RC-LACE Steering Committee, 39th Meeting

Bucharest, Romania 19 - 20 September 2022

INFORMATION NOTE FOR PARTICIPANTS

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VENUE

The meeting will be held at the NATIONAL METEOROLOGICAL ADMINISTRATION's Headquarters: Sos. Bucuresti-Ploiesti, nr. 97, 013686, Sector 1, Bucharest, Romania.

ACCOMMODATION (RECOMMENDED HOTEL):

The Marshal Garden Hotel

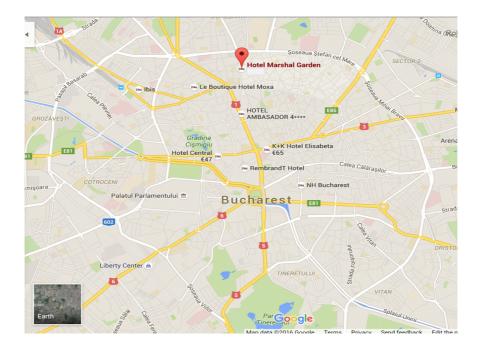
Calea Dorobantilor nr. 50B, Sector 1, 10574,

Bucharest, Romania

Telephone: +40 21 319.44.44

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E-mail: office@marshalgarden.ro/ http://www.hotelmarshalgarden.ro/



Special rate: 90 Euro/superior single room/night (breakfast included)

The rate includes: breakfast, free wireless internet connection, free access to fitness room and sauna, in room free of charge coffee and tea making facilities, free underground parking upon availability, VAT, taxes.

Hotel rooms have been reserved, in block, and confirmed at the Marshal Garden Hotel, for the period 18 – 24 September 2022. Deadline for hotel booking: 9 September 2022. Contact person at the hotel: Mrs. Cristina Marica (<u>cristina.nica@marshalgarden.ro</u>) and use booking code **METEO22**. Please, add in Cc. when submit the booking requests the email address: <u>iulia.munteanu@meteoromania.ro</u> and <u>aladin@meteromania.ro</u>

AIRPORT TRANSFERS

To reach the Marshal Garden Hotel from the airport, there are several options:

- **Touch screen terminals for taxi requests** are available in the large hall that sees you outside the airport if you want to order taxi from a certain company.



Operation:

- Step 1- Select a taxi company
- Step 2 Select payment method
- Step 3 The taxi identification code, waiting time and tariff/km are displayed
- Step 4 The device will issue a receipt with the mentioned information included
- Licensed taxis without prior request, with fares between around 3.5 lei/km, are available in front of the exits of Henri Coandă Arrivals terminal. These cars can be easily seen through the large windows and they take passengers in order of arrival.
 - *For both options mentioned above, payment will be made to the driver, either in RON (exchange office are located inside the Arrivals hall at the airport, or at the ATMs), or by card to the driver, if they have POS);
- **Uber**: You may use also the Uber application directly on your mobile phone;
- From the ground level of the Arrivals terminal, besides taxies you may also take the **bus number 783** that connects Henri Coandă airport to the centre of the town. Busses leave the airport approximately once every 20 minutes during daytime and once every 30 minutes after nightfall. Once inside the bus, please use your debit card to pay the trip (worth 3 lei), by nearing the debit card to the yellow validators you will easily notice. If the payment has been accepted, the validator's screen will turn green, displaying a text that wishes you a pleasant journey ("Călătorie plăcută!").

To reach the Marshal Garden Hotel, get off the bus number 783 at Piaţa Romană bus stop. The trip from Henry Coandă airport to Piaţa Romană bus stop will take around 30 minutes. After you have got off, turn around and cross the large boulevard "Bulevardul Magheru" towards the building that displays columns at the ground level, then turn right and walk along "Bulevardul Dacia" until you reach the traffic lights from the road junction with "Calea Dorobanţi" boulevard. There, cross both "Dacia Boulevard" and "Calea Dorobanţ", then walk along "Calea Dorobanţi"- the side where buildings have even numbers. An important landmark for your orientation is the British Council building, at number 14. Walk on, past the British Council building for a few hundred meters and you will reach Marshal Garden Hotel, at number 50B.

