










# Showcase study: BANAT Region

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-  Cities with a population over 250.000
-  Cities with a population a between 100.000 and 250.000
-  Towns with a population between 25.000 and 100.000
-  Other towns
-  Villages

-  Railroad
-  Main road
-  Secondary road
-  Airport



# BANAT REGION

# 2012 - What have we worked on until now?

- **identified** multicultural communities in the Banat region
- **researched** on traditions of these communities
- **created** a data base on the internet for stocking the documentation
- **disseminated** the information via Facebook

# Main research themes

- **What** *happens* and **what** does it *represent* (non-participant observation, interviews, photos)
- **When** does it happen
- **Who** participates on the event
- **How** are the stakeholders involved in the event
- **Why** do they (still) organize it

# 1. FĂȘANC

## Rudăria, Caraș Severin C

- Carnival, last feast before a 40 day fast
- Parody of a wedding
- Yearly, first day of Easter Lent
- The entire community (active – the youngsters)
- organized by the local community, with the support of the local administration(Mayor and people from cultural centre)
- Tradition

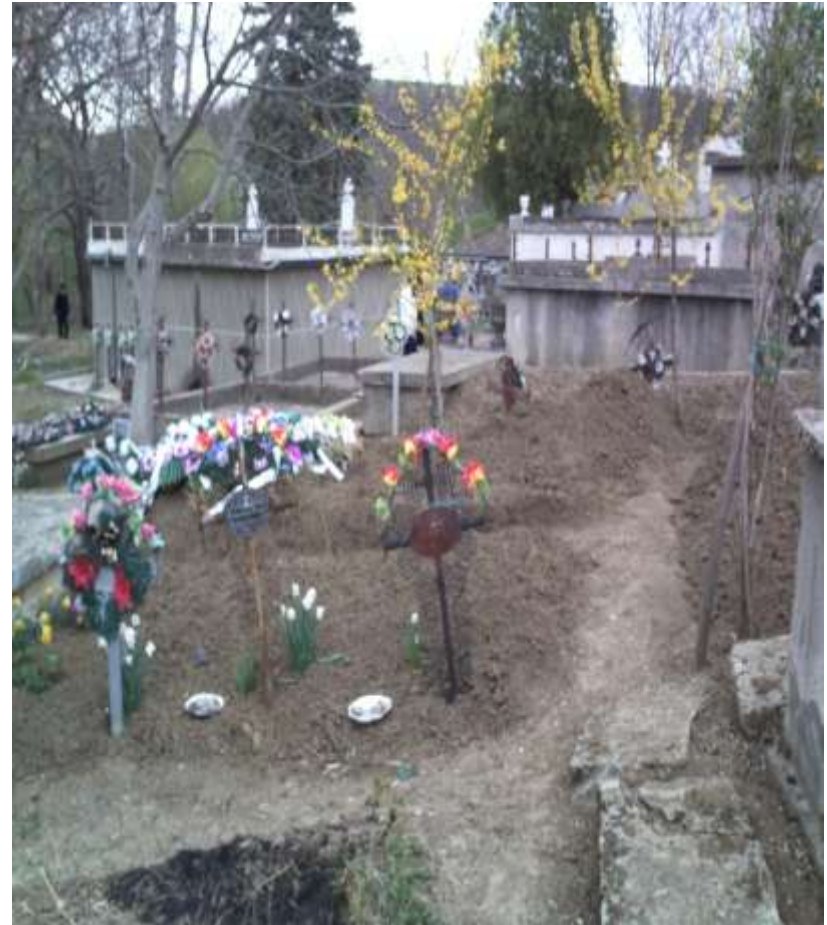




## 2. JOIMARI

### Ciclova Română, Caraș Severin

- Women light fires at the cemetery
- *pomana* for the dead
- On Thursday, before Easter
- The entire community, women especially, older women in particular
- *Natural* organization
- Compulsory, tradition, respecting the dead



"Dumnezeu este  
vesnicul confident in  
această tragedie in  
care fiecare este ero

Charles...





### 3. Prospective research Gărâna, Caraș Severin

- identifying the local memory keepers
- 28 Germans (old people)
- Bohemian origins, XVIII century
- Massively migrated to Germany in the 90s (Stuttgart)



# 4. KIRCHWEIH

## Gărâna, Caraș Severin

- Saint patron of the local church (Teresa de Avila, 15Th of October)
- last feast before Advent
- The local community, foreigners, people who return home as tourist (locals who migrated to Germany), tourists From Caraș and Timiș counties)
- Organised by an NGO from Arad (Banatja)
- Participants from Arad
- Locals - old, few
- Tourism, entertainment, economic, identity issues





# 5. GRAPES FESTIVAL

## Vârșet, Serbia

- Harvest celebration (vineyard) and popular costumes parade
- 14 – 16 September
- Locals, tourists from nearby areas
- Mayor - organises
- Tourist, economic purpose





# 6. KERWEI

## Becicherecul Mic, Timiș

- Saint patron of the local church (Martin of Tours, 11th of November)
- last feast before Advent
- The members of the dancing team (youngsters), families and friends, the 'Germans'
- Organised by Karin Lauer (German origin)
- *re-invented* after a 20 year break on family level







# 2013 – What are we going to do?

- Meeting - Timișoara's memory keeping seniors
- Identifying other analysis parameters
- Extend data base – stakeholders
- Workshop in Timișoara