

## SECTION 6. The website of the project

For this first interim report, in the Activity Plan it was envisaged the position „I.6: acquisition of the website name limes-transalutanus.ro”. The reason why we initially planned such a modest target is the very low funding before December 2014, in the initial form of the contract. The unscheduled supplementary budget from mid-October, couldn't change things much, as it came a little late for essential changes of plan. Dealing such a service in legal terms is a long process which we haven't yet initiated, because it wouldn't had been finished on time.

As we wished to made a proper website, and not a „project page” (as is but usual), the design of the website would have been, theoretically, another long term process. Because the construction of the site was planned for the beginning of the second stage of execution (activity II.2), during the first stage we initiated a Facebook page (can anyone contest the communicational power of such a communication instrument?). The page address is <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Limes-Transalutanus/729444053797839>, created in October 31, 2014.

Another reason – very consistent, in our opinion – for delaying the design of the site was the overcrowding of activities, towards the end of the first execution phase. The fact was not caused by a defective planning, but by the project's main character, strongly dependent on season – a repeatedly stressed reality ever since the competition stage. The optimal season for field researches starts sometime during October – when some of the crops are already gathered and the ploughing begins – and continues, variably, until early December, *if* the weather is favourable. Sections 2 and 8 from this report clarify the fact that the most important field actions took place within this temporal interval; or, it is quite impossible to develop, in the same time, field activities and the design of the website for this project, at least theoretically.

Facing yet the „ultimatum” received from UEFISCDI, who appealed to article 9.19 from the financing contract (but ignoring, nevertheless, the approved activity plan), at 25<sup>th</sup> November we begun to improvise a solution (the lack of predictability of the financing frame is the main reason why we had to appeal, again and again, to improvisations), which will probably be „ready to go” at the delivery of the interim report (5<sup>th</sup> December). The domain ([www.limes-transalutanus.ro](http://www.limes-transalutanus.ro)) was acquired on 23<sup>rd</sup> of September, according to the schedule, and the server planned to host the website has been supplemented with a hard-disk of 1 TB.

The site of the project will have a structure which is partially the same with the one imposed by the project's supervisor, namely:

- project identification (sponsor, no. of contract, official title, abstract)
- the team (a list of the personnel)
- reports of activity (as this one)
- delivered results (according to the contract)

During winter (according to the previous scheduling), as aforementioned, the following will be added, at least:

- online databases:

- toponymic database (for the structure of this material see Section 4 of the present report);
- pottery database (Roman and Chilia-Militari, see Section 5);
- bibliographic database (references used in reports or published articles);
- glossary of technical terms;
- documentaries for initiation into modern techniques and best practices in non-invasive diagnosis research (especially for segments which are difficult and less mastered by the Romanian archaeologists, such as photogrammetry, drones construction and usage, geophysics, logging, sedimentology, systematic field surveys etc.);
- dissemination (published articles, power-points, pdf files, or posters of presentations);
- conferences we organized; we are considering;
  - National conference for research of the Roman frontiers (November 2015);
  - International conference dedicated to modern technologies for surface research (May 2016)