

ROMANIA

Local development

Location

Telesti, Gorj County

Programming period

2014 – 2020

Priority

P6 – Social inclusion & local development

Measure

M7 – Basic services & village renewal

Funding (EUR)

Total budget 462 226

EAFRD 264 769

National/Regional 46 724

Other 150 733

Project duration

2017 – 2019

Project promoter

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RDP support financed a series of restoration and basic works on a historic monument church in rural Romania.

Summary

St. Nicholas Church is located in Telesti, Gorj County, some 15 km from Târgu Jiu and 65 km from Drobeta Turnu Severin. It was built around 1746 and is a site of cultural importance. It is built in the shape of a cross with two turrets, while the paintings follow the Byzantine style. The building is included in Romania's Historic Monuments List.

Rural development programme (RDP) support financed a series of restoration and basic works to secure the building and improve its functionality. These included church restoration; consolidation; church equipment; restoration of paintings; and works to repair the bell tower.



Results

The investment made the church more accessible to parishioners and national and international tourists.

Local people were hired to do the project works. These include 20 people doing unskilled/low-skilled work; 15 people who are being trained in various traditional crafts such as masonry, stone carvers, carpenters, old painting and icons restorers. An unspecified number of full-time guides to the church will be hired following the completion of the works.

Context

St. Nicholas Church is located in Telesti, Gorj County, about 15 km from Târgu Jiu and 65 km from Drobeta Turnu Severin. The church is dedicated to Saint Nicholas and Saint Dionysius The Areopagite - as seen in the fresco placed above the entrance to the porch – and it was built around 1746 according to records.

The church is an exemplary late medieval monument made of brick. It is built in the shape of a cross with two turrets. The paintings follow the Byzantine style. The building is included in Romania's Historic Monuments List.

Objectives

A series of restoration and basic works were required in order to preserve the building and improve its functionality.

Activities

The following works were financed with RDP support:

- church restoration works;
- consolidation works;
- church equipment - thermal, electric, lightning, etc.;
- painting protection works during architectural consolidation and restoration;
- repair of the bell tower;
- landscaping works (pavements, platforms, vertical system, architectural and outdoor lighting);
- new furniture and functional equipment throughout the church (benches, exterior lighting and bell tower, etc.).



Main results

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Additional sources of information

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tele%C8%99ti>

Photos source: www.skytrip.ro/biserica-sfantul-nicolae-din-telesti-din-judetul-gorj-ob-89.html