

IRG General Assembly / BEREC Plenary Meetings
8-9 December 2011, Bucharest

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

VENUE

The meetings will take place at the **Central House of the Army - Military Circle** premises, located on Regina Elisabeta Blvd., Bucharest 010141, Romania.

The building is located in the very heart of Bucharest.

Internet WIFI connection will be provided during the meetings. Internet, telephone and fax facilities will be also available, for the secretariat services.

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

MEETING REGISTRATION

Please use the online registration form available at http://www.ancom.org.ro/registration-form_4617.

CONTACTS FOR INFORMATION

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

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ACCOMMODATION

A number of 50 rooms have been booked at the **Grand Hotel Continental** and 50 rooms at the **Novotel Hotel**. For reservations, we kindly ask you to use the attached Hotel Reservation Forms and send it **both to the hotel and to us**, at berec_plenary_dec11@ancom.org.ro, **no later than 4 November 2011**, in order to benefit from the preferential rate.

Grand Hotel Continental ★★★★★

56 Calea Victoriei, 010083 Bucharest, Romania

Tel.: +40 372 121 721

Fax: +40 372 121 720

Please note that the rooms will be held at Grand Hotel Continental with the following special rate, until the 4th of November 2011:

- Single Room – 80 Euro/night, breakfast and taxes included, free internet access;
- Double Room – 100 Euro/night breakfast and taxes included, free internet access.

Novotel Bucharest City Centre Hotel ★★★★★

37B Calea Victoriei Street, Sector 1, Bucharest

Tel: +40 21 308 85 00

Fax: +40 21 308 85 01

Please note that the rooms will be held at Hotel Novotel with the following special rate, until the 4th of November 2011:

- Single Room - 68 Euro/night excluding 9% VAT, free internet access;
 - Double Room – 78 Euro/night excluding 9% VAT, free internet access.
- Full Buffet Breakfast and access to the Wellness Centre are included in the room rate.

Grand Hotel Continental

(<http://continentalhotels.ro/Grand-Hotel-Continental-Bucuresti/>) 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, benefitting from a unique and memorable experience.

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) is ideally situated in the 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.

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 80 is the equivalent in Romanian currency of about EUR 19.5. 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 : +40219440, +40219441, +40219451, +40219791, +40219425, +40219444, +40219488, +40219466, +40219477.

As for the public transportation, **bus #783** departs 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 magnetic Multiple Card with minimum 2 trips (there are no single trip cards) can be purchased at the card desk in the bus station and costs minimum 4.2 LEI (the equivalent in Romanian currency of about 1 EUR). You should go to University Square station (Piața Universității).

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

If you choose to arrive by train, Bucharest North Railway Station (Gara de Nord) is not far from the center.

Train ticket reservation can be made at:

Railway Travel Agency (Agentia CFR)
10, Brezoianu Street
Telephone: +40 21 313 26 43; +40 21 313 26 42
Railway Travel Agency (Agentia de Voiaj)
139, Calea Grivitei street, near North Railway Station
Telephone: +40 21 316 89 47; +40 21 316 89 45

From Bucharest North Railway Station, you can take a taxi to the hotel or meeting venue (the taxi is around 1.6 LEI per kilometer, the equivalent in English currency of about EUR 0.4).

TRANSPORT

Public transportation (www.ratb.ro), including the subway (www.metrorex.ro), operates from 05:00 to 23:00.

LANGUAGES

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

MISCELLANEOUS

The Romanian currency unit is RON (pronounced ['eu], plural ['e/]).
1 EURO = 4.25 RON

Our country has a temperate climate, with four distinct seasons. In December the average minimum temperature in Bucharest is -3 degrees Celsius and the average maximum temperature is +3 degrees Celsius.

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>