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**Constanța: Using geographic information systems (GIS)**

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# Constanța, Romania

## Using geographic information systems (GIS)



Constanța City Hall uses the GIS infrastructure based on the ESRI ArcGIS Enterprise software platform. It is managed by the Urban Database Compartment from the Urbanism Department.

ArcGIS Online is the external GIS web server portal application, used in different applications for citizens, such as:

- "Local Register of Green Spaces"
- the local ALT/BAU website, using ArcGIS Hub Application
- "Peninsula Urban Site" Application, an urban planning database for buildings from the historical centre.

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informații geografice (GIS-ArcGIS), cu informații despre imobilele situate în centrul istoric, care permite efectuarea diferitelor analize și vizualizarea rezultatelor. Aceasta este îmbunătățită cu participarea proprietarilor imobilelor din zona peninsulară prin completarea **CHESTIONARELOR** transmise prin poștă și prin mijloace disponibile **AICI**.

**"PENINSULA URBAN SITE" Application**, a database for urban planning, using the Geographic Information System (GIS-ArcGIS), with information about buildings located in the historical center, which allows various analyses and visualization of results.

This is improved with the participation of the owners of the buildings from Peninsula, by completing **THE SURVEY**.

Sources: Esri, HERE, Garmin, FAO, NOAA

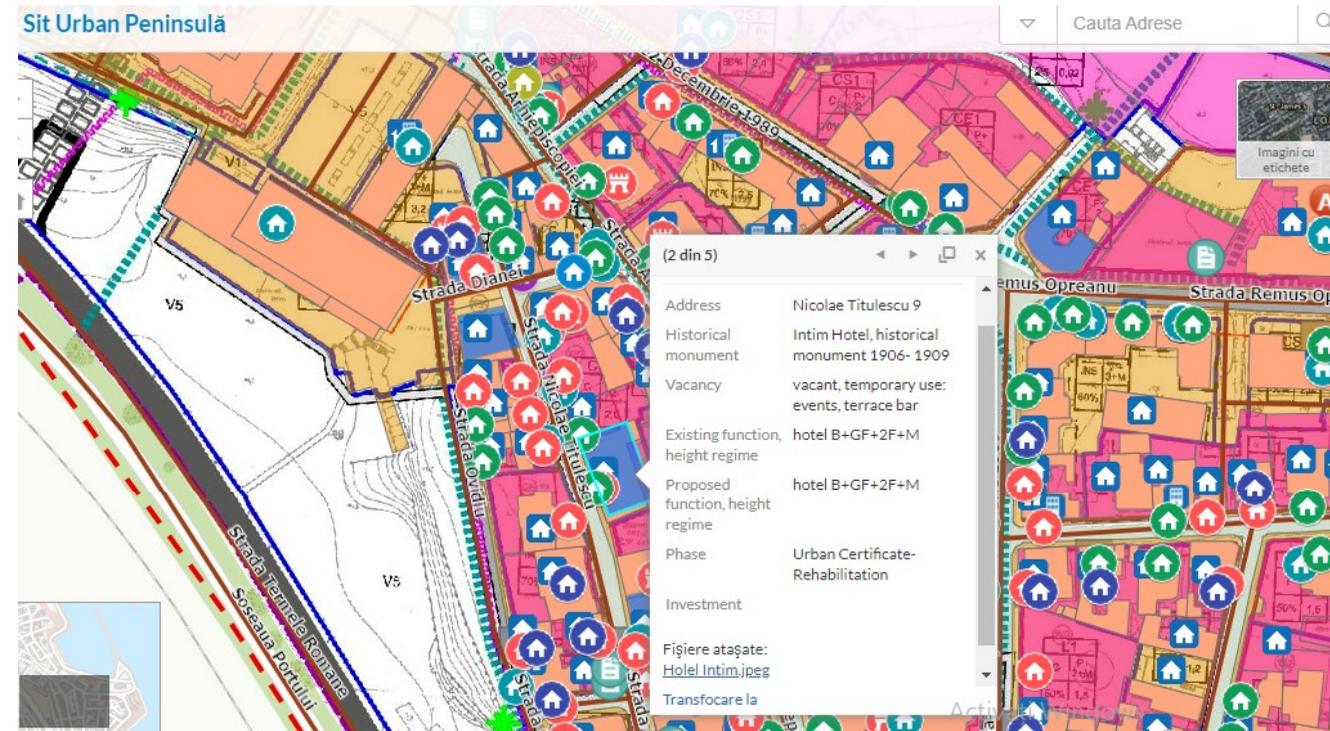
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## ”Peninsula Urban Site” Application, an urban planning database for historical centre



### Step 1: Collecting data- Excel tables made by city hall departments and institutions

- 80% of our time and resources were allocated to the process of data collection
- We established the categories of information needed in order to support the reactivation of buildings, the development of urban plans and other projects and based on that we selected what kind of data we took from different sources
- The first type of sources was city hall departments and institutions, who already had their own datasets in excel tables, such as:
  - Urban Department,
  - Patrimony Department,
  - Local Police,
  - Public Service of Taxes and Fees,
  - Autonomous Regime of Public and Private Domain Exploitation.



