

**RESEARCH ON MOUNTAIN TOURISM IN CARAS-SEVERIN AREA****NARCIS VARAN, CAMELIA MANESCU, CRISTIAN MATIAS**

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The hereby paper presents the mountain tourism potential in Caras-Severin District, showing its natural and anthropogenic values.

Tourism in this area is not that extended compared to other areas in the country, though taking into account the diversity of the natural environment the number of virgin nature loving tourists should be higher.

In the mountain and sub-mountain area there are the resorts on Semenice, Muntele Mic, Crivaia, Trei Ape that assures Banat of a significant touristic and therapeutic potential, but unfortunately, too little turned into account.

The planning of all touristic activities needs to take into account both the current touristic interests and those of protecting and keeping the environment. The ecological principle becomes the main principle in tourism organizing.

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