

The Program:

We are a small group of IT and Engineering professionals that recently launched the [VisitFactories travel program](#) for engineering students in Central and South Eastern Europe, focusing on factories, heritage, research centers, universities in the following fields of engineering: mechanic (transportation: automotive, railway, aeronautic, naval, submarine, space, military, manufacturing, robotic, automations), energy (thermal, hydro, nuclear, green), electrotechnic, metallurgy, mining, gas, oil extraction, but also public art(sculpture, installation, structural: buildings, architecture), traditional crafts, agriculture, natural science.

Our special approach is to combine intensive industrial-cultural tours with an itinerant "structural sculpture" workshop, getting the students to discover the synergy between engineering and art and to dare them to be creative both in "hands-on" art making, as well as in professional problem solving.

The prizes:

We also would like to extend to students and professionals an invitation to participate in our [VisitFactories Blogging Contest](#) by contributing short essays, stories about their profession, their work, activities or ideas, a point of interest being also the holistic, philosophic approach of the engineering profession and education. Some subjects of interest and papers are listed [here](#). Our aim is to launch a dialogue and reward those who are interested or passionate about these things and open to enjoy them as travel experiences.

Our rewards consist in **3 transferable prizes** of 6 days discovery [vacation](#) for each winner and his/her companion(s). It will take place in the mountain region around [Resita](#), the oldest industrial city in Romania, which is lesser known as a classic touristic spot, but since the end 18th century was a cradle of the "iron" modern civilization for this area.

We noticed the possibility to make our program more accessible if implemented on your local infrastructure (that part indicated by the e-mail list). We would be grateful to have your organization's opinion about our program, any suggestions for exchange and collaboration opportunities for students (including students from outside the European Union), and last but not least, to have the joy to have you and your students as guests and to share, exchange our vision about the engineering profession.

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