



Second Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Carpathian Convention (COP2)

**17-19 June 2008
Bucharest, Romania**

INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS

Meeting venue

The Second Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Carpathian Convention (COP2) will be held in Bucharest, Romania. COP2 will meet from Tuesday, 17 June to Thursday, 19 June 2008.

The meeting will be held at the:

Athenee Palace Hilton Hotel
1-3 Episcopiei Street, District 1,
010292, Bucharest
Romania

Registrations

Registration for **COP2** will commence on **17 June 2008 from 12:00 to 14:00**.

Based on the registration forms received by the Secretariat from the participants, name badges will be prepared and handed over at the registration desk **only** upon the presentation of a valid identification card with a photo.

Official opening

The official opening of the COP2 meeting will take place at 14:00 on Tuesday, 17 June 2008, at the main conference room.

Documents

Delegates are kindly reminded to bring their own copies of the meeting documents to the COP2 meeting, including the information documents. For reasons of economy, only Parties and Governments shall be provided with one set of documents per delegation.

Documents for the meeting are available on the Carpathian Convention website:
<http://www.carpathianconvention.org>

Directions to the meeting venue

From Henri Coanda International Airport, taxis are available to take you directly to the Athenee Palace Hilton Bucharest Hotel. The journey normally takes around 40 minutes from the airport to the hotel forecourt.

The taxi cars bringing customers to the airport have free access in front of the International Departures Terminal and Domestic Flights Terminal.

FLY taxi cars are available in front of the International Arrivals Terminal.

FLY Taxi phone: 9441

Tariff: **3,30 RON/km** (payment by credit cards is accepted)

For any reclamations about the taxi services, you are kindly required to write down the car's registration number and contact Otopeni Air Transportation Police, telephone: +4021 201 3242.

Public transport (see Annex 2 and 3)

The **783 Express line** connects Bucharest Henri Coanda International Airport with the city centre (about 60 minutes)

Airport stops:

In front of the Domestic Flights Terminal and International Departures Terminal

Schedule:

Monday-Friday

05:30-20:00 (every 15 minutes)

20:30-23:00 (every 30 minutes)

Saturday, Sunday and official holidays

05:30-23:00 (every 30 minutes)

Where to buy the bus ticket:

In front of the Domestic Flights Terminal

Daily: 06:00-21:00

The magnetic card valid for two travels costs 50.000 ROL / 5 RON

Route:

Bucharest Henri Coanda International Airport -- Domestic Flights Terminal -- International Departures Terminal -- Otopeni -- "Aurel Vlaicu" Baneasa Airport -- Piata Presei Libere -- Arcul de Triumf -- Piata Victoriei -- Piata Romana -- Piata Universitatii -- Piata Unirii

Piata Victoriei and Piata Unirii stops have underground stations with direct connection to the North Railway Station.

Official language

The official language of Romania is the Romanian language. English is spoken in the majority restaurants and hotels in Bucharest.

Weather and Time Zone Information

In June the daytime temperatures range between 25 – 35 °C. The standard time zone is GMT + 2 hours.

Emergency telephones

- Emergency calls for any kind of situations 112
- Henri Coanda Airport (Otopeni) +4 021 204 12 00

Electricity

220 volts and 50 Hz. Double sockets.

Credit cards

Most hotels, rent-a-car companies and some restaurants and stores accept payment by credit cards, all types being valid: American Express, Diners Club, Euro Master Card or VISA. However, it is recommended to ask first.

Currency exchange

The national currency is Leu (Lei in the plural). The usual abbreviation is RON. There are notes of 1 Leu, 5 Lei, 10 Lei, 50 Lei, 100 Lei, 200 Lei and 500 Lei and coins of 1 Ban, 5 Bani, 10 Bani and 50 Bani.

The conversion from the old Lei (ROL) to the new Lei (RON) – 1 RON = 10,000 ROL – was made in 2005. Because of this, many Romanians still use the equivalent in old Lei to ask or tell a price. In Romania, payments in stores and restaurants are made in the national currency.

The Dollar and the Euro can be exchanged at any exchange office. ***It is recommended to use the exchange offices within banks.*** The authorized exchange offices may use a more disadvantageous exchange rate than the official one and may charge large commissions. The exchange rate may vary from one place to another and you should compare several places.

