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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

of the activities carried out during the implementation period (2021-2023) of the research project
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*ROMAN STONE MONUMENTS FROM NORTH DOBRUJA. MULTIDISCIPLINARY RECOVERY OF THE
LOSS OF TIME AND CONTEXT* [acronym DOBRON_STONE]

The project, hosted by the Institute of Archaeology "Vasile Pârvan", Bucharest, focuses on the Roman stone monuments from northern Moesia Inferior/Scythia. The project adopted a dedicated multidisciplinary approach whereby information on the provenance/context of the discovery and holistic documentation of the monuments (including colour traces) was managed in a database with a GIS component. One of the objectives of the project was the hypothetical location and subsequent field verification of settlement nuclei, with the aim of perceiving possible differentiations between military/civil centres and/or surrounding rural areas, in terms of preferences of a certain category of clients and/or for specific uses of local lithic materials. The characteristic of the area, i.e. the frequent, sometimes even repeated, re-use of older monuments as building material, but also sometimes for funerary monuments or other purposes, was also investigated in detail. Four areas were selected for detailed study: Murighiol TAU with the Dunavăț Peninsula (around the main ancient site *Halmyris*), Cerna TAU (around the main ancient site *Troesmis*), the ancient main site *Noviodunum*/ Isaccea and the ancient settlement at Camena. The provenance of the lithic materials was determined for all the monuments studied, both those carved made in local rocks and those carved in marble, material imported into the region.

The project produced 9 articles in BDI journals, two of which in ISI indexed journals. Following presentations at international conferences, seven studies have been submitted for publication/published in proceedings volumes, one of which is the proceedings publication of the colloquium organised in 2023 as part of the project and to be published at Archaeopress, Oxford. Two other studies have been included in volumes dedicated to honouring the work and personality of fellow specialists in the field, one published by a CNCS A publisher (Mega Publishing House, Cluj-Napoca), the other to be published by the British Archaeological Reports International Series, Oxford. The methodology, issues and results of the project have been presented between 2021 and 2023 in 17 papers presented to five international conferences abroad and five international conferences in Romania.