

## **USEFUL INFORMATION**

### ***VENUE***

The conference *"The Communications Infrastructure - A Topical Issue in Europe"* will take place at:

#### **Radisson Blu Hotel Bucharest ★★★★★**

63-81 Calea Victoriei, Sector 1, Bucharest 010065, Romania  
Tel: +40 21 311 90 00  
Fax: +40 21 601 35 15

Located in the heart of the downtown area, the new Radisson Blu Hotel Bucharest (<http://www.radissonblu.com/hotel-bucharest>) is just 20 minutes away from the Henri Coanda International Airport and within walking distance from the shopping area, the business centre and the museum district. The hotel has free high-speed internet access throughout its facilities, indoor pool and outdoor pools in the middle of a garden, as well as the exotic Bali Spa offering authentic treatments, providing a resort ambience in the heart of the city. Super Breakfast Buffet, free access to the World Class Health Academy with fitness centre, sauna, indoor and outdoor swimming pools, complimentary wireless Internet are included into the price.

Participants are kindly requested to make their own international travel arrangements to and from Bucharest.

### ***CONTACT***

During your stay in Bucharest, our colleagues will be happy to be of assistance:

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### ***Preferential Rates***

A number of rooms have been assigned for the purpose of the conference. For reservations, we kindly ask you to use the attached Hotel Reservation Form and send it to the hotel, **no later than 16 October 2013**, in order to benefit from the preferential rate.

Other hotels in the area:

#### **Grand Hotel Continental ★★★★★**

56 Calea Victoriei, 010083 Bucharest, Romania  
Tel.: +40 372 010 300  
Fax: +40 372 010 301

Grand Hotel Continental (<http://www.continentalhotels.ro/Grand-Hotel-Continental-482/>) is located on Calea Victoriei, a place full of history, the centre of Bucharest high life since the 1800's. Built in 1886, the hotel features the German Renaissance style. The building has passed through a recent restoration, preserving the same classic structure and details. Architectural refinement details and exceptional services are dedicated to the elite clientele. At Grand Hotel Continental the guest will rediscover the old dimension of luxury in hospitality, benefiting from a unique and memorable experience. The hotel is 10 minutes walking distance to the venue.

**Athénée Palace Hilton Hotel ★★★★★**

1-3 Episcopiei Street, Sector 1, Bucharest

Tel: +40 21 303 37 77

Fax: +40 21 315 21 21

Located in the heart of the city, next to the historic Calea Victoriei Avenue, the Athénée Palace Hilton Hotel ([http://www1.hilton.com/en\\_US/hi/hotel/BUHHITW-Athenee-Palace-Hilton-Bucharest-hotel/index.do](http://www1.hilton.com/en_US/hi/hotel/BUHHITW-Athenee-Palace-Hilton-Bucharest-hotel/index.do)) is within walking distance from the shops, business centre, museums and downtown entertainment facilities and a 20-minute drive from the airport. The hotel is endowed with a heated indoor pool, fitness centre, business centre, meeting rooms and wireless Internet access and provides on-site dining facilities. The hotel is just across the street from the venue.

**Novotel Bucharest City Centre Hotel ★★★★★**

37B Calea Victoriei Street, Sector 1, Bucharest

Tel: +40 21 308 85 00

Fax: +40 21 308 85 01

Part of the *Accor* network, opened in 2006, the Novotel Bucharest City Centre Hotel ([http://www.novotel.com/novotel/fichehotel/gb/nov/5558/fiche\\_hotel.shtml](http://www.novotel.com/novotel/fichehotel/gb/nov/5558/fiche_hotel.shtml)) is ideally situated in the very heart of Bucharest. The architects tried to restore the old facade of the National Romanian Theatre, destroyed during World War II, and therefore the hotel entrance welcomes the guests with a hint of the old time Bucharest. Novotel ensures the wide range of facilities usually offered by the *Accor* hotels, including free of charge wireless Internet. The hotel is 10 minutes walking distance to the venue.

