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# **Sustainable Construction in Transylvania !**

**August 13 through 16, 2009**

Dear Sir or Madam,

We are pleased to inform you that Romania Green Building Council is organizing, in partnership with the German Sustainable Building Council (DGNB), “Sustainable Construction in Transylvania!”. This event is a trip to the mountains for a long weekend of interesting discussions, lectures, tours, and activities centered around the theme of sustainable construction while staying in a traditional inn. This event will include both a look at historical building methods of the region and lectures on modern innovations.

The information below will provide you with the program and details on this event. We look forward to answering any questions you may have and your visit to Romania!

Kind regards,



Steven Borncamp, President  
Romania Green Building Council



## The Program:

### Thursday, August 13th

- individual arrival and transfer to the Athenee Palace Hilton in Bucharest
- early evening gathering at La Strada terrace at the Hilton
- depart the Hilton at 7pm for 90 minute walking tour of Bucharest
- dinner at La Strada terrace
- out-of-town guests stay at the Hilton

### Friday, August 14th

- breakfast @ hotel
- morning train to Brasov
- guided architectural tour of the old town of Brasov (the Habsburg town of “Kronstadt”)
- lunch in old town Brasov
- shuttle to the “Inn on Balaban” in the village of Simon, close to Bran, Romania
- casual gathering and short walk around the premises
- dinner in common room
- overnight in The Inn on Balaban

### Saturday, August 15th

- short fitness wake up program (optional!!!)
- joint breakfast
- sustainable architectural lecture
- hike to a lunch place in the woods
- picnic
- hike back
- leisure time in and around the Inn (we’ll bring plenty of sustainable architecture books...)
- dinner outdoors
- overnight in The Inn on Balaban

### Sunday, August 16th

- short fitness wake up program (optional!!!)
- breakfast
- shuttle to Brasov with visit to Bran or Rasnov castle
- train ride to Bucharest
- transfer to airport for departure (or Hilton if additional overnight arrangements)

## Accommodation and Travel

Out of town guests will spend the first night at the Athenee Palace Hilton Bucharest – a five star hotel, a member of the Romania Green Building Council, and a supporter of this event. Please contact us for special rates if you would like to extend your stay.

Website: [Athenee Palace Hilton](#)

Guests will stay the next two nights at the Inn on Balaban – “a handcrafted inn modeled on a traditional peasant house for the late 1700s”.

Website: [Inn on Balaban](#)

For international arrivals, the main railroad station in Bucharest is “Gara de Nord”. The main airports of Bucharest are Henry Coanda (OTP) often called ‘Otopeni’ and Aurel Vlaicu (BBU) sometimes still referred to “Baneasa”.



## Trainers:

Representatives of the Romania Green Building Council and German Sustainable Building Council (DGNB.org) will lead informal talks on natural building techniques of the region, and modern innovations in design and technology for the region.

## Organizers:

The Romania Green Building Council is a non-profit, non-political association encouraging the market, educational, and legislative conditions necessary to promote high performance construction that is both sustainable and profitable. The RoGBC is accredited as an "Emerging Council" with the World Green Building Council.

The organization is modeled after the successful Green Building Councils that achieved significant results in facilitating the implementation of green construction in other countries such as the U.S. ([www.usgbc.org](http://www.usgbc.org)), Canada ([www.cagbc.org](http://www.cagbc.org)), Germany ([www.dgnb.de](http://www.dgnb.de)), and the U.K. ([www.ukgbc.org](http://www.ukgbc.org)).

The RoGBC team organizing and promoting the event has significant experience in producing high quality conferences and events in Romania. The team members organized the workshop on “**Green Architectural Design and the Enabling Technologies**”, the RoGBC Launch Event and conference “**Green Build Romania: Construieste Verde**”, “**Sustainable Construction Materials**” “**Build Green CEE**”, “**Collaborative Tools**”, and multiple other **green cafes**.



## What is Included and Costs?

All meals, activities, and accommodation listed in the Program section above. Airfare or vampire insurance is NOT included.

The participation fee is:

565EUR per person; double occupancy  
665EUR per person; single occupancy

Please contact us if you would like to lengthen your stay



## Contact Us

We look forward to discussing this further and sincerely hope you will consider joining us for this exciting event. For more details and registration for this event please contact:

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