

# Biserica Fortificată din Agnita. Cercetări arheologice, I<sup>1</sup>

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## Abstract

### Fortified Church in Agnita. Archaeological researches. I

*The archaeological researches carried out during March-April 2018 at the ensemble of the Fortified Church in Agnita were carried out as a result of its inclusion in the restoration project financed by European funds "Repairs, preservation and introduction to the tourist circuit at the Agnita fortified church ensemble". The team of archaeologists consisted of Ioan Marian Țiplic, Maria Crîngaci Țiplic and Adrian Șovrea, representing two institutions: "Lucian Blaga" University of Sibiu and Institut of Social Sciences and Humanities, Sibiu. The archaeological research aimed at obtaining preliminary archaeological data in order to sustain the restoration project, and three archaeological units outside the monument (C 1, C 2 and C 4 - fig.15) and one inside it C 3 (fig.15) were carried out. This research represents the first archaeological approach, taking into account the general excavation plan that will be implemented with the start of the actual restoration activities. The preliminary archaeological research carried out at the Fortified Church in Agnita has identified various stages of the church's construction and reconstruction. The earliest stage is a Romanesque church of basilica, with a tower on the west covered by collaterals. Further researches which will be carried out in near future will have the possibility to bring new evidence about the history of the monument.*

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