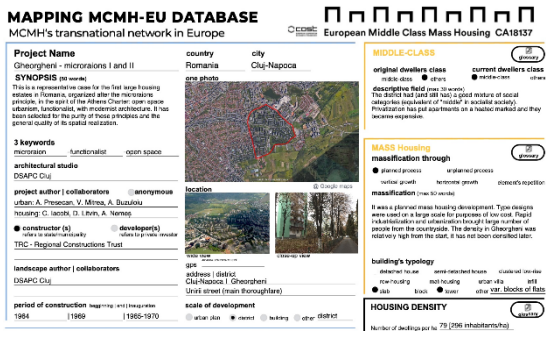


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Housing architectural design / contemporary urban housing / contemporary rural housing;
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history and theory of habitation / modern and contemporary housing / historical documentation;
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Representative projects

2020-2023 COST Action CA18137 - Middle Class Mass Housing; main organizers of the Romanian team participating in the project (HRG members involved: **Dana Vais** member in the Management Committee of the Action - representative for the Romanian team; other HRG members involved: **Dragoș Dascălu** - deputy member in the Management Committee, **Romeo Cuc** and **Ștefania Boca**); objective of the Action: documentation of postwar mass housing in Europe; task of the Romanian team: case studies documentation of postwar mass housing in Romania. (<https://www.cost.eu/actions/ca18137/>)

2026 Arhiva de arhitectură modernă (clujeană): Arhitectul Vasile Mitrea [Modern Architecture Archive (of Cluj): Architect Vasile Mitrea - HRG participant: **Măgerușan, Adriana**; financed by OAR - The Romanian Architects' Chamber, from the Architecture Stamp Tax.

2025 Commoning - călătorie în timp în căutarea bunului public [Commoning - Time travel in search of the public

goodJ - HRG participant: **Măgerușan, Adriana**; financed by OAR - The Romanian Architects' Chamber, from the Architecture Stamp Tax.

2024 Someșul post-industrial [Post-industrial Someș] - HRG participant: **Măgerușan, Adriana**; financed by OAR - The Romanian Architects' Chamber, from the Architecture Stamp Tax.

2026 Vers une pédagogie hybride dans l'enseignement de l'architecture – enseignements tirés des méthodes pédagogiques expérientielles - HRG participant: **Diana Galoș**, post-doctoral research project, financed by a French Government Fellowship, offered by Fondation Maison des sciences de l'homme (FMSH) Paris in partnership with Institutul Francez din România, in the frame of Atlas 2026 programme:

<https://www.fmsch.fr/en/researchers/diana-andreea-galos>

2022 Terms of Habitation, organized by *Politecnico di Milano*, Research project led by professor arch. Gaia Caramellino, PhD. (February-November 2022); HRG partner: **Dana Vais**.

Significant results

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- Dascălu, Dragoș (2021)** A Strained Relationship. Notes on Sociologists' Involvement in Housing Developments in Communist Romania, *Seșit pro umění, teorii a přibuzné zóny* Vol.31, pp.95 – 120, ISSN 1802-8918, vvp.avu.cz/
- Dascălu Dragoș (2020)** Urban Heritage Management: Planning with History – a Review. *Territorial Identity and Development*, Vol.5, No.2, pp.102 – 104, ISSN 2537-4850
- Galoș, Diana and Silviu Medeșan (2022)** From Temporary Spatial Practices to Permanent Architectural Forms. The Case of «La Terenuri» from Mănăștur Neighborhood, Cluj-Napoca, *Studies in History and Theory of Architecture*, nr. 10 (2022): 169–78, <https://doi.org/10.54508/SITA.10.13>. (WoS - Arts and Humanities Citation Index / Erih+)
- Ilovan, O.R., Măgerușan, Adriana, et al. (2020)** Experiencing And Bringing Back The River In The Urban Flow: Someș Delivery, *European Proceedings of Social and Behavioural Sciences*, 2020, pp. 262 – 272, ISSN: 2357-1330
- Măgerușan, Adriana. (2021)** Houses for Workers and Civil Servants. Autonomous Company for Housing and Vatra Luminoasă (1930-1949), *studies in History and Theory of Architecture*, pp.328-331, ISSN: 2344-6544 (WoS - Arts and Humanities Citation Index / Erih+)
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- Moldovan, Miruna (2022)** Locuirea de urgență: modele de locuințe temporare colective cu tipare specifice de locuire, *Argument* nr. 14, București: Editura Universitară „Ion Mincu”, pp.66-79, <https://argument.uauim.ro/numere/14/320/>, ISSN: 2067-4252
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- Cuc, Romeo (2023)**. New perspectives on Romanian socialist housing. *Questions 10*. Editura UTPRESS, Cluj-Napoca, pp. 254–267, ISBN 978-606-737-659-3
- Galoș, Diana (2022)** „Hybrid housing at the interference between the urban and the rural in Romania – The political and economic influence on housing forms and lifestyles”, in *AIP Conference Proceedings 2928, 030001(2023)*, vol. 2928 (World Multidisciplinary civil engineering – architecture – urban planning symposium 2022, Prague, 2023), <https://doi.org/10.1063/5.0170464>. (Scopus)
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Olănescu, O.S. V.S. Rusu, A. Olănescu, **Moldovan, Miruna (2021)** „Intervenţii macro cu impact asupra întregului cartier”, in: *Ghid de regenerare urbană a cartierelor de blocuri - Constanţa* (World Bank Study), V.A. Merlă, M. Ionescu-Heroiu (coord.), pp.300-483, ISBN 978-973-0-33902-4

