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# **Informal Meeting of Ministers and State Secretaries for European Affairs**

## **MEDIA GUIDE**

**11 – 12 March, 2019**

**The National Museum of Art of Romania  
Palace of the National Bank of Romania**



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# 1. MEDIA OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAMME

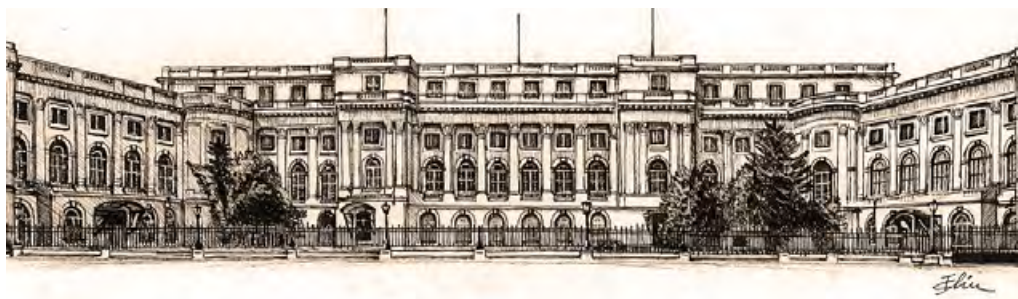
**Monday, March 11, 2019**

**Venue: The National Museum of Art of Romania**

<b>18:10 – 18:25</b>	<p>Arrival of delegations from candidate countries</p> <p>Welcome by the Minister Delegate George Ciamba of ministers for European affairs from candidate countries</p> <p><b>Handshake – Photo and video opportunities (media pool 1)</b></p> <p><i>Venue: The National Museum of Art of Romania, lobby, entrance A1</i></p> <p><i>Meeting point – lobby, entrance A1, 17:00 hours</i></p>
<b>18:30</b>	<p><b>Informal meeting with candidate countries</b> (attending: Minister Delegate for European Affairs, George Ciamba, ministers from Albania, Republic of North Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia and Turkey).</p> <p><b>Tour-de-table – Photo and video opportunities (media pool 2)</b></p> <p><i>Venue: The National Museum of Art of Romania, Mirror Hall, entrance A1</i></p> <p><i>Meeting point – lobby, entrance A1, 18:00 hours</i></p>
<b>19:20 – 19:25</b>	<p><b>Family picture</b></p> <p><b>Photo and video opportunities</b> (exclusive access for cameramen and photographers)</p> <p><i>Venue: The National Museum of Art of Romania, lobby, entrance A1</i></p> <p><i>Meeting point – lobby, entrance A1, 18:50 hours</i></p>
<b>19:30 – 19:50</b>	<p><b>Press statements</b></p> <p><i>Venue: The National Museum of Art of Romania, lobby, entrance A4</i></p>

## Venue for the Informal Meeting with Candidate Countries

The Informal Meeting with Candidate Countries organised by the Romanian Presidency of the Council of the European Union, will take place at The National Museum of Art of Romania (the former Royal Palace) – The Hall of Mirrors (Entrance A1).