Official exchange rates by the National Bank of Romania -
(<http://www.bnr.ro/En/Info/>)

1 EUR ~ 3.6 RON

1 USD ~ 2.3 RON

1 GBP ~ 4.5 RON

Accommodation

Delegates are responsible for making their own hotel bookings. The list of hotels is in **Annex 4**.

It is recommended that delegates arrange their hotel accommodation as early as possible to secure rooms at the hotels.

Useful links

Main information about Bucharest and Romania:

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

<http://www.bucuresti.ro/>

<http://www.buchrest-guide.ro/>

Visa requirements

EU citizens do not require an entrance visa for Romania.

Representatives of Serbia and Ukraine should apply for a visa at a Romanian diplomatic mission or consular post prior to their arrival in Romania. Therefore, if needed, they could ask for visa support letters from UNEP Vienna Interim Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention.

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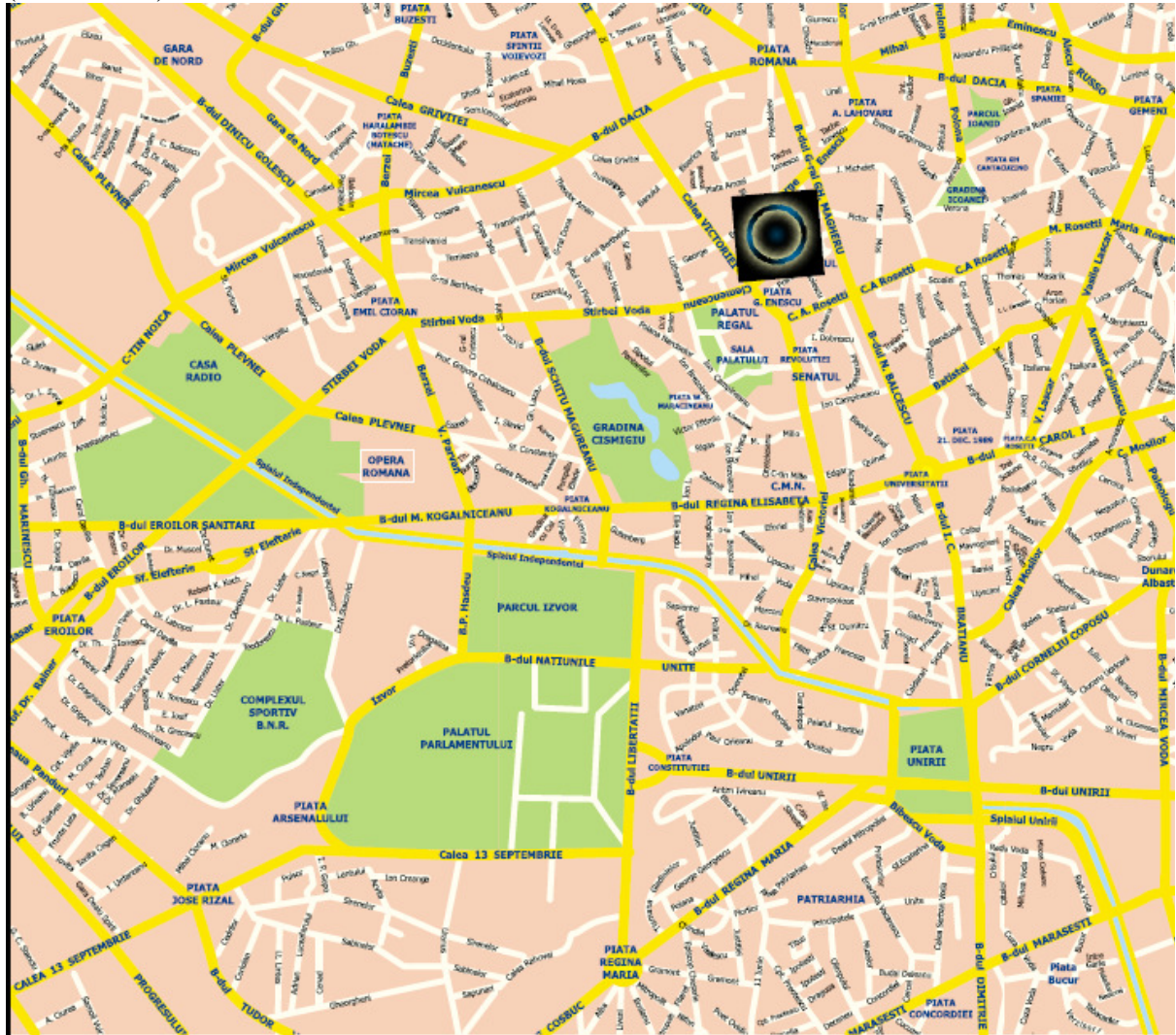
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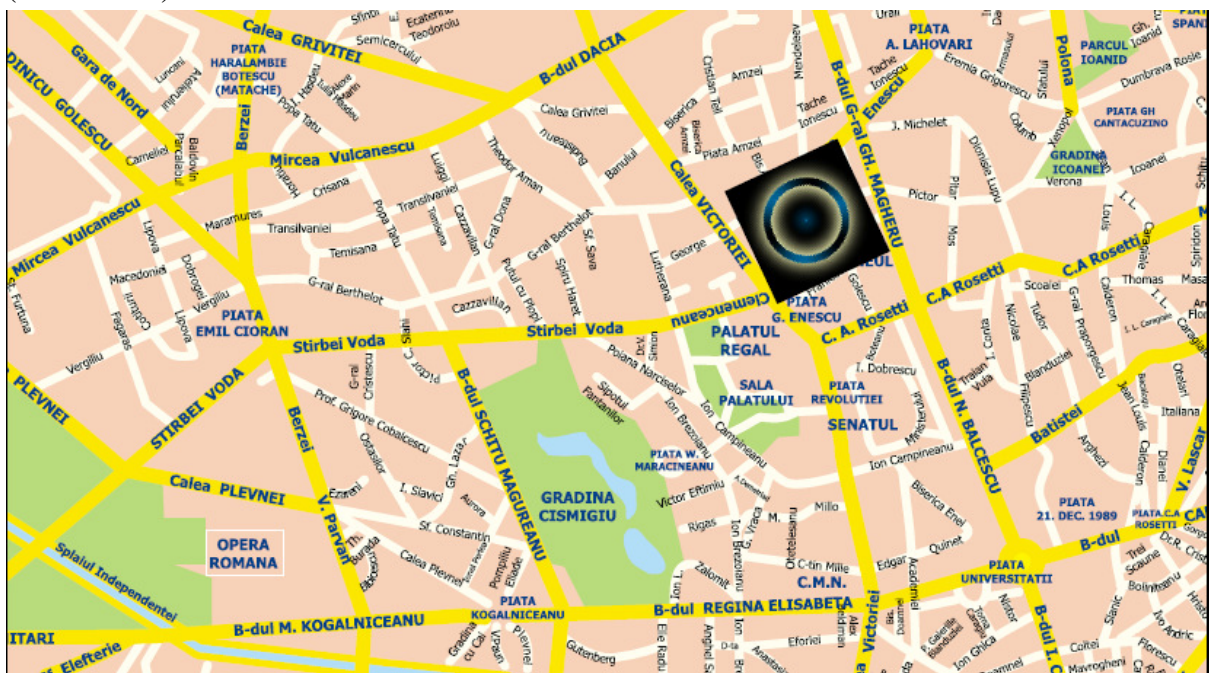
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Annex 1 – Meeting Venue: location on the map

(100% view)



(200% view)



