

Basic information

The meeting will take place in Bucharest, the capital city of Romania. Bucharest is inhabited by approx. 2 million persons and it is a safe and hospitable location, with many touristic attractions. For information on public transportation, sightseeing, and landmarks, please visit:

<http://www.romaniatourism.com/bucharest.html#cityhighlights>

Currency

The Romanian currency is RON/LEI.

1 RON/LEU = 4.5 EUROS = 5.5 GBP

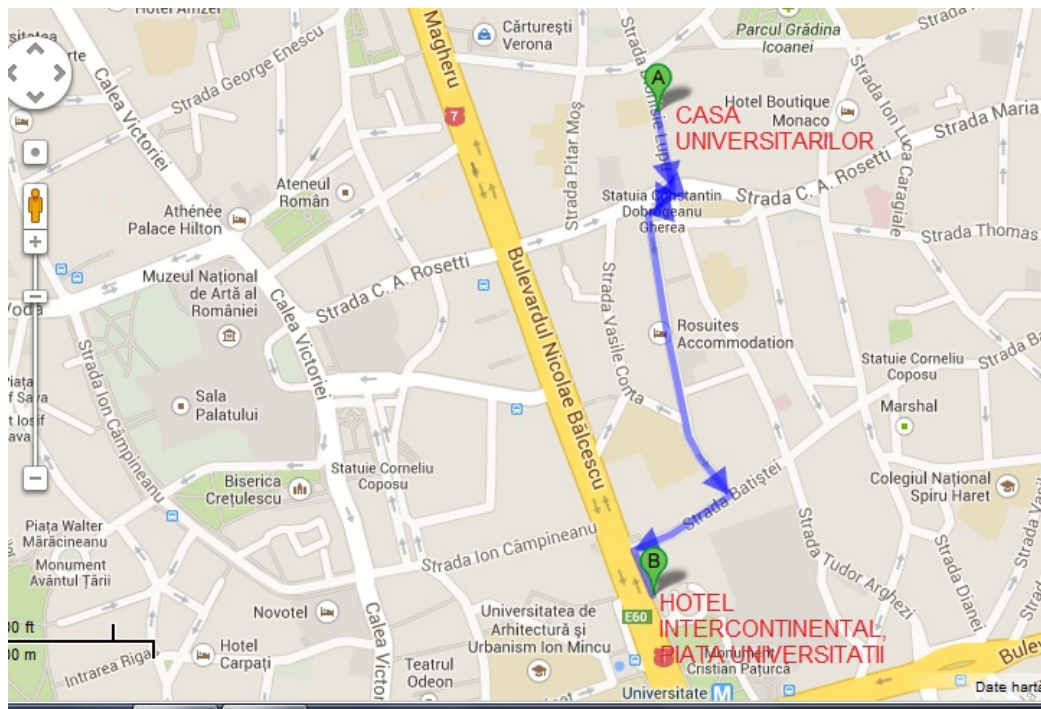
Euros can be exchanged only in banks or exchange offices. Only the official currency is used to pay the taxis, at restaurants, shops etc.

For coins and notes in circulation, please see: <http://www.bnr.ro/Coins-and-notes-in-circulation-1331.aspx>

Conference venue

Casa Universitarilor (Dionisie Lupu Street, 46) is located at the centre of Bucharest, close to Piata Universitatii and Piata Romana.

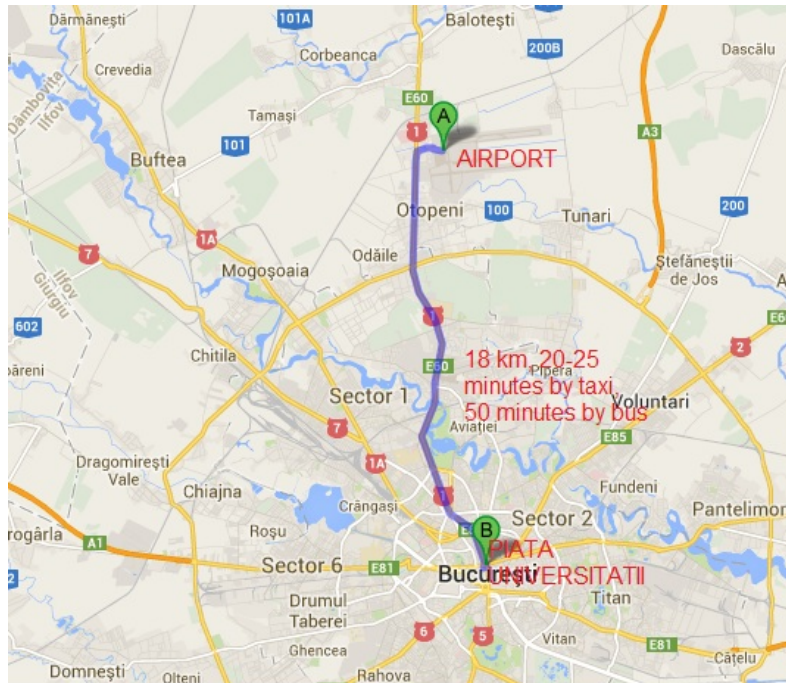
From the Intercontinental Hotel, it takes about 5 minutes to get to Casa Universitarilor. Please see the map below.



