

# International Sustainable Transportation Engagement Program (I-STEP)



**Location: Brasov, Romania**

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**Dates for Project: Monday June 29- Thursday July 2, 2015**

**Project Overview:** Project volunteers will meet in the southern Carpathian mountain town of Brasov, Romania to help engage in a community-centered dialogue about the role of walking, bicycling, and transit in meeting the area's sustainability goals. The project team, Bicileste Omeneste in Brasov, Texas State University, and the University of New Orleans, have put together a four day volunteer project that provides an overview of the city's transportation needs, key stakeholder meetings, and the production of short, focused report to help provide the basis for further community action.

**Who Should Participate:** The project team will review a letter of interest from international volunteers who would like to engage in this project. Ideally, prospective volunteers will have experience in community-centered approaches to active transportation or transit planning and be ready to work, learn, and socialize in a new culture. Interested? Please send an overview of your interest to Billy Fields to learn more: [wf16@txstate.edu](mailto:wf16@txstate.edu).

**Logistics:** Project volunteers will provide their own transportation and lodging. Our Romanian hosts will meet us at the airport in Bucharest for the short transfer to Brasov. Lodging is fairly inexpensive in Brasov. We will work out of a central, walkable place to conduct our site visits, stakeholder meetings, and other activities. We will speak English for the bulk of our work with the able assistance of our Romanian hosts. While Romania is a stable country, international travel insurance is recommended. Participation in the project is fully voluntary, and individual responsibility is a prerequisite. If you want to engage with us in building this project, please let us know.

*I-STEP is a partnership of the Texas State University Center for Research, Public Policy, and Training and the University of New Orleans Pedestrian and Bicycle Resource Initiative. Both organizations share significant expertise in sustainable transportation planning resulting in numerous scholarly publications and research reports and grants. This technical background is married to a deep commitment to community-engagement as a vital component of sustainable transportation planning.*

