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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 8.7.5. PUBLIC CONSULTATION MINUTES — 12.09.2025, 11:00 a.m.

On Friday, 12 September 2025, at 11:00 a.m., at the headquarters of the Târgu Mureș City Hall, a public debate open to all citizens took place, within framework of the consultation process related to the development of the brief for the "Mureș Parks" design competition, organized by the Romanian Order of Architects (OAR), in partnership with the Târgu Mureș City Hall.

From the local administration, the following were present and spoke: Soós Zoltán (mayor), arch. Daniela Miheț (chief architect), biologist Kelemen Márton (local counsellor), arch. Iszlai Tamás (local counsellor)

From the team of OAR professional advisors, the following presented: Ana Horhat (landscape architect), Mircea Munteanu (urban architect), Cristian Panaite (architect).

The audience included representatives of the local administration, public and private entities in the area, the associative and cultural environment, citizens of the city, local counsellors, as well as representatives of the press.

Following the presentation by the team developing the brief of the substantiation framework and the objectives of the competition, as well as the conclusions of the public questionnaire, the following aspects were debated with the participants:

Relevance of the public consultation – the relevance of the online questionnaire was discussed; it was clarified that it had a guiding role (not an extensive sociological study), the questions being formulated with academic support; it was agreed to integrate the conclusions into the competition brief along with the other supporting studies.

The objective of the intervention – the objective of the competition was discussed, reiterating that the aim is to create a network of green spaces (new park in the Hippodrome–Relict Meander–Mureș riverbank area, regeneration of the Municipal Park and the promenade on the Turbinei Canal); the role of bicycle-pedestrian connections was emphasized.

Green space status – it was clarified that the targeted lands have a green space regime and will remain so; it was agreed that the designs will capitalize on public and ecological use (not the construction of new buildings or infrastructure for motorized traffic).

Legal regime – Hippodrome – the issue of litigation on a plot of the hippodrome was reported; it was clarified that the competition area also includes other lands without legal problems, and the approach is advancing overall; it was clarified that, at the initiation of the procedure, the land was registered with the municipality without encumbrances; work scenarios were discussed regardless of the legal evolution, respecting the green space regime according to the PUG and maintaining dialogue between the parties.

Integration of equestrian activities – the compatibility of the hippodrome activities with an urban park was discussed; the issue of harness competitions in the park was raised; it was agreed to analyse the typologies of competitions and their frequency for possible temporary/shared uses of the surface, with priority for current training.

Synergy of functions – there was a discussion about abandoning the “enclave” approach and the need to correlate sports, leisure, and ecological functions; it was agreed that the brief will favour coexistence and relationships between functions.

Municipal Park – public space regeneration – the fragmentation of spaces between buildings (parking lots, roadway) was reported; it was agreed that the brief will aim at reconfiguring circulation, bicycle-pedestrian continuities, increasing the share of vegetation, and integrating existing sports functions.

Municipal Stadium – the opportunity to include it in the brief and the possible compliance with current standards was discussed; the possible orientation towards an athletics stadium was clarified, but the building itself does not make the object of the competition, only the adjacent public spaces do.

MApN land – the need for legal steps for the assets in the barracks area was signalled; the phased nature and the possibility of addressing the challenges and potential of this land in the medium term, through a different procedure than the current one, were clarified. The land could, in the future, offer solutions for compact multi-storey parking to free up green spaces.

Romgaz – sports base – the situation of unfinished investments on the Romgaz land was discussed; the openness for legal and economic solutions (takeover/completion) was clarified; the inclusion of the access area from Insulei Street in the study area for coherent urban integration was agreed.

Apele Române – the existence of the project financed by the PNRR for engineering interventions (ensuring longitudinal continuity, consolidations) on the Turbinei Canal and the Relict Meander was clarified; it was agreed that the competition project would be complementary to it, offering landscaping solutions and public access to the water surface, within the limits of technical constraints.

Access to water and riverbanks – the possibility of water contact points in the different zones of the area, light pontoons, and permitted plantings was discussed; it was agreed to include compliant solutions for shading, promenade, and parking areas in the brief.

Transversal connectivity – the issue of Insulei Street was highlighted (heavy traffic, unsafe crossings); it was agreed that the brief should include bicycle and pedestrian crossings designed for the transitional stage until traffic is diverted to the future ring road, plus completing the street profile with pedestrian and bicycle routes.

Major perpendicular connections – the connection of the Mureș corridor with the Pocloș Stream and the historic center of the city was discussed.

Bridges and the extension on the right riverbank – the existence of a proposal for a bicycle-pedestrian bridge on Podeni/Apelor Street in the PUG was clarified, but the realization of which also involves the territory of the Sâncraiu de Mureș commune; it was agreed to tackle the topic on the current section, with solutions potentially replicable later on other sectors and, in the long term, inter-administrative dialogue for extensions.

Railway barrier – the impact of the railway on connectivity was discussed; the existence of an urban/metropolitan train study and the option of lowering into the cut to allow level crossings were clarified. The project has no funding at the moment. It was agreed that the topic would open up options for local overcrossings/under crossings, compatible with railway solutions.

Transit traffic and metropolitan ring road – it was clarified that infrastructure projects (Azomureș bridge, bypass ring road) are ongoing at the metropolitan level; the design of the park for the target scenario without transit on Insulei Street was agreed upon, with temporary measures for the transition period.

Competition calendar – the launch of the competition in the fall/winter of this year and the estimated duration (≈3–3.5 months) were discussed; it was clarified that a press conference will be organized at the time of the competition launch, when the final calendar will be presented. The calendar of the actual implementation and of the possible phasing will be established following the development of the project related to the winning design.

Budget and prizes – the importance of the value and number of prizes was discussed; the OAR standard (3 awards + 3 mentions) and the calculation correlated with the value of services were clarified; these will be brought to the attention of the Local Council during the budget rectification.

Promotion and jury – it was clarified that OAR ensures national and international promotion and that the jury will be made up of members with professional reputation, to guarantee the quality and attractiveness of the competition.

Student participation – the opening to mixed teams (professionals + students) was discussed; it was clarified that teams must contain at least one architect with signature rights, but that it is a common practice for competitors to form mixed and multidisciplinary teams.

Workshops and volunteering – the opportunity for educational-community actions was signalled (Urban Landscaping Workshop); it was agreed to continue the initiatives on specific interventions, separate from the competition.