Transport from Bucharest airport to the hotel/ conference venue

For the Intercontinental Hotel and the conference venue, you have to come to the centre of the city.

The destination is: PIATA UNIVERSITATII



You need local currency to pay the bus ticket or a taxi. There are several ATM machines at the airport. For instance the BRD bank has a branch office at the airport:



Bus

1. Follow the sign "Bus to Bucharest"



2. Tickets – you can only buy a ticket in the kiosk (RATB) next to the bus station (not in the bus!). Be prepared that the ticket vendor may not speak English or other foreign languages.



This is the ticket kiosk at the airport (lowest floor, next to the bus stop)

There are two types of tickets:



1. The green one (1) is a rechargeable card (plastic). The card itself costs 3.70 lei. One trip to Bucharest from the airport is 3.50 lei. You can recharge the card at every bus station, at the RATB kiosk. One journey by bus in Bucharest (excluding the airport, which is not in Bucharest) costs on average of 1.3 lei.

2. The blue one (2) is a one-time ticket (paper). For instance, you can buy a return ticket (airport-centre) that costs 8.60 lei.

Or you can also buy a blue card that consists of 10 tickets (costs 28.60 lei) that can be used in the centre of Bucharest. This card is not rechargeable.

2. Bus – take the bus no 783 to the centre (direction Piata Unirii). It takes around 50-55 minutes from the airport to the centre.
The bus stop is PIATA UNIVERSITATII.



4. Bus times from the airport to Unirii
ZI DE LUCRU = week day – every 20 minutes
SAMBATA = Saturday – every 40 minutes
DUMINICA = Sunday – every 40 minutes

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Plecari spre PIATA UNIRII 2

ZI DE LUCRU					
0:30	6:30	8:13	12:40	18:25	19:45
1:10	6:45	8:31	13:00	18:45	20:05
1:45	7:00	8:48	13:25	17:05	20:25
2:20	7:15	10:07	13:45	17:25	20:45
3:00	7:30	10:25	14:10	17:45	21:10
3:40	7:45	10:45	14:40	18:05	21:35
4:20	8:00	11:05	15:10	18:25	22:05
5:00	8:17	11:30	15:28	18:45	22:30
5:30	8:35	11:55	15:45	18:05	23:10
6:00	8:55	12:20	16:05	18:25	23:50

SAMBATA					
0:30	6:25	8:15	13:20	17:30	21:35
1:10	6:45	10:08	13:50	17:55	22:00
1:45	7:05	10:25	14:20	18:20	22:30
2:20	7:25	10:45	14:40	18:40	23:10
3:00	7:45	11:05	15:10	18:05	23:50
3:40	8:05	11:25	15:30	18:35	
4:20	8:25	11:45	15:50	20:00	
5:00	8:45	12:05	16:15	20:25	
5:30	9:05	12:30	16:40	20:45	
6:05	9:25	12:50	17:05	21:10	

DUMINICA					
0:30	6:25	8:45	13:20	17:30	21:35
1:10	6:45	10:05	13:50	17:55	22:00
1:45	7:05	10:25	14:20	18:20	22:10
2:20	7:25	10:45	14:40	18:40	23:10
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Taxi

A trip by taxi is faster (20-25 minutes to the centre of Bucharest) and pretty cheap (30 lei – 7 Euros).

1. Before you take a taxi, go to the taxi ticket machine and get a ticket (choose from different taxi companies. The typical price of an official taxi in Bucharest should not exceed 1.40 Lei/km)



Taxi ticket machines at the Bucharest airport (for instance next to the information desk)

2. Then go out and look out for the taxi with the number indicated on your ticket (e.g. 577)



A typical (official) taxi in Bucharest

3. Make sure you only take official taxis



An official taxi always has the price per km written on the door and a taximeter switched on. The price per km should not exceed 1.40 Lei/km (usually 1.39 Lei/km).

4. Problems with taxis in Bucharest and how to avoid them.

It can happen that taxi drivers try to take advantage of you, in particular if you do not speak the local language. In order to avoid this, please be aware of the following.

1. When you take a taxi at the airport, make sure you go to the taxi ticket machine and draw a ticket (outside the airport this ticket system does not apply).
2. Make sure you take a taxi that costs 1.39 Lei/km (or maximum 1.40 Lei/km. The price should always be written on the door. Please check before you enter the taxi.)
3. Make sure the taximeter is switched on when you enter the taxi.
4. Some taxi drivers take a longer route than required but please be aware that a journey to the centre should cost around 30 Lei (or rather less).
5. It is common to tip the taxi driver. It can also happen that the driver keeps the difference or even if you tip them, please check the change.
6. Make sure the taxi driver gives you a receipt. Legally, you are not obliged to pay the bill if they do not give you a receipt. In case of a conflict situation it may help if you note down the number of the taxi and the name of the driver.