

## THE EXPLOITATION OF SHALE GAS IN DOBROGEA REGION, A THREAT TO SUSTAINABLE TOURISM DEVELOPMENT?

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### **Abstract**

*Romania has a rich diversity of natural resources, which would ensure the development of several branches of the economic activity. In this paper, we analyze several issues regarding the natural and anthropogenic resources of Dobrogea, which currently support the development of tourism, but also regarding shale gas, whose exploitation could contribute to an economic and social development of the area and of the country. Given the successes recorded on shale gas drilling in the US, the question that arises is to what extent would be possible the exploitation of shale gas in Dobrogea region, without affecting the natural resources that are important for the touristic activity of this area and without threatening the health of the population.*

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