**Tuesday, March 12, 2019**

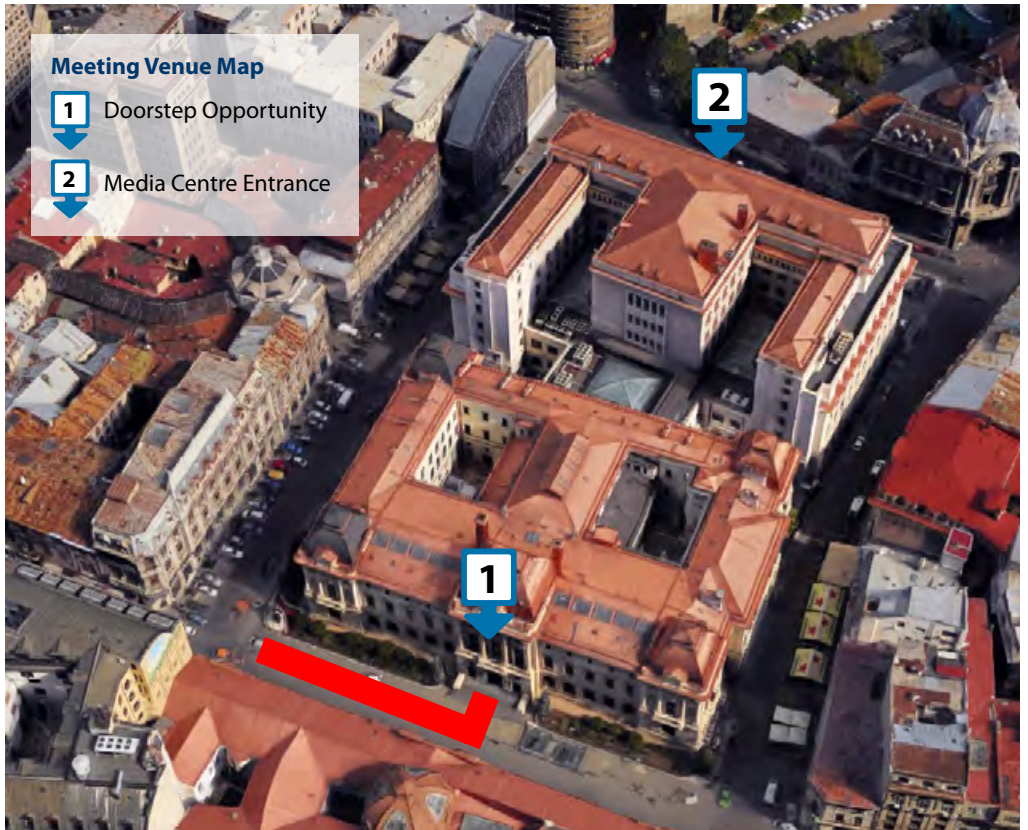
**Venue: Palace of the National Bank of Romania**

<p><b>09:00 – 09:30</b></p>	<p><b>Arrival</b> of official delegations  <b>Doorstep – Photo and video opportunities (media pool 1)</b>  <i>Venue:</i> Palace of the National Bank of Romania (25, Lipskani Str.)  <i>Meeting point:</i> Information Office, 08:00 hours (access from no. 8, Doamnei Street)</p>
<p><b>09:00 – 09:30</b></p>	<p><b>Handshake – Photo and video opportunities</b>  <b>Reception</b> by Minister Delegate George Ciamba of ministers for European affairs from the Member States.  <i>Venue:</i> Palace of the National Bank of Romania (25, Lipskani Str.)  <b>Exclusive access for the official broadcaster and photographer</b></p>
<p><b>9:30</b></p>	<p><b>Working meeting of ministers for European affairs</b>  <b>Tour-de-table (media pool 2)</b>  <i>Venue:</i> Palace of the National Bank of Romania (25, Lipskani Str.)  <b>Photo and video opportunities</b> (exclusive access for cameramen and photographers)  <i>Meeting point:</i> Information Office, 09:00 hours (access from no. 8, Doamnei Street)</p>
<p><b>11:00 – 11:10</b></p>	<p><b>Family picture (media pool 3)</b>  <b>Photo and video opportunities</b> (exclusive access for cameramen and photographers)  <i>Venue:</i> Palace of the National Bank of Romania, first floor lobby  <i>Meeting point:</i> Information Office, 10.30 hours (access from no. 8, Doamnei Street)</p>
<p><b>11:15 – 11:30</b></p>	<p><b>Joint press point</b>  Minister delegate for European Affairs, George Ciamba, and European Commissioner for Budget &amp; Human Resources, Günther Oettinger, on the Multiannual Financial Framework.  <i>Venue:</i> Palace of the National Bank of Romania, <i>Mitiță Constantinescu hall</i>  Simultaneous interpreting: Romanian, English, French</p>



### Venue for the Informal Meeting of Ministers and State Secretaries for European Affairs

The Informal Meeting of Ministers and State Secretaries for European Affairs will be held at the Old Palace of the **National Bank of Romania** (Lipsicani Street 25). Built in 1885, in a neoclassical French style, the Old Palace of the National Bank of Romania was the first important bank building in Bucharest.



