

## Safeguarding industrial heritage in Jiu Valley: the case of Petrila and Lonea mines

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The Jiu Valley region in Romania is known as the country former largest coal mining area, with 14 mines that we're still active until 1997. After that year, many mines we're closed and some demolished later on. But the mine of Petrila, which was programmed for demolition in 2016, was saved by local community actors efforts and was included in the National Register of Historic Monuments. Today, the mine is a place used for several social and cultural activities. Motivated by this success, the local community of Jiu valley intends in saving another mine, which is programmed to be closed in 2026 and then demolished, the Lonea mine. The aim of the presentation is two-fold. First, to show how the safeguarding activities of local communities in the city of Petrila, Romania managed to save the Petrila mine from demolition, as well as how they used this space further on. Second, how these communities act in order to save the Lonea mine from demolition.

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