Data from the excel tables is viewed in pop-up windows

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### Step 1: Collecting data- Questionnaires for the owners of the buildings

- The second source of data was from questionnaires that were given to the owners of the buildings located in the historical center, by using ArcGIS Survey123, a web and mobile application for data collection containing the operational layers published in the ArcGIS portal
- The owners have given us information about the current condition of the building, its history, recent works that were done and plans and proposals of the owners. They could also upload documents to support this information.
- The survey is available online on the local ALT/BAU website



Data from the survey is viewed in pop-up windows in  
"Peninsula Urban Site" Application

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## "Peninsula Urban Site" Application, an urban planning database for historical centre

### Step 1: Collecting data- Datasheets for every building made by volunteer architects and experts from the County Department for Culture

- Our 3rd source of data was from **pdf datasheets for every building** and **dwg maps for blocks and plots**, that were made by volunteers architects and experts from the County Department for Culture. The County Department for Culture has helped because it is in charge by law to provide specialised consultancy in the field of historical monuments protection and to cooperate with public administration authorities for the elaboration of urban development programs.
- They then elaborated excel tables with the same information and organised it so that it can be better operated.
- They established an **ID for each building**, based on which the received data would be correlated and uploaded to the application.

Fisa nr. 322 monument



Strada Dianei nr. 1



Fatada N - str. Dianei

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## "Peninsula Urban Site" Application, an urban planning database for historical centre



### Step 1: Collecting data- Datasheets for blocks of parcels made by World Bank experts

- Our fourth source of data was from World Bank experts who have elaborated **datasheets for blocks of parcels** within the urban regeneration studies they made for the Peninsula area, based on the technical assistance agreement concluded with the Constanța City Hall
- These studies were made in order for us to take over principles, ideas and concepts in our future urban plans, regulations and projects

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Analiza fondului construit

Adresă: Str. Dianei nr.1, colț cu Nicolae Titulescu

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Regim de construire:	Înșiruit
Regim de aliniere:	La aliniament
An construcție:	Sfârșit de secol XIX
Stilul clădirii:	Baroc
Arhitect:	Ion Berindei
Descriere	
Funcțiune:	Restaurant nefuncțional, fostă bancă și locuință
Starea clădirii:	Medie spre rea
Fațade:	Tencuiisă și placaj de cărămidă
Soclu:	Platră
Acoperiș:	Mansardă
Învelitoare:	Tablă solzi și foi
Tămplărie:	Lemn
Împrejmuire:	La intrare, din fier forjat
Anexe:	-
Starea anexelor:	-
Referințe	
Documentație existentă:	Are documentație de restaurare, dar necesită actualizări
Propuneri:	De păstrat ca stare
Note:	Necesită consolidare, are POT-ul de 100%

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Adresă: Str. Nicolae Titulescu nr. 18

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Regim de aliniere:	Retrasă la limita posterioară a lotului
An construcție:	-
Stilul clădirii:	Fără stil
Arhitect:	-
Descriere	
Funcțiune:	Locuință, funcțională
Starea clădirii:	Rea
Fațade:	Tencuiisă
Soclu:	-
Acoperiș:	Șarpantă
Învelitoare:	Tablă foi
Tămplărie:	Lemn
Împrejmuire:	Zidărie și fier forjat
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Starea anexelor:	Rea
Referințe	
Documentație existentă:	-
Propuneri:	Posibil de modificat cu păstrarea elementelor valoroase
Note:	Necesită reabilitare

