**Press release:**

**The Prin Banat Association starts the project "Common Heritage - The Tale of Four Cities"**

During the last couple of years, the Heritage of Timișoara project of the Prin Banat Association has studied the architectural heritage of the city, and this year, in the framework of the European Capital of Culture - Timișoara 2023, it expands its area of exploration and directs its attention to the common heritage of four European cities: Timișoara (Romania), Subotica (Serbia), Szeged (Hungary) and Odessa (Ukraine).

The first phase of the **"Common Heritage - The Tale of Four Cities”** project started this week, with visits to the cities of Szeged and Subotica and by researching and identifying the common elements of the historical buildings in those cities. Partner organizations (TourInform Szeged and Visit Subotica) offer guided tours of local architecture and meetings with the local artistic and scientific community.

"*We chose these specific four cities because, being located in the same geographical area, they share several elements of decoration from the period of the 1900s (Secession style). In our research, we will identify both shared common elements (cultural, historical, ethnological) and differences that define the local specificity of each city. We want to create a common narrative that increases the sense of belonging to the same common European space. Through art, architectural heritage and local resources, we want to define the identity of the city of Timișoara and the local community.*" - Mihai Moldovan, coordinator of "Common Heritage - The Tale of Four Cities".

Following these visits, a team of local and international artists, researchers and photographers will use the built heritage to create illustrations, publications and multimedia productions. They will celebrate through art the cultural unity and diversity of four different countries and will be presented to the public through exhibitions, concerts, film and conferences. To learn more about the project "Common Heritage - The Tale of Four Cities" and about future events, follow the Heritage of Timișoara [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/heritageoftimisoara) and [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/heritageoftimisoara/) pages.

Organized by the Prin Banat Association, the project "Common Heritage - The Tale of Four Cities" is part of the national cultural program "Timișoara - European Capital of Culture in 2023" and is funded by the European Echoes program, run by Center for Projects of the Municipality of Timișoara , with amounts allocated from the state budget, through the budget of the Ministry of Culture.

After "[Moving Fireplaces](https://camineinmiscare.ro)" - a project that the Prin Banat Association has been implementing since 2017, "Common Heritage - The Tale of Four Cities" represents the organization's second contribution to the development of the national cultural program "Timișoara - European Capital of Culture in 2023".

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