

LETTER OF SUPPORT AND INTEREST

HERIBUF – HERITAGE BUFFERS

Passive, Circular and Nature-Based Climate Buffer Systems for Cultural Heritage

To whom it may concern,

On behalf of **Argeş County Council**, we would like to express our support for and interest in the European research and innovation initiative **HERIBUF – HERITAGE BUFFERS**, currently being developed for submission under the Horizon Europe programme.

HERIBUF addresses an increasingly important challenge for cultural heritage: the protection of historic buildings, collections and cultural spaces from the impacts of climate change while reducing dependence on energy-intensive mechanical climate-control systems.

The project proposes to develop, demonstrate and validate passive, circular and nature-based climate-buffering solutions, with particular emphasis on clay-, earth- and ceramic-based materials. These solutions are intended to help stabilise temperature and relative humidity, improve indoor environmental conditions, reduce energy demand and contribute to more resilient and sustainable heritage environments.

We particularly welcome the project's intention to connect research and technological development with the practical needs of museums, historic buildings, conservation institutions, local and regional authorities and communities across different European climatic and cultural contexts.

For **Argeş County Council**, the topics addressed by HERIBUF are particularly relevant to protecting the county's cultural heritage, adapting historic buildings and museum infrastructure to climate change, and promoting energy-efficient conservation practices. The initiative also supports Argeş County Council's commitment to the well-being of its residents and the sustainable development of the county by connecting heritage preservation with research and innovation, strengthening cultural institutions and sharing practical solutions that benefit local communities.

We therefore support the objectives of the HERIBUF initiative and would welcome the development and dissemination of practical, transferable solutions that can contribute to the climate resilience and sustainable management of European cultural heritage.

We also express our interest in following the development and outcomes of the project and, where appropriate, in supporting the dissemination and transfer of its results within relevant professional, institutional and regional networks.

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For Argeş County Council

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HERIBUF Project partners:

Consortium institutions represented in the project concept.



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