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Adresă: Str. Ovidiu nr.3

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Regim de aliniere:	La aliniament
An construcție:	-
Stilul clădirii:	Fără stil
Arhitect:	-
Descriere	
Funcțiune:	Locuință, funcțională
Starea clădirii:	Bună
Fațade:	Tencuiisă
Soclu:	Tencuiisă
Acoperiș:	Șarpantă
Învelitoare:	-
Tămplărie:	PVC.
Împrejmuire:	Griaj metalic
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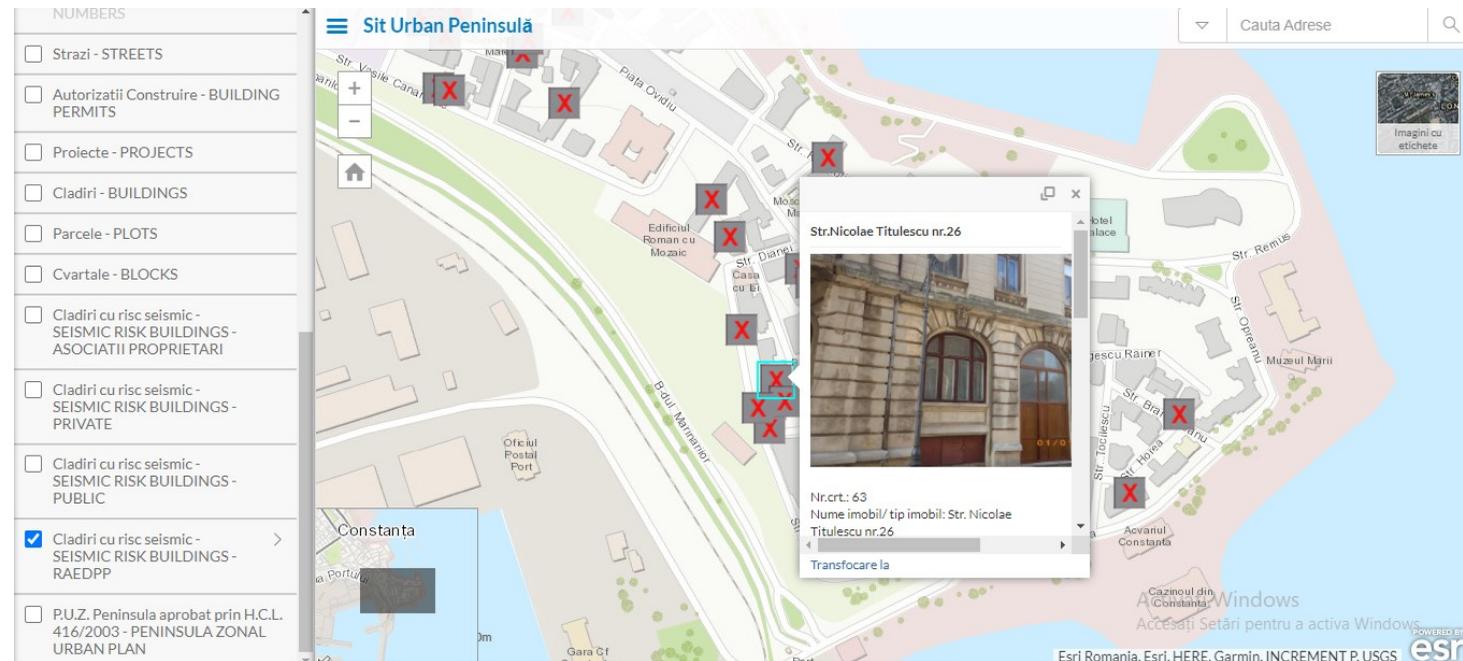
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### Step 1: Collecting data- Excel tables made by city hall Commission for the reduction of seismic risk on existing buildings

- Our fifth source of data was from **"The Commission for the Reduction of Seismic Risk on Existing Buildings"** from within the city hall, which has inventoried the buildings with seismic risk in **excel tables** and these have then been uploaded to the application



Data from the excel tables is viewed in pop-up windows

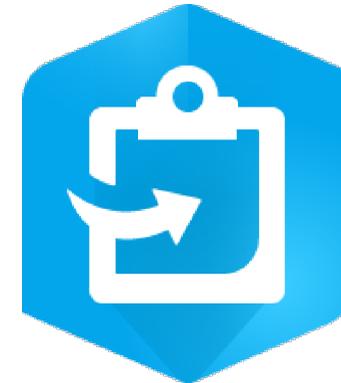
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## ”Peninsula Urban Site” Application, an urban planning database for historical centre

### Step 1: Collecting data- ArcGIS Collector was used to collect field data

- Lastly, the **ArcGIS Collector** was used in order to collect field data, a mobile application for collecting and editing geospatial data through web maps that contain the operational layers published in the ArcGIS portal