**Le Boutique Hotel Moxa ★★★★★**

4 Mihail Moxa Street, Crossroads Calea Victoriei, Sector 1, Bucharest

Tel: +40 21 650 55 55

Fax: +40 21 650 66 66

A refreshing departure from the conventional hotel atmosphere of large hotel chains, Le Boutique Hotel Moxa (<http://www.hotelmoxa.ro/index.html>) offers an intimate getaway from the every day, right in the heart of the city. Like haute-couture, the hotel is tailored to suit the most exquisite tastes, whereas the highly skilled personnel and committed management are dedicated to providing their guests with first-rate hospitality. Committed to making the hotel more than just a place to stay, Le Boutique Hotel Moxa strives to guarantee the comfort, security and privacy of all guests looking to retreat from the busy streets of Bucharest. The hotel is 10 minutes walking distance to the venue.

**K+K Elisabeta Hotel ★★★**

26 Slănic Street, 030242, Bucharest

Tel: +40-21-3029 280

Fax: +40-21-3118 632

Located near the old center of Bucharest, the K+K Hotel Elisabeta (<http://www.kkhotels.com/en/hotels/bucharest>) is the ideal point of departure for exploring every aspect of the city: from here you can easily reach the University, business quarter, city center with its theaters and restaurants, as well as the famous Cismigiu Gardens. The hotel is 15 minutes walking distance to the venue.

### HOW TO REACH THE HOTEL

The area can be reached by taxi (from the airport, the fare of approx. 90 Lei is the equivalent in Romanian currency of about EUR 20). The ride takes around three quarters of an hour.

!!! It is advisable to have Romanian currency ready (not credit cards). For your personal safety, please make sure to choose a company taxi (for example Fly Taxi), rather than choosing one that only bears the number of its license.



As for the public transportation, the express bus 783 departs from the airport every 15-20 minutes (weekdays) and every half hour (weekends). The bus station and the ticket shop are located in front of the Domestic Flights Terminal and International Departures Terminal. The two-trip magnetic card (there are no single trip cards) can be purchased at the card desk in the bus station and costs 7 Lei (the equivalent in Romanian currency of about EUR 1.61). Romanian currency is also required. The closest bus and underground station from the hotel are in Romana Square, within walking distance. More information about transportation from the airport to the hotel or to downtown Bucharest is available at: <http://www.otp-airport.ro>.

### PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION (Not from/to the Airport!)

Public transportation ([www.ratb.ro](http://www.ratb.ro)), including the subway ([www.metrorex.ro](http://www.metrorex.ro)), operates from 05:30 to 23:00. For this type of transport, you must buy an Active Card that cost 3.7 LEI (0.87 EUR) and can be used for both ground and underground transport. The Active Card must be charged with a minimum value of 2.6 LEI (0.61 EUR) that means 2 trips by bus or a trip by subway.

### LANGUAGES

The official language of Romania is Romanian. You will also find that numerous people are fluent in English and French.

The language of the conference will be English. Simultaneous translation to and from Romanian will be available in the meeting room.

### MISCELLANEOUS

The Romanian currency unit is pronounced LEU (plural LEI).

1 EURO = 4.4684 RON (September 25, 2013)

Romania has a temperate climate, with four distinct seasons. The weather can be changeable at all times of the year and there are considerable variations from one year to another.

**Bucharest weather** in November is cold and grey, characterized by *rapidly falling* daily high temperatures, with daily highs decreasing from 13°C to 6°C over the course of the month, exceeding 19°C or dropping below -0°C only one day in ten. Throughout November, the most common forms of precipitation are moderate rain, light rain, and moderate snow, at the end of the month.

Romanian local time is GMT+2 hours.

Romania uses 220 V, 50 Hz. Plugs are two-pin continental size.

***MORE INFO?***

General information about Bucharest or Romania, including information on museums, restaurants, handicrafts, antiques, is available at:

<http://www.romaniatourism.com/main.html>

or

<http://www.turism.ro/english/index.php>