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Official Launch of the Mining Heritage Demo in Romania

University din Petroșani Inaugurates a New Chapter in Heritage-Based Innovation Petroșani, Romania — The University din Petroșani (UP), in collaboration with partners from the HI-EURECA-PRO project, proudly announces the official inauguration of the Mining Heritage Demo Site in the Jiu Valley, marking the successful completion of the project's preparatory phase under Milestone 9 (MS9).

This demo represents a flagship action within Work Package 8 (WP8) of the EU-funded HI-EURECA-PRO project, focused on transforming Mining Heritage into a driver of sustainable regional innovation.

“We are proud to launch this demo as a living bridge between our mining legacy and a sustainable, circular future,” said Vice Dean of Mining Faculty – Irimie Sabin Ioan, Project Lead at University of Petroșani. “The Jiu Valley’s rich history is a catalyst for innovation, learning, and inclusive regional development.”

Why It Matters

- Promotes heritage-based education, innovation, and circular economy principles.
- Builds connections between academic research, local communities, and policy makers.
- Showcases University of Petroșani’s commitment to integrating sustainability, identity, and cultural preservation through digital and physical platforms.

What Comes Next

With preparations now complete, the Demo Site is set to host a series of educational programs, workshops, summer schools, and community-led activities in the coming months. Key highlights will include:

- A Digital Museum on Mining Heritage
- An office for future project writing and development within University of Petroșani
- Summer schools for students across Europe
- Policy-focused workshops on circularity and transition

The inauguration was attended by regional authorities and local community stakeholders, reinforcing the site’s role as a hub for interdisciplinary learning and heritage regeneration.





About HI-EURECA-PRO

The HI-EURECA-PRO (HERITAGE INNOVATION in the EURECA-PRO Alliance) project is co-funded by the European Union under Horizon Europe. It aims to unlock the potential of industrial, cultural, and mining heritage to foster sustainable innovation across widening and non-widening countries.

Follow the progress of the Mining Heritage Demo and upcoming activities via:

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