

**DEPARTMENTAL PROJECT 3 FALL 2021
DEPARTMENT OF EXPLORATIVE ARCHITECTURE**

HOMORÓDSZENTPÁL

INTRODUCTION

The project site for the Departmental Project 3 of the autumn semester of 2021 is going to be in Homoródszentpál in Harghita County, Transylvania. The village with a couple of hundred inhabitants has a very nice location, but now it is impoverished. Once the village lay on the line of the Roman Limes, and despite being in the middle of present-day Romania, it is still in a peripheral position. In this special, multi-layered world, we are going to explore the architectural issues and possibilities of recycling, remodelling and „healing” (reclaim). The specific design tasks will be different according to different situations and sites. The detailed elaboration of these tasks will be completed at the beginning of the semester, but one by one it will be a medium complexity, usually multifunctional and in any case eco- and energy-conscious buildings, which are trying to breathe new life into the life of the settlement. The scale will range from the infrastructure serving the future cycle path and the Transylvanian hiking trail to the industry 4.0 carpentry, but a school as a community space is also included in the list.

The units on different plots may differ according to the programs finalized by the students, and the functional programs can be modified and combined. Analyzing the existing complex environment and understanding the connections is a very important part of the task. The floor area of the buildings to be planned is approximately 600 m² net. The semester begins with a description of the design locations, followed by lectures detailing the broader context.

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