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Exhibitions:

2025 DOM-E(S)TIC. despre locuire, etică şi fragilitate - o explorare critică şi poetică a locuirii contemporane.

Curators: Silviu Aldea, **Adriana Măgeruşan, Ştefania Boca**, Alexandru Fleşeriu; **Romeo Cuc** (expozant). Expoziţie în cadrul Bienalei de Arhitectură Transilvania BATRA 2025

2020 Romeo Cuc, "BLOCULMEU.RO", in: Romanian Design Week – Bucureşti. [bloculmeuro](#)

Prizes:

2025 Premiul 2 – *Regenerarea urbană a zonei centrale a municipiului Tulcea, Instituţia organizatoare Ordinul Arhitecţilor din România, Autoritatea Contractantă: Primăria Municipiului Tulcea*. Autori principali: **Ştefania Boca** et al. <https://oar.archi/concursuri/oar/zona-centrala-tulcea/galerie-proiecte/112-tu3737/>

2024 Premiul 2 – „Rulmentul Braşov - regenerare urbană” *International Design Competition, Instituţia organizatoare Ordinul Arhitecţilor din România, Autoritatea Contractantă: Primăria Municipiului Braşov*. Autori principali: **Ştefania Boca** et al. <https://oar.archi/concursuri/oar/rulmentul-brasov/rezultatele-concursului/>

2022 Premiul Sponsorului – **Romeo Cuc** (with MANOPERA ARCHITECTURE), 2/4 CASE DIN BETON Arhitectura 6, Secţiunea LOCUIRE, awarded by OAR Sibiu-Vâlcea, Braşov-Covasna-Harghita, Mureş

2021 Proiect câştigător – **Romeo Cuc** (with MANOPERA ARCHITECTURE), RE-FRACTION, BATRA (Bienala de Arhitectură OAR Transilvania), Secţiunea Micro arhitectură / Arhitectură temporară, Premiu acordat de OAR

Others:

2024 - ongoing **Ştefania Boca, Miruna Moldovan**, Silviu Borş, Marius Indrei: co-initiators of the Journal COTAA (*Collection of Texts About Architecture*); with **Dana Vais** as guest editor of No.1. <https://www.cotaa.ro/cotaa-1/>

The offer addressed to the economic environment

Research & development	Fundamental research / cooperation in interdisciplinary teams: - historical studies of housing heritage (including socialist mass housing) in Romania; - studies in the field of contemporary social housing; - studies in the field of urban housing development; - studies in the field of rural habitation. Applied research and development: - inventorying and documenting housing heritage; conservation diagnosis; - surveys and photographic documentation of housing and habitation; - housing design / architectural and urban designs.
Consulting	Retrofitting of collective housing; heritage awareness; development of public and social housing; residential design.
Training	Workshops, conferences, exhibitions, specialised courses and publications in the field of Housing Architecture.

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