



HISTORICAL CENTER OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF DEVA

It includes the area surrounding Magna Curia, along with the following urban complexes: "Bd. 1 Decembrie 1918," "Aurel Vlaicu Street," "Lucian Blaga Street," "George Barițiu Street," "Piața Unirii," and "Andrei Șaguna Street." With a few exceptions, such as Bethlen Castle and the former Hotel Bulevard, the buildings in these complexes date from the 19th and 20th centuries, although the current streets already existed in the 14th and 15th centuries: Aurel Vlaicu, Gh. Lazăr, L. Blaga, Piața Unirii, Piața George Barițiu, Mihai Eminescu, 1 Decembrie 1918, and 22 Decembrie.

The "Piața Unirii" complex, together with the "Bd. 1 Decembrie 1918" complex, is one of the most representative urban structures in the historic center, forming part of the constituent elements of the locality, namely the "fair meadow."

The square appeared with an irregular shape in the first Josephine survey, subsequently taking on a more defined shape. The initial elongated triangular shape, which also contained the old Romanesque church of the locality, was reduced by the introduction of a row of buildings in front of the southern boundary, which defined the current 19th-century front. Through this gesture, together with the 1855 regulations that only allowed two-story buildings, the square was defined as a coherent urban space on a human scale. The restructuring of the square gave rise to a new urban space at the old western end of the fair meadow. Today, it is part of the urban complex "George Barițiu Street."

The center of the space is marked by the Reformed church, built at the beginning of the 20th century. The trend of occupying the plots on the southern front is continuous, with vehicular access through an alley, while the northern side is variable.

At the beginning of the 19th century, the town had a compact center, and the urban fabric developed around the natural element, the hill of the fortress, especially in the south and southeast, in what is now the "historic center of the town."

With a few exceptions, the predominant built environment of the historic center dates from the 19th and 20th centuries.