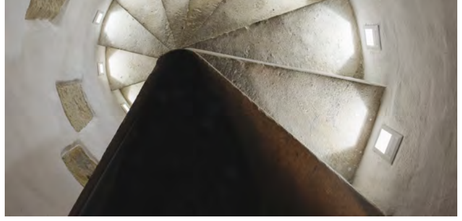
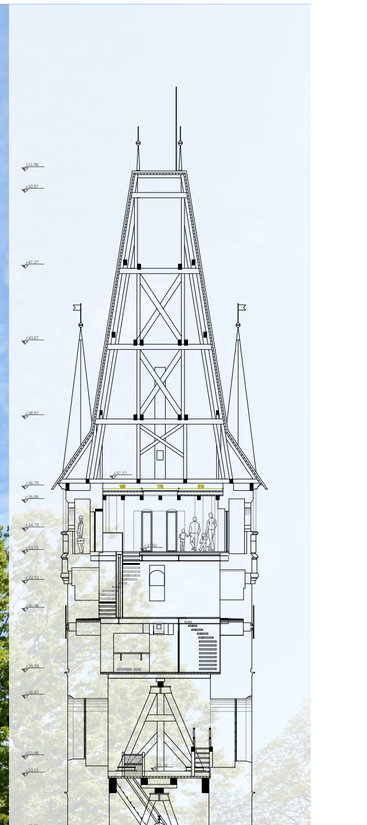
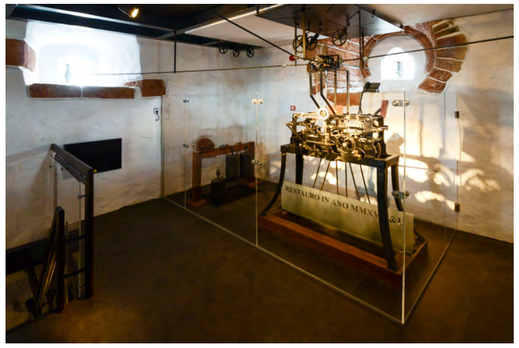
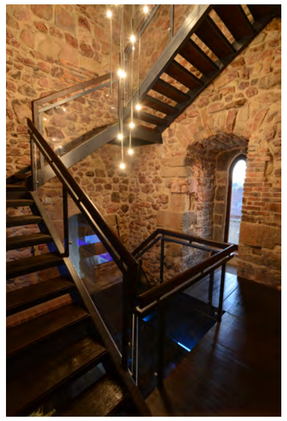




Stefan's Tower within the Fortress Square is the emblem of Baia Mare, but citizens and tourists were attracted more by the rehabilitated central part of Baia Mare with terraces of nice restaurants and the new shopping area. Fortress Square with the non-refurbished tower, was only a walk by monument with a 10 seconds stop for a fugitive picture.
The project is part of the master-plan and it is his cultural component of the entire Baia Mare city center reconstruction. So municipality included the whole project in the EU funds rehabilitation program - Regional Operational Program priority axis 1: Supporting sustainable development of cities, potential growth poles. Initially project was about rehabilitation of the tower and of the St Stefan's church/fortress while harmonizing the ensemble with the other ecclesiastical and heritage buildings in the Square. The goal was to transform the square into a place where history blends with everyday life of Baia Mare, where concerts can be hosted, but also where all the main city celebrations will be hearted and where the day to day life will flourish. Stephen's church was dismantled in 1847, keeping only the tower. Fortress Square was beautified at that time by a plantation of selected trees that have evolved in harmony with all the historical monuments of the place, which has also led the ranking of the area public square in the category of square with architectural heritage protection and green environment protection.

The solution adopted for the entire lighting, was to provide an ambient lighting atmosphere which point out buildings, trees, major circulations emphasizing the main objectives of the assembly, Stephen Tower, the ruins of St. Stephen's Church and the two other churches discovered with this occasion, the Church Saint Catherine and Saint Martin Church during the night allowing for both tourists and visitors.