Logistical note

Date and Venue
Date: 23 - 24 February 2023
Venue: Palace of Parliament
Address: 2 - 4 Izvor Street, Bucharest, Romania
Online streaming: UNDRR and Department for Emergency Situations YouTube channels

Travel documents and visa application
Romania is a European Union Member State and a European Economic Area Member, which means that all visitors within the EU and EEA can travel in Romania using only their national ID card or passport. Nationals of other countries are required to have a passport.

Additional information:
For non-EU citizens, please check the Romanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs website for requirements for entering Romania: eviza.mae.ro/
For further information about travel conditions, please check the official website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Romania HERE
In case a visa issuing is compulsory, you may find the contact details of the Romanian embassies and consulates on the Ministry of Foreign Affairs' website through the following direct LINK

Please inform the focal point, Mr. Cătălin Ivan (international.dgpc@mai.gov.ro), if you require an official invitation (visa support) for visa arrangements.

Accommodation
We encourage participants to stay at the Lido by Phoenicia Hotel, where 80 rooms have been pre-booked for participants at the event. Please proceed with your booking individually by sending an email to: reservations@lido.ro and mirabela.albulescu@lido.ro.

In order to benefit from preferential rates, please mention the code for the event: UNDRR AOD ROMANIA. All other details (payment method, room type, etc.) should be discussed directly with the hotel.

Website: https://phoeniciahotels.ro/en/hotel-info/romania/bucharest/hotel-lido-by-phoenicia/78
phone: +40 31 433 7343
Address: 5 - 7 General Gheorghe Magheru Boulevard, 1st District, Bucharest, 010321, Romania

Other suggested accommodation:
Radisson Blu Hotel:
63-81 Victoriei Way, 1st District, Bucharest, 010065, Romania
Phone: +4 021 311 9000
Website: https://www.radissonhotels.com/ro-ro/hoteluri/radisson-blu-bucharest/contact
Reservations: In order to benefit from preferential rates, please use the following LINK.

Focal point
Mr. Cătălin Ivan
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Meals

The Official Ministerial Dinner on Thursday 23 February (invitation only) will be held in the Marble Hall at the National Military House at 7:30 PM. More information about the location can be found here or on the official website.

A lunch buffet will be served for all delegates at the conference venue on both days of the event. Kindly indicate any special dietary requirements to Ms. Roxana Barbu, at operatii.dgpc@mai.gov.ro, no later than five days prior to the event.

Transport

Transport from/to the airport is organized by the Ministry of Internal Affairs through the Department of the Emergency Situations. Please confirm your arrival and departure times to Ms. Roxana Barbu, at operatii.dgpc@mai.gov.ro, no later than three days prior to the event.

Event shuttle service

A daily shuttle service will operate between the Lido by Phoenicia Hotel and the Palace of Parliament meeting venue. If needed, shuttle service will be organized also for Radisson Blu Hotel guests.

Taxis

Getting to the Lido by Phoenicia Hotel from the airport takes about 30-35 minutes by car/taxi during normal hours. Taxis are available 24 hours per day at the airport arrivals area. The average fare from the airport to Lido Hotel is about 100 RON (20 Euros). The fare may vary depending on the distance, time of day and demand. The official taxi starting rate is 2,29 – 2,99 RON (0,46 – 0,60 Euro).

Public transport

Public transportation is very accessible from the hotel, which is located in the heart of the city, with access to the main bus lines. The metro is also situated very close to the hotel (about 500 meters), and can be used to reach every part of the city.

Currency

Currency: Romanian Leu (RON)
Exchange rate: 1 EURO = 4.9 RON
Cash withdrawal: plenty of ATMs available near the hotel

Other currencies can be exchanged at most banks or exchange offices which are very close to the hotel. It is not recommended to exchange money at the airport as the exchange rates are better in the city.

Weather

Due to its geographical location and climate, Romania has four distinct seasons, with temperatures varying throughout the year. February is the last month of winter and it usually snows. Therefore, temperatures are usually below 0 °Celsius, although this varies by year. We hope that visitors at the event will enjoy and experience the beauty of a snow covered Bucharest!

Emergency contacts

Phone number: 112
EU-wide emergency number for the police, fire and ambulance services