

## Romanian Narrow Gauge Exploratory Tour August 2019

### Blog 5 Abrud-Campeni and Criscior-Brad Narrow Gauge Railways

Drove over to Abrud for the 10:00 train due to be hauled by steam - one of 3 trains advertised at 10:00, 13:00 and 16:00. The crew announced that the steam loco was steaming badly and that the train would have the diesel railcar on the rear which would haul the train back from Campeni (so no chimney first photos) and that any further trains would be hauled by the railcar without the steam loco.



Arrival at Campeni - the steam loco acted as banker for the return run.

We had a return ride on the train - passing the gypsy village was the most exciting bit but the crew did give us a tender first run past on the way out.



Then Plan B kicked in.

Once back at Abrud, we headed to Brad in time for the 14:00 return steam working from Brad to Criscior at the river bridge and then photographed the second (and final) return working of the day.

Shots of the first train Brad-Criscior on the river bridge.





The second train passing the orthodox church en route to Brad.



Second train departing Brad for Criscior at 16:00.

We had an interlude at Brad standard gauge station to see the ex-French(?) DMU depart.



The impressive Brad station is being restored.

It was another hot day so most of us were grateful for an early end to the day and a cold shower. We have a long transfer to Viseu de Sus tomorrow.

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