

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

IMINQA - Peer Learning Activity 2

Cross-Border Quality Assurance and Quality Assurance of Transnational Education

Bucharest, 21 March 2023

I. Venue

The event will be taking place at the [University POLITEHNICA of Bucharest](#), ROMANIA (313 Splaiul Independentei, sector 6, postal code 060042) hosted by the Romanian Agency for Quality Assurance in Higher Education (ARACIS).

UPB was founded in 1818 and is the largest and most prestigious technical university in Romania. At present, UPB conducts educational activities in engineering fields, organized in 15 faculties, for over 95 bachelor programs and 180 master programs.



UPB Central Library

The location for the event is the **Central Library**, located near the Splaiul Independenței entrance into the Campus.



The UPB campus can be reached from two main avenues, depending on the options of the participants for the hotels. Access to all rooms and facilities of the Library is done by lift, stairs, or ramp.

All activities will take place at the second floor (Council Room and Room 2.2).



Conference Room - UPB Central Library

II. Transportation

The University POLITEHNICA is located in Bucharest, which is the capital city of Romania. Bucharest has reasonable connections with most European capitals. International flights arrive at Henri Coandă International Airport (Otopeni), the largest airport in Romania, located about 19 km north of Bucharest center.

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

Transportation between Henri Coanda International Airport and City Center

Taxi: the cars are situated in a taxi station located at the exit of the Arrivals Terminal. Please use the "Taxi by request" desk within the airport.

Public transportation:

- **STB - Bus** express lines 783 from Henri Coandă Airport offers daily service to the city center. This line runs day and night. The bus leaves every 15 minutes during the day and every 40 minutes during the night. For more information, go here: <http://www.bucharestairports.ro/en/transport/bus>
- **Train:** The train provides a fast connection between Henri Coandă Airport and Bucharest North Railway Station.
See train schedules here: <https://mersultrenurilor.infofer.ro/en-GB/itineraries>

Moving around the city

Bucharest has a thorough public transportation system with buses and metro lines.

Bus lines (STB)

Before getting on a STB vehicle, passengers must make sure they have a proper ticket for the respective public transport vehicle.

The price for one metropolitan trip, that is available for 90 minutes, is 3 lei.

The **Activ card** can be loaded with trips as well as with any type of passes, which can then be used in parallel. The nominal **Activ card** and the non-nominal **Activ card** can be purchased at any sale center and can be loaded at any sale center and at the vending machines. Besides, the **Activ** nominal card can also be recharged through the online reloading platform.

The **Multiplu travel card** is designated for occasional passengers and can be purchased at any sale center and at the vending machines.

For more information, go here: <https://stbsa.ro/eng/index>

Metro lines (Metrorex)

The passengers' access to platforms is permitted only after tickets are purchased and validated by the fare collection system. The tickets can be purchased from the ticket points of sales in all stations. Price valid for two trips is 6 lei.

For more information, go here: http://www.metrorex.ro/first_page_p1352-2

Taxi

- Meridian Taxi <http://meridiantaxi.ro/> +40 21 9888
- Speed Taxi www.speedtaxi.ro/v3/ +40 21 9477
- Cris Taxi <http://crisaxi.ro/comanda-online> +40 21 9466
- Uber and Bolt are also available in Bucharest.

III. Accommodation and meals

Participants are kindly requested to make their own accommodation arrangements.

The first 3 hotels are situated within walking distance from the university and the others are in the range of 7 km of the university.

Hotel	Website
Ambiance Hotel 3*	http://ambiance-hotel.ro
Hotel Yesterday 3*	https://yesterday.ro/
Orhideea Residence & Spa 4*	https://www.orhideearesidence.ro/
ibis Bucharest Politehnica Hotel 4*	https://all.accor.com/hotel/B1S0/index.en.shtml
Novotel Bucharest City Centre Hotel 4*	https://all.accor.com/hotel/5558/index.en.shtml
Union Plaza Hotel Bucharest 4*	https://unionplaza.ro/
Radisson Blue Hotel 5*	https://www.radissonblu.com/en/hotel-bucharest

Social programme and event dinner

After the meeting, a guided bus tour to the City Centre is provided. The bus leaves at 17.15 from the Central Library, will stop at the Palace of Parliament and The Romanian Athenaeum and end at the dinner location. Participants that will choose not to join the tour will have to arrange their own transportation to the dinner venue.

The dinner will take place at **ZEXE Zahana Gastronomica Aviatorilor Restaurant** (<https://www.zexe.ro/en/home/>) starting 19.30.

After dinner, the bus will take the participants to the hotels located near UPB, at 10.00.

Internet

Wifi is available at the venue. The network name is UPB-Guest and does not require any password.

Currency

The local currency is “leu” – plural “lei” (RON). The approximate EUR/RON exchange rate as of 2023 is: 1 euro = 4.94 lei/RON. However, as the exchange rates may vary, participants are encouraged to check them before arriving in Romania.

Contact

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Other information

Temperature: 9-15 degrees °C (March)

Time zone: GMT+2

Electricity: 220V, 50Hz Standard continental European dual round-pronged plugs

Emergency number: 112

Romanian country telephone code: +40

International calls from Romania: 00 + country code + area code + telephone number

Smoking is prohibited in all indoor public areas.

You can find more information about what to visit in Bucharest at:

<http://romaniatourism.com/bucharest.html>