

**SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN ROMÂNIA: AN
APPLICATION OF STRATEGIC EVALUATION TO THE
SOUTHERN MOUNTAIN AREA IN BRAȘOV COUNTY**

**DEZVOLTAREA DURABILĂ ÎN ROMÂNIA: O APLICAȚIE A
EVALUĂRII STRATEGICE ÎN ARIA MUNTOASĂ DIN PARTEA
DE SUD A JUDEȚULUI BRAȘOV**

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Abstract:

The UN International Year of Mountains celebrated in 2002 testified, among several other initiatives in the past decade, that sustainable development policies has to grant an increasingly relevant role to mountain areas, for their endowment in natural capital and their peculiarity of issues needing to be targeted by specific long-term actions. At the same time, EC and OECD emphasize the importance of evaluation as a strategic tool in the process of design and implementation of development policies. The work aims at applying a strategic evaluation approach to local development in the Brașov County in România, focusing on the Southern mountain area. Policies and objectives are classified and compared to a taxonomy of needs and objectives resulting from baseline analysis, to identify policy issues.

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