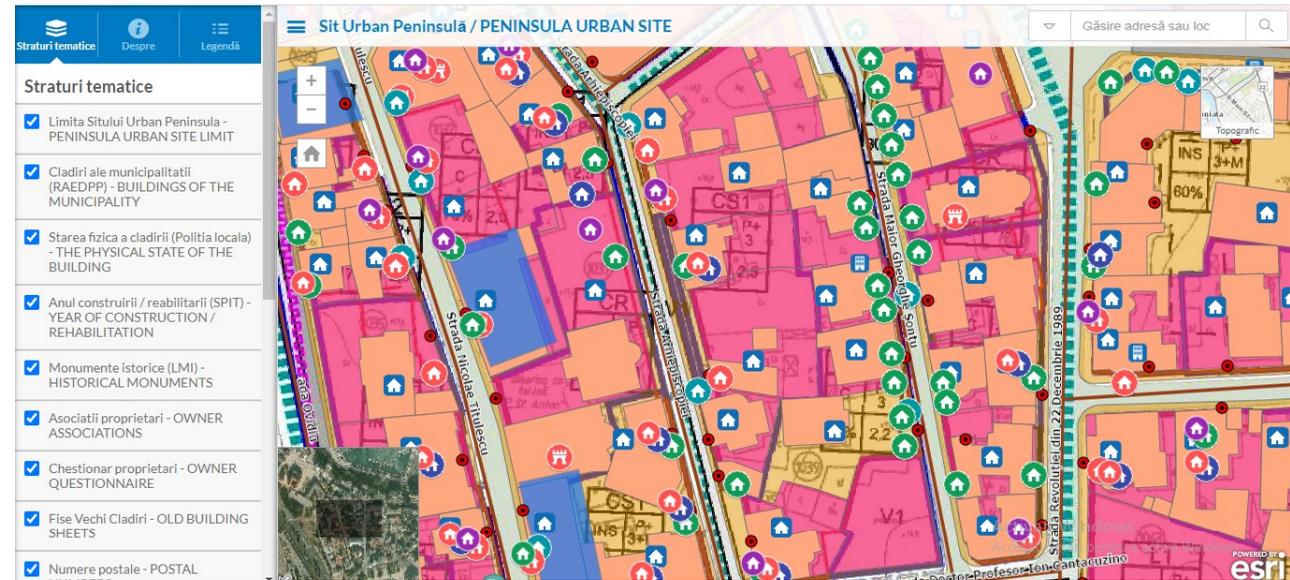
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### Step 2: Uploading data- based on the ID for the buidings

- The next stage after we have collected the data is to upload it based on the ID for each building. The excel tables we have created were then uploaded into the internal ArcGIS Pro desktop application and they were processed with its specific tools
- This process included correcting and validating data received from different sources, such as: checking the structure of the database, organising columns, avoiding alphanumerical inconsistencies of texts and numbers and taking care of data writing errors, for instance spacing and punctuation
- The data was then matched with the building ID, so that it can be organised for queries, analyses, statistics and graphs that would be displayed in the dashboard



- The next step was publishing thematic web layers related to the map on the ArcGIS Online, the external GIS web server portal application
- This was followed by uploading the processed data correlated with the map into the “Urban Peninsula Site” Application

