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The Saxon Villages area of Southern Transylvania represents one of the most important natural, cultural, and historical landscapes in Europe. This is home to many varieties of plants and animal species, some extincted in other European countries. Forested ridges and gullies, flower-rich pastures and hay meadows, arable land, forests, traditional villages with fortified churches make up the mosaic that is the Târnava Mare region.

The unspoiled beauty of the area needed to be promoted at the national and international level, therefore starting with 2011 we have built the first 100 KM mountain-bike trails in Romania, to have a base for the sustainable tourism in the area. The project was supported by a grant from Switzerland through the Swiss Contribution to the enlarged European Union.

In less than two seasons over 3,000 tourists came in the Târnava Mare in order to test the trails and to discover the medieval charm of this unique landscape.

This network of mountain-bike trails links together eight saxon villages (Viscri - Bunești - Criț - Mesendorf - Cloașterf - Saschiz - Archita - Daia), with their beautiful landscapes and fortified churches in our region, and the most important touristic attraction, the medieval city of Sighișoara.

Fundatia aDePT Transilvania, with the support of Orange Foundation, has been working for more than 10 years to protect and promote the nature-rich, farmed landscapes and traditional values of Romania, nationally and internationally, always with an innovative and integrated approach, with permanent focus on biodiversity conservation and rural development. aDePT’s aim is to give these landscapes and communities an economic future and relevance in the 21st century without sacrificing their traditional culture, sustainability and productivity.

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