



STUDIES ON THE PROJECTION OF AN AGRI-TOURISM PENSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF VALIDATING LOCAL RESOURCES IN THE DANUBE GORGE

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Abstract: *This study provides an analysis of the possibility of capitalizing on the resources of the Danube Gorge through the development of an agritourism pension, thus contributing to the growth of sustainable tourism and the economic development of local communities in the area. The Danube Gorge has considerable tourism potential, offering spectacular landscapes at the Danube Boilers, biodiversity in the Iron Gates Natural Park, cultural and historical attractions such as the Trikule Fortress and the Decebal Statue, recreational activities such as Danube cruises and hiking, fresh fish cuisine, local festivals, and a diverse and accessible tourism infrastructure.*

• Introduction

Tourism activity can solve some of the economic and labor problems in which the rural population is involved. Agritourism is based on and has as its ultimate goal a certain economic efficiency, but not at the level forecasted by the over-optimists, who do not take into account the seasonal and complementary nature of this activity for the peasant household.

• Material and method

This study aims to identify and sustainably use local resources, including spectacular natural landscapes, cultural traditions, local agri-food products and the tourism potential of the area, in order to stimulate local economic development and to provide an authentic and responsible experience for visitors.

• Results and discussions

For a more concrete highlighting of the incomes possible to obtain by occupancy rates, concrete calculations were made, starting from hypothetical occupancy rates. In order to highlight the advantages of capitalizing on local resources in the analyzed commune through tourist activities, calculations were made to identify the duration of the recovery of the initial investment.

• Conclusions

Tourism contributes to the local economy by generating jobs and supporting small businesses, improving the quality of life for residents.