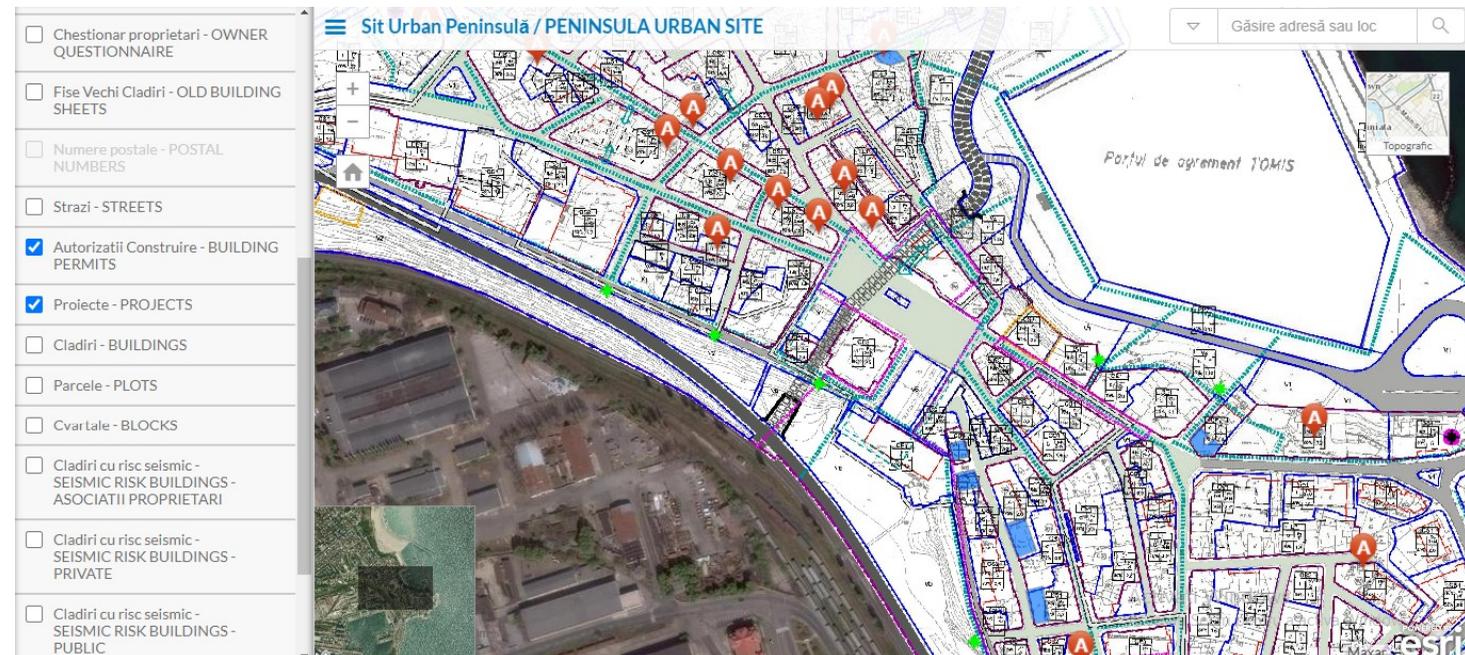
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### Step 3: Updating and Monitoring data

- The third stage was that of updating and monitoring the data. This includes monitoring the dynamics of the physical condition of the buildings, its occupancy, the state of the construction works, as well as the options of the owners for the future of their buildings
- We are keeping track of the dates when new information is uploaded, therefore allowing us to make an evaluation of their evolution over time.



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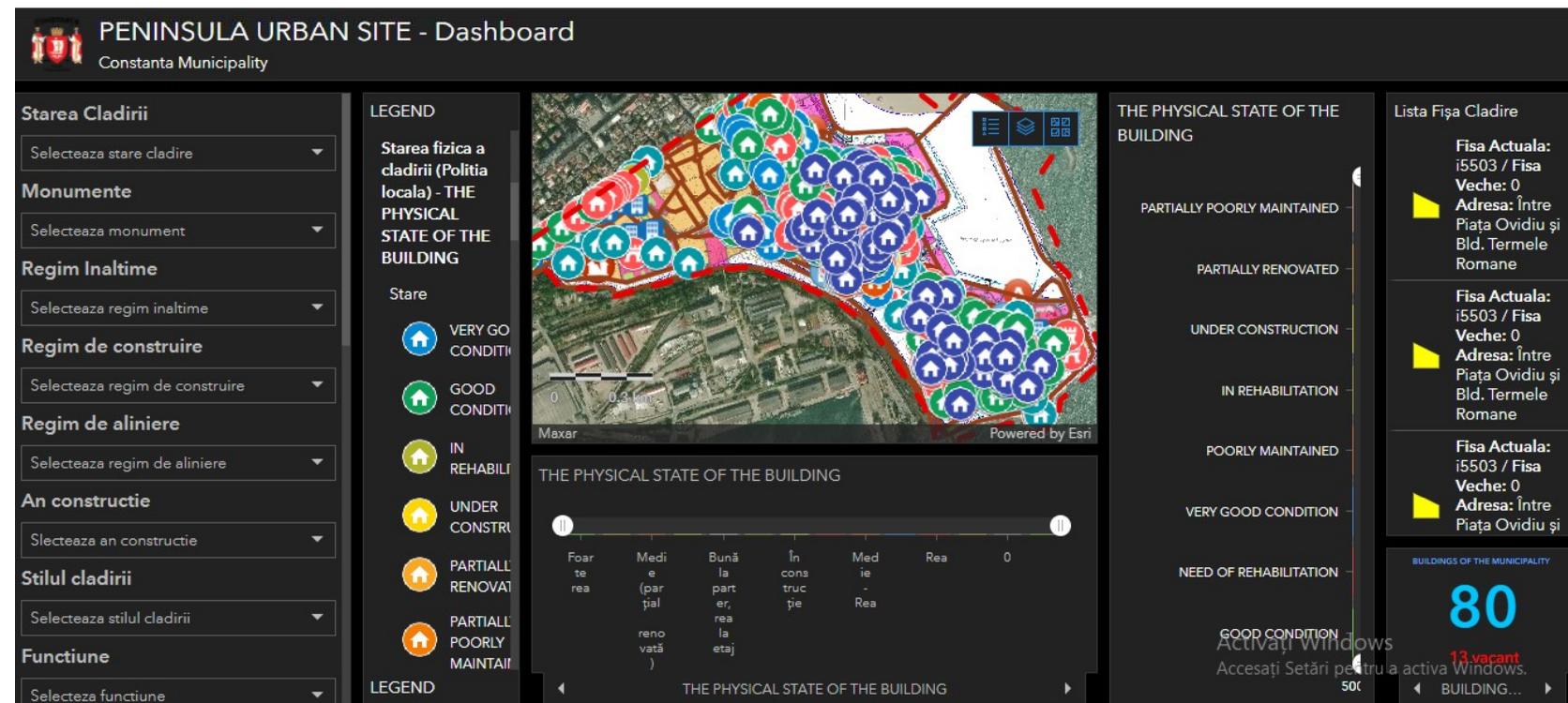