## 2. PRACTICAL INFORMATION

### 2.1 Accreditation

The access of journalists is **based exclusively on their press accreditation.**

#### Collecting badges

Following accreditation, badges can be collected on March 11, 2019, exclusively from the Parliament Palace, entrance S2, ground floor (2-4 Izvor Str.) – Accreditation Centre of the Romanian Presidency of the EU Council, between 07:30 – 19:00, and on March 12 from the Accreditation Centre in the Palace of the National Bank of Romania at no. 8, Doamnei Street, sector 3 (ground floor). To collect the accreditation badges, you are required to show the accreditation approval and your ID card or passport. Badges grant access to open press events on March 11 and 12, 2019.

### 2.2 Media access to *Pool* sessions

Accredited journalists wishing to participate in the Pool sessions are kindly required to send their chosen option (Pool number and day) to the e-mail address [scp@mae.ro](mailto:scp@mae.ro)

**For access to the pool sessions scheduled for March 11, 2019, options must be submitted to the e-mail address [scp@mae.ro](mailto:scp@mae.ro) until March 9, 2019, and for March 12, 2019 until March 10, 2019**

Please note that access to Pool-type media events is granted subject to availability of seats, in the order of receipt of requests.

In choosing Pool-access sessions, journalists are reminded to consider the very short time between press moments, as well as the distance separating media events venues.

For press events where access is allowed exclusively for cameramen and photographers (family pictures and tour-de-table sessions), they are kindly required:

- to ensure that camera microphones are set to record only background, not conversations;
- to observe the established security perimeter;
- to leave the meeting room when directed to do so by the organisers



## 3. PRESS CENTRE

For the duration of the meeting of ministers for European affairs, the Press Centre is located at the Palace of the National Bank of Romania, at no. 8, Doamnei Street, sector 3 (ground floor).

### 3.1 Access for journalists

Journalists may enter the building exclusively through the entrance at no. 8, Doamnei Street.

### 3.2 Opening hours

- Monday, March 11: 9:00 – 17:30
- Tuesday, March 12: 7:30 – 20:00

### 3.3 Parking

Please use public parking spaces near the venue. In the vicinity of the Palace of the National Bank of Romania no parking spaces have been reserved for journalists.

### 3.4 Information Office

For the duration of the event, there is an Information Office for journalists located on the ground floor of the Palace of the National Bank of Romania, entrance at no. 8 Doamnei Street. The Information Office can provide general information and updates on the agenda of the event.

The Information Office is open as per the opening hours of the Press Centre and is the meeting point for access to media events. To participate in a media event, journalists are kindly required to observe the hours indicated in the programme.

### 3.5 Equipment

The Press Centre is provided with 200 workstations for journalists and offers the following equipment:

- power outlets (220 V)
- WI-FI
- limited number of LAN connections
- limited number of laptops that can be used in the Press Centre
- colour MFDs (printer, copier, scanner)

### 3.6 Stand-up positions

Five *stand-up positions* are available in the Palace of the National Bank of Romania.

### 3.7 Catering

Within the Press Centre, there is a catering area where coffee, tea, water, sandwiches and lunch are available on March 12 for accredited journalists.

### 3.8 Smoking Area

Romanian legislation in force prohibits smoking in closed public spaces. Consequently, smoking is prohibited in the Palace of the National Bank of Romania. A specially designated area for smokers is available outside the building, by the entrance of no. 8, Doamnei Street.

### 3.9 Additional Information

For the duration of the Romanian Presidency of the EU Council, video recordings, audio recordings and photographs with participants may be made. These materials may be published by the Romanian Presidency of the EU Council, including on websites or social media channels. By participating in these events, participants consent to the publication of these materials.

