

## **Early Neolithic obsidian in Romania – provenance and trade.**

### **New data from the southern Romania**

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#### **Abstract:**

Archaeologists dealing with the spread of the Early Neolithic always paid particular attention to obsidian as a raw material, given its scarce appearance on most sites, and also its glass looking beautiful appearance. Obsidian provenance and alleged sources have been invoked in mapping or supporting various geographic routes for the spread of the Early Neolithic. The present paper brings new data on obsidian origin from two Early Neolithic sites in southern Romania (Măgura, Teleorman county and Uliești, Dâmbovița county). Comparing these results with those obtained from Schela Cladovei and Cuina Turcului in the Iron Gates Gorge, we are proposing an interesting working hypothesis on a change of the obsidian origins during the Starcevo-Criș Early Neolithic, from the sources in the Egeean area to the Carpathian ones.