### Step 4: Using data

The last stage is that of using the data.

”Peninsula Urban Site” Application is an interactive mapping tool that supports the reactivation of the buildings, through:

- supporting the owners, investors and buyers in decision-making, providing historical information, the current situation of the building and proposals of the owners for the future of their buildings
- It also supports the elaboration of other city hall plans and projects.



The dashboard allows you to display various graphs and statistics.

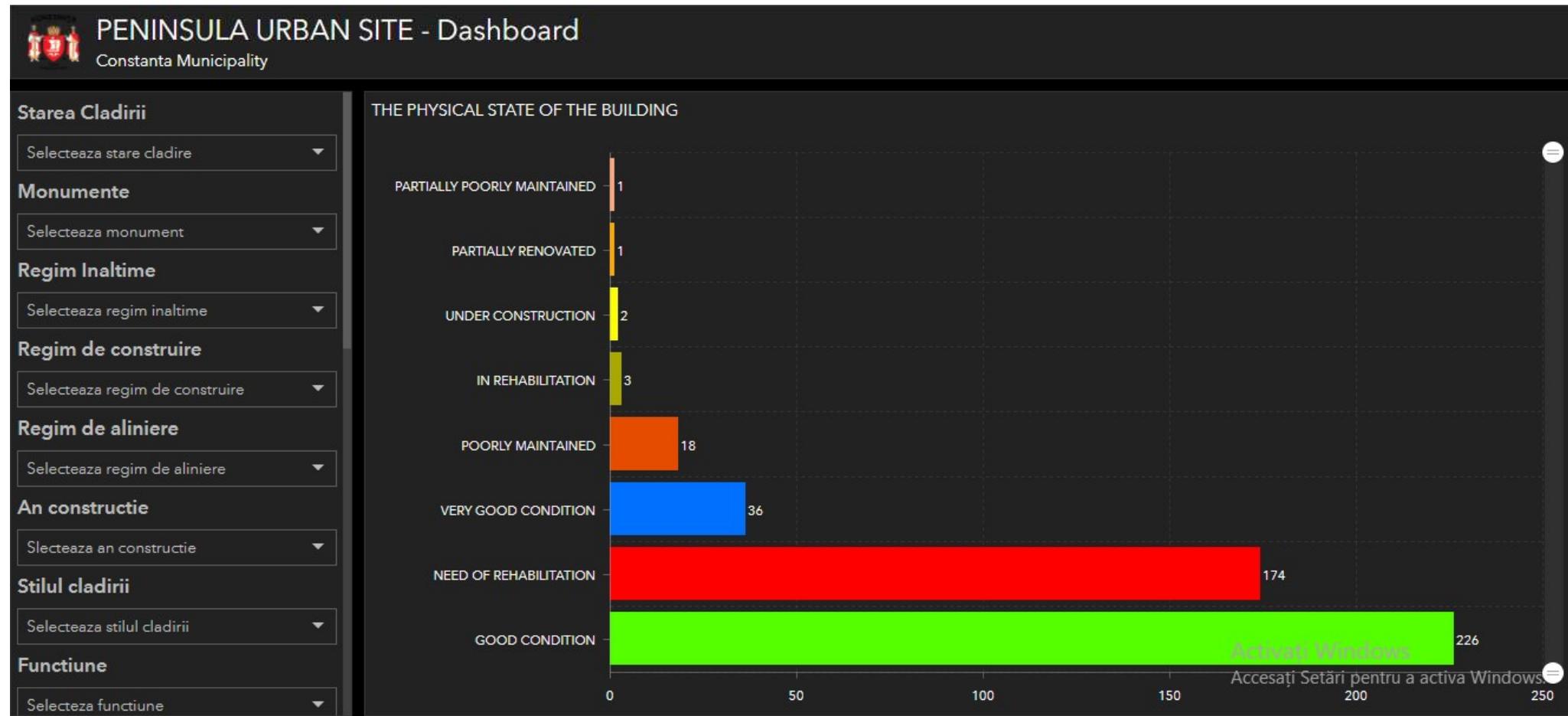
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### Step 4: Using data