To reach the Marshal Garden Hotel from the Piața Romană square, please follow the indications below:

https://moovitapp.com/bucure%C8%99ti-2960/poi/Hotel%20Marshal%20Garden/Pia%C8%9Ba%20Roman%C4%83/en?

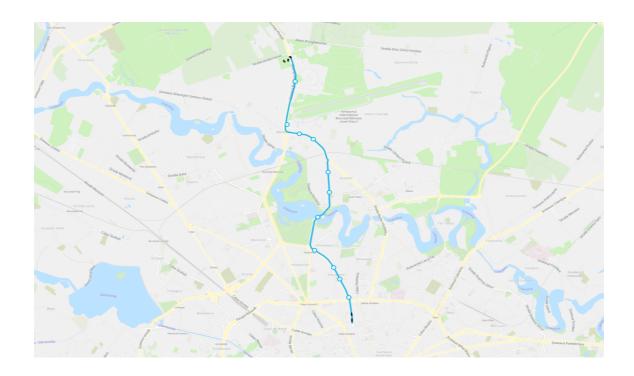
ref=1&poiType=site&customerId=4908&fll=44.446794_26.096401&tll=44.450026_26.0 99795

Bus 783 timetable:

Route: Henri Conda Airoport to Unirii Square, your bus stop will be Piața Romană https://www.stbsa.ro/ora_sta3/783%20Retur.pdf

Route: Unirii Square to Henri Conda Airoport, your bus stop will be Piața Romană https://www.stbsa.ro/ora_sta3/783%20Tur.pdf

HOW TO GET FROM THE MARSHAL GARDEN HOTEL TO THE NATIONAL METEOROLOGICAL ADMINISTRATION



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VISA ARRANGEMENTS & COVID-19 INFORMATION

Please check your country's Ministry of Foreign Affairs to check your visa requirements for Romania. Please note that Romania is part of the European Union, however, it is **NOT** under the *Schengen Visa rules*. For additional information on consular services (visa obtaining procedures) and a list of embassies/diplomatic missions of Romania abroad please access www.mae.ro, which is the official website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Romania. The countries whose citizens need entry visas for Romania can be found accessing the following link: https://www.mae.ro/en/node/2040. More information on entry rules to Romania can be also found at the link below (including some specifications about COVID-19 restrictions):

http://eviza.mae.ro/ConditionsOfEntry http://eviza.mae.ro/COVID19.

*We kindly invite all the participants to consult the above-mentioned information and to contact the Romanian missions in their countries for additional information about the visa obtaining. The participants who need entry visas to Romania are kindly advised to start the visa obtaining procedures well in advance! The National Meteorological

Administration of Romania will prepare invitation letters for those who request such a document in order to facilitate the visa obtaining.

CURRENCY AND BANKS

The official unit of currency is the Lei (RON).

1 EURO = 4.95 lei (official exchange rate). You can use bank and exchange offices for these operations. Working program: 09:00 AM - 05:00 PM. Payments are allowed with credit cards in most department stores/supermarkets/restaurants in Bucharest.

At the airport in Bucharest, we advise you to exchange a limited amount of money (e.g. not more than the equivalent of 100 RON) at the exchange office inside the Arrivals hall, or at the ATMs, if you arrive late in the evening and the exchange office is no longer open. Here, as can be expected, the exchange rate is not the most favourable.

Any violation of the law in the airport area shall be handled by the Transport Police (phone number: +4021 201 3242). The National Authority for Consumer's Protection phone number: +4021 9551. However if you experience any misunderstanding or doubt, please consider addressing the Information desk.

ELECTRICITY

Romania's electrical current is 230 V; 50 cycles and **sockets** take the standard continental **European dual round-pronged plugs**.



A <u>plug adaptor</u> is required for non-European appliances. Please remember that simple adapters do not convert voltage or frequency. A power converter is necessary for appliances requiring 110 V.

ADDITIONAL GENERAL INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND AT: http://www.romaniatourism.com