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**20TH COUNCIL OF EUROPE CONFERENCE
OF DIRECTORS OF PRISON AND PROBATION SERVICES**

**Radicalisation
and
other strategic challenges**

9-10 June 2015
Bucharest, Romania



PRACTICAL INFORMATION

- **DATE AND VENUE:** the 20th Council of Europe Conference of Directors of Prison and Probation Services will take place at the InterContinental Hotel in Bucharest, Romania, starting at 9 a.m. on Tuesday 9 June, and closing at 5p.m. on Wednesday 10 June 2015.
- **WORKING LANGUAGES:** the working languages of the Conference will be English, French and Russian with simultaneous interpretation.
- **REGISTRATION:** each participant in the Conference has to register using the online registration form on the Conference website (www.coe.int/cdpps2015).
- **WORKING DOCUMENTS:** all working documents for the Conference will be posted on the Conference website which will be regularly updated. Please note that no working documents will be printed out and distributed during the Conference.
- **ACCOMMODATION:** a restricted number of rooms have been pre-booked by the Council of Europe at the InterContinental Hotel for 3 nights (8, 9 and 10 June 2015) and participants are invited to reserve their room at their earliest convenience by using the specially provided link on the Conference website.
- **A WELCOME RECEPTION** will be held on 8 June, at 7.30 p.m., at the InterContinental Hotel. The reception will be hosted by the General Director of the Romanian National Prison Administration.
- **LOCAL TRANSPORT:**

At the airport

The Bucharest Henri Coandă International Airport (<http://www.bucharestairports.ro/en>) is about 16 km away from the centre of the city. Transfer from/to the airport to/from the InterContinental hotel will be provided by the Romanian National Prison Administration. There will be a Conference information desk in the arrivals hall; hostesses will answer your questions and provide assistance as necessary.




A **mini-bus** will be at your disposal

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in front of the arrivals hall, on 7 & 8 June, each hour, between 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.	in front of the InterContinental hotel, on the 11 June, each hour, between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m.

■ **OTHER MEANS OF TRANSPORT:**

City Bus	Taxi	Metro http://www.metrorex.ro/
At the airport: kiosks for buying tickets are situated in front of the arrivals hall. The Express line 783 links the International airport Henri Coandă and the centre of the city (Unirii Square station). To get to the InterContinental hotel, get off at the University station. This line is available day and night, and leaves at 40 minute intervals. The bus station is situated in front of the arrivals/departures hall. Price of a single ticket → 3,5 lei (approx. 0,84 €); magnetic card for 2 - trip ticket → 7 lei (approx. 1,97 €). City travel buses: Price for one trip → 1,3 lei (approx. 0,29 €). Travel cards can be bought from special kiosks, which can usually be found at the bus stations.	At the airport: to order a taxi, look for the multi-language touch screens in the arrivals hall. Choose from the full range of Bucharest taxi companies (all have their prices clearly displayed). A screen indicates how long the taxi will take to arrive and what ID number it has. Take the printed ticket then go outside to wait for the taxi. Check whether the company name and ID number is identical to the one on your ticket. Rate between the airport and the InterContinental hotel/centre of Bucharest → 45 / 55 lei (approx. 10 / 12,5 €). In general: price for 1 km → approx. 0,32 €. Taxi cars are yellow and they have a roof sign on which TAXI is written in black.	Price for 2 - trip ticket → 4 lei (approx. 0,90 €); price for 10 - trip ticket → 15 lei (approx. 3,40 €). When traveling on the metro, you must have the ticket on you before you enter the metro platform area.

- **VISAS:** participants are invited to [check](#) (link in English, French and Romanian) if they need a visa for Romania. Participants who do need a visa should request a support letter for their visa from the Secretariat of the Council of Europe by filling in this [form](#). Please note that you will still need to follow the procedure indicated by your Consulate.
- **INSURANCE:** certain specific travel risks are covered by the Council of Europe's travel insurance policy CHARTIS (number 2.004.761), which offers cover to people until their 76th birthday. The telephone help line CHARTIS 24 hour assistance can be called if needed: +32 3 253 69 16. In order to obtain a visa it is not necessary to take out an additional insurance and the price paid for such insurance will not be reimbursed by the Council of Europe.
- **CURRENCY EXCHANGE:** there are a number of currency exchanges in the airport, in the departure hall and in arrivals. The airport also has a number of cash dispensers (ATMs). Exchange rates → <http://www.bnro.ro/Exchange-rates-1224.aspx>
- **WEATHER:** June Weather Averages

	Max Daytime Temperature (°C)	27°C (81°F)
	Min Night-time Temperature (°C)	14°C (57°F)
	Hours of Sunshine (Daily)	9 Hours per day

■ **USEFUL TO KNOW**

Emergency numbers: Fire and ambulance services: 112; Police emergency number: 112

Electric appliances: the electric current in Romania is 220V. A two-pin plug is used.

Local time: Romania is in the Eastern European Time Zone, which is GMT+2.

Nearby hospital: the Clinic Hospital Colțea is near the hotel (500 m, around 6 minutes walk). The address of the hospital is: 1, I.C. Brătianu Boulevard, sector 3, telephone: 021.387.41.00

Pharmacy: 2 pharmacies are quite near to the InterContinental hotel (5 minutes walk).

Tipping: tips are welcome when you are satisfied with the service, but are not mandatory.

Things to do / places to visit and see:

- Old city is nearby InterContinental hotel (500 m, 6 minutes walk) <http://www.inyourpocket.com/romania/bucharest/Bucharest-Old-Town-Lipscani/Bucharest-Old-Town-Sights>
- Palace of Parliament: <http://www.cdep.ro/pls/cic/site.fotos?idl=EN>
- Romanian Atheneum: <http://www.fge.org.ro/en/romanian-atheneum.htm>
- Village Museum: <http://www.muzeul-satului.ro/en/>
- Stavropoleos Church: <http://www.stavropoleos.ro/en/>
- Grigore Antipa National Museum of Natural History: <http://www.antipa.ro/en>
- The National Museum of Art of Romania: <http://www.mnar.arts.ro/Home>
- George Enescu Museum: <http://www.georgeenescu.ro/en/>
- Peasant Museum: <http://muzeultaranuluiroman.ro/home.html>