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](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 reclaims 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.romaniaturism.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.

**Contact:**

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Annex 2 - Bucharest Underground Map

Harta Metroului Bucureștean

- M2 IMGB – Pipera
- M3 Eroilor – Industrilor
- T1 Gara de Nord – Laromet
- T2 N. Grigorescu – În construcție
### HOTELS IN BUCHREST

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<tr>
<td><strong>HOTEL HILTON 5</strong>*</td>
<td>15</td>
<td>185 euro</td>
<td>196 euro</td>
<td>Hotel Hilton is the place of our meeting and it has a very central location.</td>
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<td>For 4 nights reservation</td>
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<td>208 euro</td>
<td>220 euro</td>
<td>For 1-2 nights reservation</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>HOTEL MINERVA 4</strong>*</td>
<td>30</td>
<td>105 euro</td>
<td>130 euro</td>
<td>Hotel Minerva it’s no far from Hotel Hilton - 600 m walking - with a central location.</td>
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<td>Note: Hotel Minerva is not far from Hotel Hilton</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>HOTEL GOLDEN TULIP 4</strong>*</td>
<td>40</td>
<td>120 euro</td>
<td>135 euro</td>
<td>Hotel Golden Tulip is about 400 m from Hotel Hilton, with central location.</td>
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For hotels: HILTON, MINERVA and GOLDEN TULIP special prices were negotiated.

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.

All the delegates interested in one of this offers shall contact directly:

**Ms. Irina BOARU**
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
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<tr>
<td>PICCOLO MONDO 3*</td>
<td>9 Clucerului Str., District 1, Bucharest</td>
<td>+40-21-202.93.64, +40-21-260.49.28, +40-21-222.95.22</td>
<td><a href="mailto:hotel@piccolomondo.ro">hotel@piccolomondo.ro</a></td>
<td>Single room: 95€</td>
<td>Double room: 106€</td>
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<tr>
<td>AMBASADOR 3*</td>
<td>8-10 Magheru Blvd., District 1, Bucharest</td>
<td>+40-21-315.90.80, +40-21-315.90.84, +40-21-312.35.95</td>
<td><a href="mailto:hotel@ambasador.ro">hotel@ambasador.ro</a></td>
<td>Single room: 92€</td>
<td>Double room: 108€</td>
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<tr>
<td>OPERA 3*</td>
<td>37 Brezoianu Str., District 1, Bucharest</td>
<td>+40-21-312.48.55, +40-21-312.48.58</td>
<td><a href="mailto:info@hotelopera.ro">info@hotelopera.ro</a></td>
<td>Single room: 133€</td>
<td>Double room: 155€</td>
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<td>CAPITOL 3*</td>
<td>29 Calea Victoriei, District 1, Bucharest</td>
<td>+40-21-315.80.30, +40-21-312.41.69</td>
<td><a href="http://www.hotelcapitol.ro">www.hotelcapitol.ro</a></td>
<td>Single room: 95€</td>
<td>Double room: 120€</td>
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<td>CENTRAL 3*</td>
<td>13 Brezoianu Str. Kiseleff Sos., District 5, Bucharest</td>
<td>+40-21-315.56-36, +40-21-315.56-37</td>
<td><a href="mailto:info@centralhotel.ro">info@centralhotel.ro</a></td>
<td>Single room: 93€</td>
<td>Double room: 108€</td>
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<td>MINERVA 3*</td>
<td>2-4 Gheorghe Manu Str., District 1, Bucharest</td>
<td>+40-21-311.15.50, +40-21-318.12.81</td>
<td>minerva@<a href="mailto:minerva@email.com">minerva@email.com</a></td>
<td>Single room: 122€</td>
<td>Double room: 142€</td>
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<td>TRIANON 3*</td>
<td>9 Cobalcescu Grigore Str., District 1, Bucharest</td>
<td>+40-21-411.66.90</td>
<td><a href="http://www.hoteltrianon.tourneo.ro">www.hoteltrianon.tourneo.ro</a></td>
<td>Single room: 79€</td>
<td>Double room: 107€</td>
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<td>REMBRANDT 3*</td>
<td>11 Smardan Str., District 3, Bucharest</td>
<td>+40-21-313.93.15, +40-21-313.93.16</td>
<td>info@rembrandt, <a href="http://www.rembrandt.ro">www.rembrandt.ro</a></td>
<td>Single room: -bussines-151€;standard-123€;turist-90€;single(one bed)-76€. Double room: -bussines-162€;standard-134€;turist-101€</td>
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<tr>
<td>TRIUMF 2*</td>
<td>12 Kiseleff Sos., District 1, Bucharest</td>
<td>+40-21-222.31.72, +40-21-223.24.11</td>
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<td>Single room: 47€</td>
<td>Double room: 67€</td>
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