverables**, and a **fair timetable** will be specified.
- The requirements include: **water access points** (kayak-canoe) and **principles for temporary/cultural events; no major buildings** in the park.
- Designs must be feasible and work in different traffic scenarios.



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