

## **USEFUL INFORMATION**

### ***VENUE***

The conference "*Back to the Future: the Romanian Telecoms in the Next Decade*" 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 6 October 2012**, in order to benefit from the preferential rate (single room – 105 Euro/night excluding 9% VAT; double room – 115 Euro/night excluding 9% VAT).

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 CITY?***

The "Henri Coanda" - Otopeni international airport is 12 miles North from the centre of Bucharest and the city centre can be most comfortably reached by taxi. From the airport, a fare of approx. RON 60 is the equivalent in Romanian currency of about EUR 18. The ride takes around 45 minutes, depending on the traffic.

When paying the taxi fare, please make sure that you have Romanian currency ready (not credit cards). In case you wish to **call a taxi** from any place in the city, the numbers of the most frequently used companies are (please dial with the *prefix 021*): 9440, 9441, 9451, 9791, 9425, 9444, 9488, 9466, 9477.

As for the public transportation, **buses #783 and #780** depart every half hour from the arrivals terminal towards downtown. The equivalent in Romanian currency is of about 1,50 EUR. Tickets can be purchased from the driver. Romanian currency is required.

More information about transportation means from the airport to the hotel or to downtown Bucharest is available at: <http://www.otp-airport.ro/>

### ***TRANSPORT***

Public transportation ([www.ratb.ro](http://www.ratb.ro)), including the subway ([www.metrorex.ro](http://www.metrorex.ro)), operates from 05:00 to 23:00. A two-ride ticket is RON 4 (about EUR 0.9). Separate tickets for ground and underground transport are needed.

### ***VISA***

Delegates requiring a visa are kindly requested to make their own arrangements.

You may find the list of countries and the visa exempted-cases, additional information, visa applications and the location of the Romanian mission in your country at <http://www.mae.ro/index.php?unde=doc&id=7201&idlnk=3&cat=5>

### ***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 RON (pronounced [*'eu*], plural [*'e*]).  
1 EURO = 4.4881 RON (September 13, 2012)

Romania has a temperate climate, with four distinct seasons. This autumn temperature varies between around 12°C, with chances of rain showers. Usually, the month of November in Bucharest is a constantly cold one from the temperature point of view, without significant temperature variations.

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>