



## Monographic study regarding the natural, economic and social potential of Mănăstirea Cașin commune in order to promote rural tourism and agritourism

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Allover Romania there are geographical zones with high tourist potential which, from various reasons are, not promoted. One of these zones is also the one where Mănăstirea Cașin commune is situated. The Mănăstirea Cașin commune is situated at the border of the three Romanian provinces: Moldavia, Walachia and Transylvania, in the southern part of the Eastern Carpathians.

In this study we want to make a full presentation of the territory of Mănăstirea Cașin commune for the natural, economic and social potential, using both a set of specific indicators for the characterization of the rural area, and certain monographic elements obtained through direct investigation. Mănăstirea Cașin commune belongs to the mountainous zone of Cașin river, being situated in a breath-taking landscape. It has several natural monuments, historical vestiges, as well as religious objectives of which we can notice the former Cașin Monastery built by Gheorghe Ștefan in the 17th century. The richness of the folkloric and ethnographic elements makes this place a future attraction for tourists. The paper suggests some strategic elements meant to turn to good account the patrimony of the commune.