The application allows us to view the data in graphs. In this picture, you can see the current condition of the buildings, the red graph showing the ones that need to be rehabilitated and the green one showing the ones that are in a good condition.



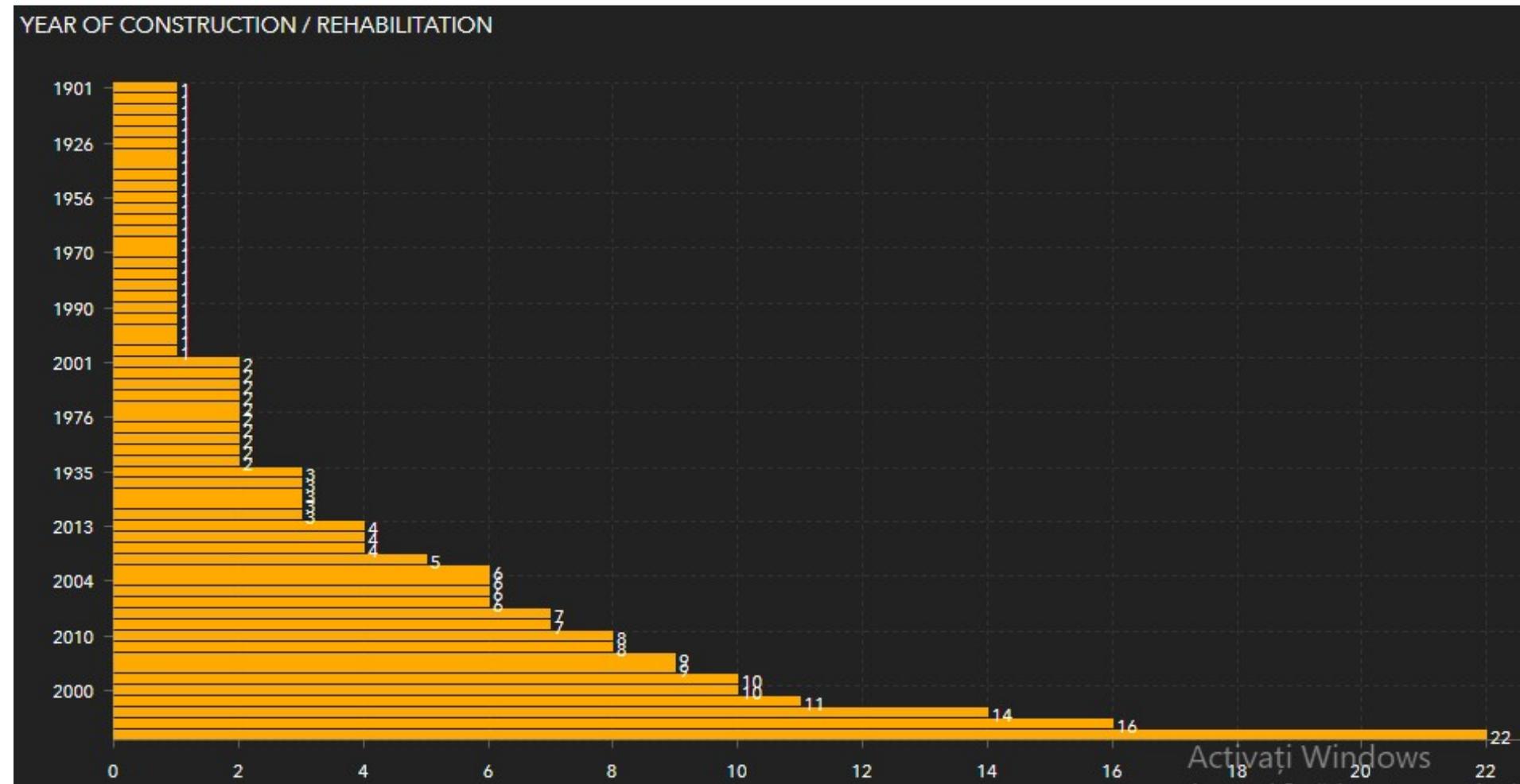
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### Step 4: Using data

In this picture you can see a graph with the year of construction or the year of the last rehabilitation of the buildings.



