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## SECȚIA I

### MASS HOUSING ESTATES MANAGEMENT IN POST-SOCIALIST COUNTRIES: THE HUNGARIAN VS MOLDAVIAN EXPERIENCE

Development following World War II constitutes a driving moment for central governments. Throughout Europe, acute housing shortages made housing an important political priority during the subsequent decades. Housing estates, particularly large-scale, middle - and high-rise housing offered an innovative solution to political needs. In all European cities millions of dwellings were built, the majority in mass-produced housing estates which differ not only between countries but also within countries depending on local circumstances. Many of these estates, which were once appreciated as modern, spacious and egalitarian, nowadays are considered energetically inefficient, design outdated and suffer from a range of problems that are influenced, in fact, by social and economic factors. The present work is focused on policies and measures to deal with problems of the mass housing estates from two post-socialist capital cities - Chisinau and Budapest. The history, concepts and motives behind the mass housing estates build in the “gold period” of the socialist era as well as why these estates become challenging discussed. Although various measures to tackle the mass housing issues were adopted by both the Moldovan and Hungarian governments, the results have been found to be very different. This fact led to a comparative study of the involvement of mass housing estates in today's national renewal policies, their prospects for fruitful recovery and integration in the concept of the modern urban landscape.

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