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- Gardener's fair
- Partnerships

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In order to support the Ukrainian citizens fleeing the war and reaching the territory of Alba County, the "Refugee Department" was set up within Alba County Centre for Management and Coordination of Intervention, which became operational on March 4.

The Refugee Department operates 24 hours a day, and it is available to the public, institutions, companies or non-governmental organizations. On March 17, the county information point was opened on the A1 high

way, km 316 - right, located within the commune of Pianu de Jos; it was set up to come to the aid of Ukrainian citizens, to all those affected by the armed conflict in Ukraine, and transiting or destined for Alba County.

In order to achieve this objective, Alba County Council, together with the subordinated institutions - *Augustin Bena* Culture Centre and Alba SALVAMONT - SALVASPEO Service - brought its contribution in terms of logistics. 





## A FUTURE THEME PARK, NEAR POIANA INIMII / HEART'S MEADOW

Located in a natural setting of special beauty, overlooking Piatra Craivii, the oak forest near the village of Bucerdea Vinoasa is, for Ighiu City Hall and Alba County Council, an opportunity to develop a theme park, through a future partnership.

The theme park will feature elements from a Dacian village, but will also have the content of an adventure park with climbing and zip-lining activities, tourist orientation routes, cycling route, and other specific and related activities, representing a pleasant way to spend free time with family or friends.

This park is intended to be an attraction of the area, being located in the immediate vicinity of Poiana Inimii / Heart's Meadow, a symbolic image for the county's tourism.



### ANCIENT TRADITIONS

## FÂRȘANG'S HOLIDAY IN RIMETEA

Celebrated from generation to generation, since the time of the Great Church Schism, the burial of Fârșang is a ceremonial that marks the end of winter and the transition to spring.

The ceremony took place on February 26, in Rime-

tea, where the streets of the village are crossed by a "hearse" in which is the coffin with all the evils and troubles gathered between the Epiphany and the fasting of Easter.

Rimetea village is one of the main tourist attractions on the Apuseni Transcul-

tural route, which impresses with the uniqueness of its houses, which also gave it the status of a monument village. From Rimetea, tourists can travel on tourist routes on Piatra Secuiului or to the noble fortress of Colțești.





# PARTNERSHIP FOR THE MODERNIZATION OF THE NATIONAL ROAD 14B

*The most important road infrastructure work at the level of Alba County in 2022*



The most important road infrastructure work at the level of Alba County this year aims at modernizing and rehabilitating DN 14B, between Teiuș and Blaj. Following the decision taken at the level of Alba County Council for the adoption of decisions of local council and county council within a partnership between Alba County Council and Blaj, Teiuș, Crăciunelu and Mihalț town halls, a protocol was signed on March

15, with CNAIR, for financing the works through the Transport Operational Program 2021-2027. The meeting was attended by Ion Dumitreț, Alba County Council President, and Vice President Marius Hațegan, as well as Mirela Vasile Hălălai, Teiuș Mayor, Gheorghe Valentin Rotar, Blaj Mayor, Flavius Breaz, Mihalț Commune Mayor and Lenuța Bubur, Crăciunelu de Jos Commune Mayor.



## THE PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN ALBA COUNTY AND LA MANCHE DEPARTMENT



*New perspectives*



Representatives of the International Relations, Diaspora, Public Relations and Communication Office of Alba County Council met, on March 18, in Bucharest, at the headquarters of the French Institute in Romania, with partners from France – La Manche Department, in a working seminar of national associations - France and Romania, partners within the European Union.

Facing the Ukrainian drama, the local authorities are mobilizing. The event was organized by the Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs - France, the French Embassy in Romania, the French Association of Councils of European Municipalities and

Regions, the National Union of Romanian County Councils, the Association of Romanian Municipalities, the Association of Romanian Cities and the Association of Romanian Communes.

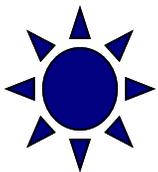
The representatives of Alba County Council and of La Manche Department Council also discussed the continuation of the cooperation started in 2005, by signing a *Friendship and Cooperation Agreement*. Following these discussions, topics of common interest will be identified, which can be developed into actions and projects in areas such as: digitalization, youth, sustainable development, tourism.



## MARCH 27 - THE UNION OF BESSARABIA WITH ROMANIA



March 27 has a very special significance in the consciousness of the Romanian people. It is the day when Bessarabia, a historical province and a body from the ancestral body of our country, united with the ancient hearth, thus drawing the contour of Greater Romania. Thus, on March 27, 1918, the majority of the inhabitants of Bessarabia expressed their will to return to their motherland, a will enshrined in a political act – **The Union Act**. On a day with a special significance in the history of the Romanian people, "Petru Costin" Gallery of Ialoveni District Council, from the Republic of Moldova, was officially inaugurated, made with an important financial support of Alba County Council.



## ENERGY EFFICIENCY - NECESSITY AND CHALLENGE

On March 29, more than 40 guests from the Centre Region and the country participated in a debate on *Addressing energy efficiency in the public buildings of the Centre Region. Financing solutions and good practices*.

On the agenda of the event, organized by ADR Centru and attended by the President of Alba County Council, along with specialists in the field, were found topics such as reducing carbon emissions and the transition to a low-emission economy, priorities both at local / regional, national and European level.





## THE GARDENER'S FAIR – The 12<sup>th</sup> Edition

Alba County Council, together with Alba Iulia City Hall, the Local Action Groups on Mureș and Târnave, Metaliferi Mountains, Trascău and Muntele Mare, Țara Secașelor Alba - Sibiu, Ampoi Valley, Mureș Valley, organized, between March 25-27, the 12<sup>th</sup> edition of the Gardener's Fair, in the ditches of Alba Carolina Fortress, in Alba Iulia.

It is an event to promote local products in the field of growing flowers, shrubs, fruit trees and decorative plants, and dedicated to all gardening lovers, professionals or amateurs. On this occasion, a wide range of products was exhibited: seeds, bulbs, shrubs, fruit and ornamental trees, decorative plants, phytosanitary products, garden furniture and accessories, tools and equipment for the maintenance of gardens and green spaces.

The star event of the spring in Alba Carolina Fortress, the fair was a great success, with more than 3,000 visitors, who either took home with them plants, something of the color and scent of spring, or, at least, spent moments of relaxation among flowers or were receptive to the advice of specialists. Over 40 exhibitors made this fair a true spectacle of nature.



*Alba County Council aims for our county to become a pole of economic concentration, determined by productive activities that respect the environment and tourism, a comfortable place to live and an attractive destination in the European multicultural landscape.*

*We want Alba to become the landmark of a modern, flexible and efficient public administration, where the citizen has a central role in decision making process.*

*Alba County Council supports partnerships between the administration, civil society and the private sector, providing the tools through which all these parties can express themselves and develop.*



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