HOTELS IN BUCHREST

HOTEL HILTON 5 *	<p>15 SINGLE AVAILABLE</p> <p>For 4 nights reservation</p> <p>Tariff: 185 euro / SGL room/ breakfast, taxes and access to Health Club included</p> <p>Tariff: 196 euro / DBL room / breakfast, taxes and access to Health Club included</p> <p>For 1- 2 nights reservation</p> <p>208 euro / SGL room / breakfast, taxes and access to Health Club included</p> <p>220 euro / DBL room / breakfast, taxes and access to Health Club included</p> <p><i>Note: Hotel Hilton is the place of our meeting and it has a very central location.</i></p>
HOTEL MINERVA 4*	<p>30 ROOMS AVAILABLE</p> <p>105 euro / SGL room / breakfast, taxes included</p> <p>130 euro / DBL room / breakfast, taxes included</p> <p><i>Note: Hotel Minerva it's no far from Hotel Hilton - 600 m walking - with a central location.</i></p>
HOTEL GOLDEN TULIP 4*	<p>40 ROOMS AVAILABLE</p> <p>120 euro / SGL room / breakfast, taxes included</p> <p>135 euro / DBL room/ breakfast, taxes included</p> <p><i>Note: Hotel Golden Tulip is about 400 m from Hotel Hilton, with central location.</i></p>
<p>For hotels: HILTON, MINERVA and GOLDEN TULIP special prices were negotiated.</p> <p>All the hotels require a credit card for guaranty the reservation. The payment will be made on spot (by each delegate), at arrival, at these negotiated tariffs.</p> <p>All the delegates interested in one of this offers shall contact directly:</p> <p><u>Ms. Irina BOARU</u> Phone: 0040-21-336.07.55 Fax: 0040-21-336.07.66 Mobile: 0040-744/333.190 or 0040-744/333.432 e-mail: irina.boaru@fortunabusiness.ro</p>	

<p>Hotel PICCOLO MONDO 3* 9 Clucerului Str., District 1, Bucharest Tel. : +40-21-202.93.64 , +40-21-260.49.28. Fax : +40-21-222.95.22 hotel@piccolomondo.ro</p>	<p>Price (with breakfast): Single room: 95€ Double room: 106€</p>
<p>Hotel AMBASADOR 3* 8-10 Magheru Blvd., District 1, Bucharest Tel. : +40-21-315.90.80, +40-21-315.90.84 Fax : +40-21-312.35.95 hotel@ambasador.ro</p>	<p>Price (with breakfast): Single room: 92€ Double room: 108€</p>
<p>Hotel OPERA 3* 37 Brezoianu Str., District 1, Bucharest Tel. : +40-21-312.48.55, +40-21-312.48.58 Fax : +40-21-312.48.58 info@hotelopera.ro</p>	<p>Price (with breakfast): Single room: 133€ Double room: 155€</p>
<p>Hotel CAPITOL 3* 29 Calea Victoriei, District 1, Bucharest Tel. : +40-21-315.80.3 0, Fax : +40-21-312.41.69 www.hotelcapitol.ro</p>	<p>Price (with breakfast): Single room: 95€ Double room: 120€</p>
<p>Hotel CENTRAL 3* 13 Brezoianu Str. Kiseleff Sos., District 5, Bucharest Tel. : +40-21-315-56-36 Fax : +40-21-315-56-37 info@centralhotel.ro</p>	<p>Price (with breakfast): Single room: 93€ Double room: 108€</p>
<p>Hotel MINERVA 3* 2-4 Gheorghe Manu Str., District 1, Bucharest Tel. : +40-21-311.15.50, +40-21-318.12.81 Fax : +40-21-312.39.63 minerva@minerva.</p>	<p>Price (with breakfast): Single room: 122€ Double room: 142€</p>
<p>Hotel TRIANON 3* 9 Cobalcescu Grigore Str., District 1, Bucharest Tel. : +40-21-411.66.90 www.hoteltrianon.tourneo.ro</p>	<p>Price (with breakfast): Single room: 79€ Double room: 107€</p>
<p>Hotel REMBRANDT 3* 11 Smardan Str., District 3, Bucharest Tel.: +40-21-313.93.15 Fax: +40-21-313.93.16 info@rembrandt , www.rembrandt.ro</p>	<p>Price (with breakfast): Single room: -bussines-151€;standard-123€;turist-90€;single(one bed)-76€. Double room: -bussines-162€;standard-134€;turist-101€</p>
<p>Hotel TRIUMF 2* 12 Kiseleff Sos., District 1, Bucharest Tel. : +40-21-222.31.72 Fax : +40-21-223.24.11</p>	<p>Price (with breakfast): Single room: 47€ Double room: 67€</p>