



# gradOST::07::reloaded

## urbanistic days in the transylvanian province, 2nd edition

november, 23rd-25th

### why

romania, its regions, cities, towns, villages and landscapes find themselves in 2007 in an accelerated process of complex urban transformation with big opportunities and huge threats at every step. the fact that romania has two traditional types of towns and urban cultures, as well as the experience of urban destruction during the last decades of communism makes our country unique in europe – which is so appealing to architects, urban planners, philosophers, artists, explorers – and so difficult to support for its inhabitants...and sighisoara, a melting pot of people, cultures, mentalities and architectures, is no exception from this rule.. come and discover the details during the gradOST::07::reloaded days in sighisoara-the 2nd urban planning workshop this autumn, bun venit!

### what

have a look behind the facades:: explore sighisoara with us! we want to bring you together with locals, the sighisoreni. gradOST::07::reloaded is:: 1. for NEWCOMERS:: walks in and around the town, exploring spaces, atmospheres, needs, plans, dynamics, borders, strengths, fragilities. see sighisoara from inside & out. And in the atelier::work on sighisoara, plan for it, propose your ideas! 2. for VETERANS:: working mainly on visions and visualisations of sighisoara's spaces, based on their explorations and SWOT analyses during the 1st gradost event on September 17th-19th this year!

### what else

gradOST = grad+ost+rad+radost = degree+town+east+work+joy. therefore it's eastern, it's european, it's creative, it's playful. and it's you and us and the people from sighisoara, who will fill these days with form, colour, tastes and content. we want you to feel like temporary locals, living all together in one place, eating ciorba de fasole, cricala, almastezta, drinking fresh spring-water and traubenmost, tasting apples and pears from around schäßburg!

### what's next

the *urbanistic days in the transylvanian province* will continue next year! with gradOST::08 in may (?) 2008 we will take action by transforming the gradOST::07/1+2 experiences into concrete projects and development proposals. there will be spontaneous installations and activities in public spaces, open-air-city-cinema, dinners in the market place, city-lights beside a campfire, slow-down-mobility,... share your ideas and visions for sighisoara!

### exploratiON

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for newcomers::

day 1:: what is sighisoara?  
what is segesvar not?  
how is schässsburg?  
how could it be?

day 1+2:: we'll walk through sighisoara to *explore* its residential, historical, public, green, working, peri-urban, rural, industrial, open, natural spaces. during the walking tours we'll get lot of information from story-telling locals...  
...in a cultural, analytical, visual, physical and culinary way!

day 3:: how do you see, hear, smell, taste, feel sighisoara? tell us everything about your impressions 'cause we want to know them!

the result::sighisoara rediscovered

### actiON 1

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for veterans::let's take action after the september explorations:: we and mainly YOU will *start a work-workshop in our office...*

...to (re)create, (re)discuss, show, draw, reinvent, ...reload the spaces of our town! express yourself! dare for experiments! descurcati-va!

the result:: sighisoara virtually reinvented!

### actiON 2

spring/summer 2008

come again to schaessburg and let's take action again after the 2007 explorations and reinventions:: we, you and THEM (the locals) will move our workshop in the city...

...to take over and reinvent spaces! share your idea(l)s, realize your dreams! experience & understand the opportunities and try to overcome the limits of this little metropolis!

the result:: sighisoara virtually reborn!

### publicatiON

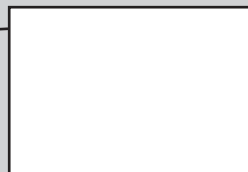
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get reactions to your actions!:: let's show our idea(l)s, visions and proposals to the public:: residents, decision makers and guests of the town!

experience urban planning as a public process! all stakeholders discuss, learn, analyse, criticize, motivate, rethink, replan their urban environment!

2008/2009/2010:: visit sighisoara again and maybe find some of your idea(l)s materialised!

the result:: sighisoara rebuilt



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### who

...architects, landscapers, townplanners, artists, musicians, sociologists..., gardeners, ..., hikers, mountainbikers, backpackers, landstreicher, wine drinkers and beer-tasters.

### when

23rd - 25th of november. arrival preferably on thursday, 22th of november.

### where

at the headquarters of our ngo sustainable sighisoara in 11 bastionului street in the famous medieval old town of sighisoara in transylvania in romania in europe.

### sleep & shower

in very basic conditions in your sleeping bag on the parquet floor of our ngo's members! shower will be available.

### eat & drink

one warm meal per day guaranteed – cooked by YOU and all of US!

### participation

just contact us by email or mobile phone if you would like to participate... part time participants are also welcome! the participation fee is 07 lei.  
e-mail: gradost@gmail.com  
mobile: 004 (0)747 356810 or 004 (0)731 478243

### how to get here & away

sighisoara (mures county) is situated in the centre of romania, 90 km NE of sibi, 118 km NW of brasov, 280 km NW of bucharest. national/european road and train connections cross our beautiful town (posing some traffic problems too..). below, please find some methods for approaching us, in ecological order :-))

*by bare feet::* muddy carriage roads, adventurous hiking trails and forest paths crisscross transylvania. take a map, a GPS device and hit the trail! ecologically super-correct but rather slow...

*by bike::* try the danube bike trail that connects western europe with romania. in romania follow some minor roads and carriage trails - one of them will surely lead U to sighisoara! ecologically correct, funny and feasible for short distances...

*by train::* there are direct connections from vienna, budapest, cracow, cluj, bucharest etc. to sighisoara (www.cfr.ro, www.db.de). ecologically correct, comfortable, but rather expensive...

*by bus::* eurolines, atlassib, kessler reisen, pletl reisen, connect sighisoara to all european countries. minibuses connect sighisoara to the bigger cities of transylvania. ecologically correct, inexpensive but rather uncomfortable for long distances...

*by car::* try hitch-hiking or organised hitch-hiking through www.mfz.de, www.siebenbuerger.de or www.rennkuckuck.de. cars are ecologically not correct, but hitchhiking & car-sharing is ok!

*by plane::* international airports in sibi and targu mures offer direct flights to major european destinations, also with low cost carriers (www.wizzair.com). alternative airports: bucharest, timisoara. want to make the world a warmer place? then use planes! ;-)

*map::* www.multimap.com

other useful travel info: www.lonelyplanet.com, www.wikipedia.org