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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my support to the Civil Engineering Faculty of the Transilvania University of Brasov in its development strategy to create a MSc program on “Restoration and Conservation of Built Heritage”.

As a President of ISCARSAH-ICOMOS, I am aware that ICOMOS plays a crucial role in the identification of threatened heritage places, monuments, and sites, and contributes to solve individual and global threats to our cultural heritage.

In this respect, I consider that educational projects related to conservation of the built heritage are important to bridge gaps between education and vocational systems, and address employers’ needs. The specific study program proposes a curriculum oriented towards the development of new skills for heritage professionals, with important attention to structural safety. The program integrates both theoretical knowledge and practical skills to enhance the professionals’ capability to renovate traditional buildings sustainably and effectively. Students are also trained to use modern digital tools for detecting and analyzing defects in buildings, helping assess a building’s condition prior to any other upgrade, including the much-needed energy retrofitting of the European built heritage.

Please feel free to reach out to me at pbl@civil.uminho.pt if you require more information.

Sincerely yours,



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