Introduction
We are delighted to invite you to the CHANSE Mid-Term Conference: Building Networks, which will take place in Bucharest, Romania, on 18-19 September 2024. This will be an opportunity for networking, inspiring discussions and workshops, as well as CHANSE-funded project presentations and teamwork (within and across projects). The conference is only open to participants involved in the CHANSE Programme and their stakeholders, as well as representatives of Research Funding Organisations and of the European Commission.

The event will be hosted by the CHANSE Partner, the Executive Agency for Financing Higher Education, Research, Development and Innovation Funding (UEFISCDI).

City
Bucharest, the vibrant capital of Romania, traces its roots back to 1459, when it was first documented. Rising to prominence as the nation’s capital in 1862, it has since evolved into a bustling metropolis, serving as a focal point for Romanian media, culture, and art.

The city’s architectural landscape is a captivating blend of historical grandeur and modern innovation. During the period between the two World Wars, Bucharest earned the endearing nickname of Micul Paris, that of “Little Paris,” due to its elegant architecture and the sophistication of its elites. Strategically nestled in the southeast of Romania, Bucharest enjoys a prime location less than 60 kilometres north of the majestic Danube River, adjacent to Bulgaria. Its strategic position makes it a gateway to Eastern Europe, fostering connections and collaborations across borders.

Against this backdrop of historical charm and contemporary dynamism, Bucharest emerges as the perfect venue for the CHANSE Mid-Term Conference: Building Networks. Set amidst a city that seamlessly blends tradition with innovation, the conference promises to be a catalyst for forging new collaborations, exchanging ideas, and shaping the future of research and collaboration in the humanities and social sciences.

Traveling to Romania
Since joining the European Union in 2007, Romania can be accessed by citizens of EU member states using either a national identity card or a passport. However, travellers from certain countries may require a visa to enter the Romanian territory, as outlined in EC Regulation No 539/2001.

For the list of countries whose nationals must obtain of a visa before entering the Romanian territory as well as exceptions to this requirement, please consult the website of Romania’s Ministry of Foreign Affairs:


Transport from the airport
The Otopeni Airport (officially named “Henri Coandă”) is located 17 km north of the city centre, on the National Road (DN) 1.
Bus
For convenient access to the city centre, the **100 Express bus line** serves passengers day and night, with buses departing – respectively – every 15 and 30 minutes. Stops at the airport are located in front of both the Arrivals and Departures Terminals. The fare for a 90-minute metropolitan trip is 3 lei (approx. €0.6). Payment options include the STB card, contactless credit card, text message to 7458 (“C” for 90 minutes or “AB” for 24 hours), metropolitan cards, and Tourist Travel Cards. A card desk as well as an Automated Ticket Machine are available in front of the Arrivals Terminal. For the general schedule, visit:

- [https://www.stbsa.ro/eng/route_timetable?100](https://www.stbsa.ro/eng/route_timetable?100)

Taxi
To order a licensed taxi, you should use the touch screens terminals for taxi requests. Licensed taxi cars are available on the ground floor, in front of the Arrivals terminal. A standard price is between 3.5 - 5 lei/km (around 0.7 -1 euro/km) plus the starting fee, which is about one kilometre’s ride. Before getting on, be careful to observe the price printed on the side and, before starting, be sure that the taxi meter is on.

While taxis are readily available in front of the Arrivals Terminal, it is advisable to order one in advance by using the machines located inside the airport:


More information
Explore transportation options from the airport:


Access details
Learn more about access to and from the airport:


Uber and Bolt services
Explore the availability of Uber and Bolt services:

- [https://www.uber.com/global/en/r/airports/otp/?uclid=9a2600dc-0c3b-4128-b828-66b233ae5bc5](https://www.uber.com/global/en/r/airports/otp/?uclid=9a2600dc-0c3b-4128-b828-66b233ae5bc5)
Currency
Romania’s currency is the leu (plural lei), abbreviated RON. Banknotes are available in denominations of 1, 5, 10, 50, 100, and 500 lei, while coins come in 1, 5, 10, and 50 bani pieces. Foreign currencies can be exchanged at banks or authorised exchange offices. Additionally, international airports and larger hotels offer currency exchange services.

Although some stores, merchants, or taxi drivers may accept payments in US dollars, Euros, or other freely convertible currencies, it must be noted that the regulations established by the National Bank of Romania stipulate that all payments for goods and services purchased in Romania should be made with Romanian currency.

Voltage
Romania’s electrical power operates at 230V with a frequency of 50 cycles. Sockets accommodate the standard continental European dual round-pronged plugs (types C and F). Non-European appliances require a plug adapter for compatibility. Please note that simple adapters do not convert voltage or frequency.

Dialling
International direct dialling service is readily available throughout Romania.

- **Dialing within Romania:**
  
  for calls within the countryside: 0 + three-digit area code + six-digit telephone number
  
  for calls within Bucharest: 0 + 21 + seven-digit telephone number
  
  0 + 31 + seven-digit telephone number

  Three-digit telephone numbers serve as local toll-free numbers for emergencies or businesses.

- **International dialling from Romania:**
  
  for international calls from Romania: 00 + country code + area code + telephone number

- **Dialling from a foreign country to Bucharest:**
  
  international access code + 40 (country code) + 21 + seven-digit telephone number

- **Dialling from a foreign country to any other city in Romania:**
  
  international access code + 40 (country code) + three-digit area code + six-digit phone number

Internet access
Romania has several Internet service providers, offering advanced services such as Internet messaging via mobile phones, Internet paging, international roaming, and more. Additionally, Wi-Fi access via hotspots is widely available almost in every restaurant, café, or hotel – often free of charge.

Security and emergency phone number
In Romania, the general emergency phone number is 112.

Reaching the meeting venue
The conference will take place on the premises of the University of Agronomic Sciences and
Veterinary Medicine of Bucharest (USAMV), situated in the heart of the Romanian capital. The venue, conveniently located amidst the lush green surroundings of the university campus, is only a few minutes’ walk from the Romanian Village open-air museum, Herăstrău Lake, and the Triumphal Arch.

*For more information, please visit the Bucharest official travel and tourism information website:*

- [https://visitbucharest.today/](https://visitbucharest.today/)

**University of Agronomic Sciences and Veterinary Medicine of Bucharest**

Address: Bulevardul Mărăști 59, București 011464 ([Google Map](https://www.google.com/maps/place/Bulevardul+Mărăști+59,+București+011464/deinforma))

The venue is close to the 100 bus station called Piata Presei.

**Hotel recommendations:**

Close to the venue:

- [Hotel Pullman World Trade Center](https://www.pullman-bucharest.com)
- [Ramada Bucharest Parc](https://www.ramada-bucharest-parc.com)
- [Ramada Plaza by Wyndham](https://www.ramada-plaza-by-wyndham-bucharest.com)

Other hotels:

- [Samaa Hotel](https://www.samaahotel.com)
- [Hotel Triumf](https://www.hotellrumf.com)

*Please note that UEFISCDI does not have a special agreement with any of the hotels listed above. This is a non-exhaustive list with hotels in Bucharest, serving as a general reference.*