

## **REMETEA CHIOARULUI COMMUNE**

### **1. Territorial context**

The commune of Remetea Chioarului is situated in the southern part of Maramureş county. The distance to Baia Mare is 17 km.

The distance from the center of the commune to the belonging localities is as follows: Berchez - 3 km, Berchezoaia - 3 km, Poşta - 7 km, Remecioara - 2 km. The commune has 1.216 households. The average density of households is 4,20/km.

The landscape is represented by hills and mounds, remnants of a large platform, nowadays highly fragmented and destroyed by the erosion of running water. The maximum altitude in the village is 450 m (the Hill of Berchezoaia).

### **2. Economy**

Business is well developed, in this sector activating a number of 15 companies and 19 family associations.

Agriculture, livestock and crafts are the main activities carried out in the village. The rural economy is less diversified, depending on agricultural activities, which results in low incomes for entrepreneurs in this area.

Tourism and agrotourism represent an alternative income generating activities, which provide opportunities for the development of the Remetea Chioarului commune, due to its landscapes, natural areas and the hospitality of the inhabitants of this area.

The development potential of this sector is given by local traditions, culture and the existing intangible heritage, culinary specialties and beverages that made famous the area from this point of view.

### **3. Population**

Remetea Chioarului has a number of 3.016 inhabitants: 1.487 - male, and 1.525 - female. The average age is 40 years.

Currently, the density of the population is 60 inhabitants/sq km, reflecting a weak density which is below the national average (100 inhabitants/sq km). There has been a decrease of the inhabitants lately mainly due to the negative natural increase and migration. The active employed population represents 65% of the total population of the commune. The unemployment rate is 2% .

### **4. Projects and investments**

*The most important investments taken into account by the local administration:*

- Construction of a sewerage system in Remetea Chioarului;
- Rehabilitation of the house of culture of the commune;

- Modernization of communal roads;
- Rehabilitation of the Stronghold of Chioar – regional touristic objective.