



Smart villages

The return to „livability”

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The **2021** edition of **CSAV Journal** invites the authors of papers and projects to reflect to and address the perspective of the **human-scale**, **eco-lifestyle** that the Romanian villages offer through their **lived vernacular**.

The **context** of this topic is the social phenomenon of intense (re)turning towards the rural lifestyle, the human re-connection with nature and the „house with courtyard and garden” which appeared, for young families during **the pandemics**. In some Transylvanian villages, entire rows of houses were bought by young urban families with background in IT, finance or other „modern technology” professions. These new village dwellers are open to learning crafting techniques and careful architectural restoration.

This re-connection is now possible also due to working remotely with good Wi-Fi signal in villages, but also by a better education regarding heritage, health, air quality, nutrition and wellbeing. Many of these houses are *upcycled*, harmonising both the lessons of the vernacular with the latest knowledge about healthy lifestyle.

The **theoretical base** of the invitation to contribute to the **CSAV Journal 2021** is represented by the writings of technology philosopher Lewis Mumford in „The Condition of Man” and „The Pentagon of Power”, regarding three keywords: „organic humanism”, „biotechnic age” and „livability”.

Therefore, the topic is open to both architectural design and philosophy contributions.

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