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In search of strategies for a sustainable future for the Fortified Churches in Transylvania

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Southern Transylvania: • Villages with a fortified church

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Southern Transylvania: Saxon residents

- 0
- 1 – 20
- 21-100
- > 100

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Physical condition of the fortified churches

- Church and/or fortification in bad condition
- Church and/or fortification in average condition
- Church and/or fortification in good condition

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Overview stakeholders

Evangelic Church A.C.
Coordination Office for Fortified Churches
Foundation Fortified Churches
Saxon Communities (HOGs)
Overarching initiatives
Individual initiatives

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Evangelic Church A.C. / Coordination Office for Fortified Churches

- coordinates, advises and supports the various projects
- acquisition of funding

since 2014 Foundation Fortified Churches
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Saxon Communities (HOGs)

- strong emotional bond to ‘their’ Fortified Churches
- fundraising for preservations
- cooperation with the Coordination Office

HOG Mardisch

Hahnbach / Hamba
Individual initiatives

example Felldorf / Filitelnic:
- professional interest of the local restorer Lorand Kiss
- foundation of an association (Arcus)
- Perspectives for a further utilisation
Overarching initiatives

GAL Microregiunea Hartibaciu

- founded with German and European support in 2012
- Initiative for regional development
- focus on participation and integration of the local population

Map of the Microregion Harbach Valley

Workshop meeting

Touristic routes
Conclusion

Who cares?

many people,  
*but* mostly not local

many small initiatives

What can be improved?

involvement of the local population without devaluation of the external actions

Developing an overarching concept of cooperation and communication to create synergy effects
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