Workstations in the Media Centre are assigned on a “first come, first served” basis. Organisers can not reserve workstations for journalists. An hour after the start of the event, the team of the Romanian Presidency of the EU Council will remove from unoccupied workstations any booking signs placed by journalists.

The Romanian Presidency of the EU Council bears no liability for any loss or damage of the goods.

Lost property will be kept with the Information Office. If this is not reclaimed until the end of the event or the owner can not be identified, it will be handed over to the Press Centre at the Palace of Parliament.

## 4. BROADCASTER SERVICES

### 4.1 Official Broadcaster

The official broadcaster of the Romanian Presidency of the EU Council is “Societatea Română de Televiziune” (TVR), the public TV station,

a member of the European Broadcasting Union (EBU). The official broadcaster makes available, free of charge, audiovisual material from the press moments of the event, in HD quality.

Audiovisual material is broadcast via Europe by Satellite (EbS), the TV information service of the European Union, and can be downloaded in real time

The official broadcaster provides the following audiovisual material:

- Arrival of ministers and doorstep footage – in the original language
- *Handshake* footage – in the original language
- *Tour-de-table*
- *Joint press point* – in the original language and corresponding translations in Romanian, English and French

Journalists have **6 TV and radio booths** within the Press Centre. Standard facilities include LAN connection to the internal production network for media files related to live broadcasts, HD TV/monitor, universal power outlets (220 V), 1 video distribution with one SDI input and outputs, 1 microphone, landline phone.

The equipment allows reception of live video and audio signals (original language and translation) during the press moments broadcast by the official broadcaster. Media booths have HD SDI signal with inbuilt audio, and some of them are provided with ISDN lines.

Booking of TV and radio booths is made at the Information Office located on the ground floor of the Palace of the National Bank of Romania, the at no. 8, Doamnei Street.

The official broadcaster provides technical support for journalists wishing to record the broadcast signal in TV and radio booths.

For questions please contact the official broadcaster directly:  
[hostbroadcaster@tvr.ro](mailto:hostbroadcaster@tvr.ro)

## 4.2 SNG Vehicles Parking

Given the space limitations of the venue (the NBR Palace), no parking is available for SNG vehicles.

## 4.3 Fotograf oficial

All official photographs will be published on the Flickr account of the Romanian Presidency of the EU Council:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/161182924@N04/albums>

## 5. PRACTICAL INFORMATION

### 5.1 Wi-Fi

Free Wi-Fi is available in areas specially designated for journalists.

### 5.2 Website and Social Media

The website of the Romanian Presidency of the EU Council includes a Useful Information section, as well as other topics related to the Romanian Presidency of the EU Council.

The cultural programme can be accessed in the Events Calendar section.

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[www.youtube.com/user/TVRcanaluloficial](http://www.youtube.com/user/TVRcanaluloficial)



<https://vimeo.com/ro2019eu>



[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMera3i24EQHm2AP1H-\\_mgw](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMera3i24EQHm2AP1H-_mgw)

### 5.3 General Information

#### Local time

Romania uses Eastern European Time (EET): UTC/GMT + 2 hours.

#### Weather

Romania has a temperate continental climate. Temperatures for March range between 10-15 degrees Celsius during the day and 6-7 degrees Celsius during the night. However, we recommend participants in the meetings that they should be prepared for lower temperatures, too.

## Currency Exchange

Romania's currency is the Leu (plural "Lei"), abbreviated as "RON".

Please keep in mind that stores do not accept Euro.

Foreign currency can be exchanged at banks or at authorized foreign exchange offices.

Major credit or debit cards are widely accepted.

Exchange rates: <http://www.bnr.ro/Cursul-de-schimb-524.aspx>

*Estimated exchange rate: 1 Euro ~ 4.76 RON*

## International country call code for Romania

To dial international calls to Romania, the country code is +40.

## Mains voltage

Power supply in Romania runs at 220-230 V and sockets are standard European continental ones.

## Important contact number

International Emergency Number: 112

Additional information: [www.romania2019.eu](http://www.romania2019.eu)

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