

**URBAN PLANNING OF BUCHAREST AS ENVISIONED BY OUR LEADERS. MARSHAL ION
ANTONESCU'S OPINION
(1941 - 1942)**

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Abstract

The study focuses on how Marshal Ion Antonescu viewed the planning of the Capital, from general recommendations to specific instructions, such as building green areas, demolition and building. To put them into practice, the best architects of that time were summoned to participate and they debated the most efficient solutions to ease the traffic and assemble the ministries in only one perimeter.

Romania's entry to WWII (June 1941) did not bring the neglect of the planning projects. In fact, once the bombing started (August 1943), the material resources were channelled to rebuild infrastructure and the damaged buildings.

Some of the ideas that Marshal Ion Antonescu launched between 1941 and 1942 were adopted years later by another leader, Nicolae Ceaușescu, who managed to make a few become reality.

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