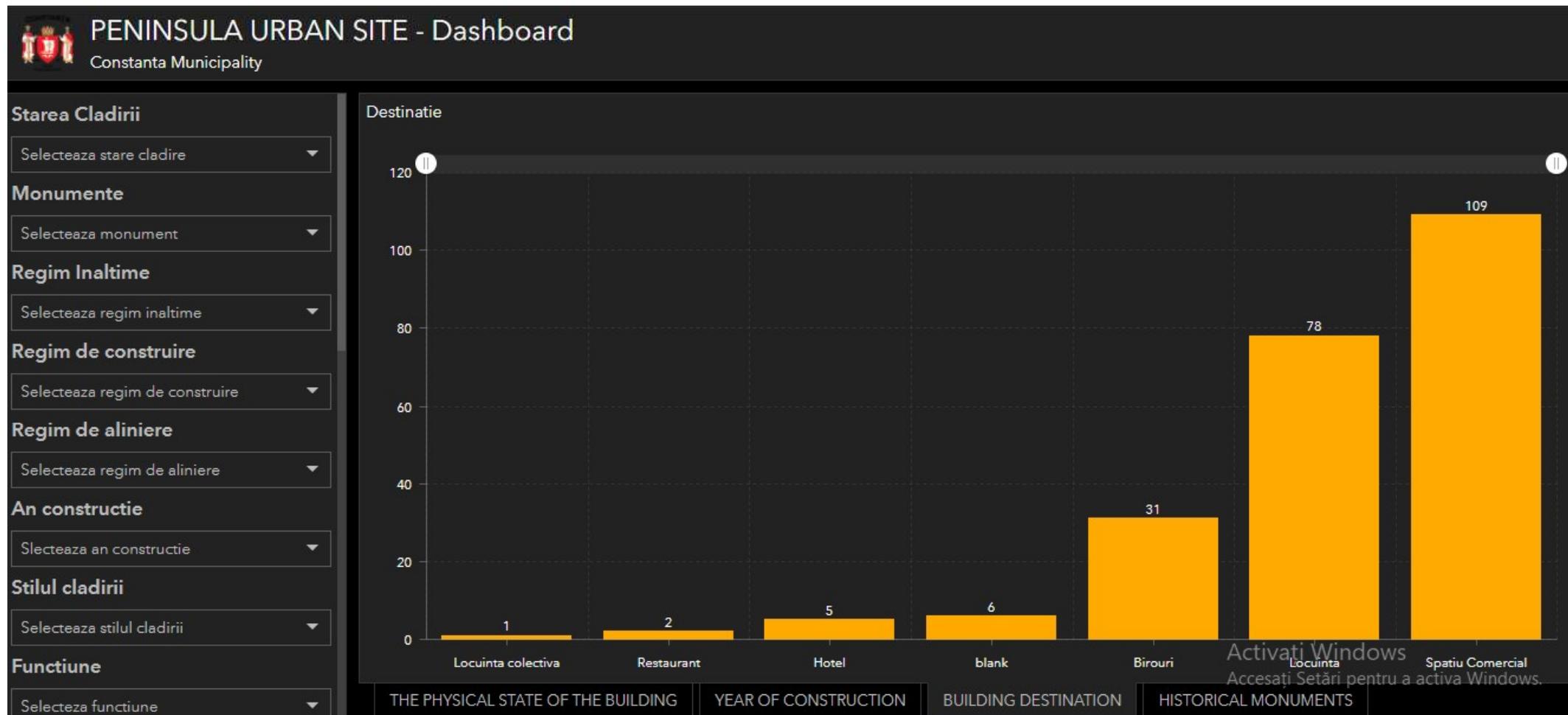
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### Step 4: Using data

In this graph you can see the functions of the buildings. The most common ones are for residence, trade and offices.



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### Steps further

The steps we are planning on taking further are to continually develop and update the "Peninsula Urban Site" Application, by:

- A more simple organisation of datasets that are received from different entities in order to make optimal use of them and generate useful reports
- Uploading other kind of datasets, such as:
  - Approved urban planning regulations of each regulatory area,
  - Images from previous and future studies
- Datasets will be uploaded by city hall departments directly

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Thank you very much for your attention!

We would be glad to hear your views.

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