



# BUCHAREST 2010

## The 4<sup>th</sup> CAF Users' Event



### Progressing Towards Excellence

### The Challenge for European Public Administrations in Difficult Times

*Thursday, Friday – 23, 24 September 2010*

Location

[InterContinental Bucharest Hotel](#)



***The Event is organized by the Ministry of Administration and Interior, through the Central Unit for Public Administration Reform.***





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## Meeting Venue



### Romania

... is located at the crossroads of Central and Southeastern Europe, north of the Balkan Peninsula, on the Lower Danube, within and outside the Carpathian arch, bordering on the Black Sea. Almost all of the Danube Delta is located within its territory. Romania shares a border with Hungary and Serbia to the west, Ukraine and the Republic of Moldova to the northeast, and Bulgaria to the south. Romania is a NATO member since March 29th, 2004 and of EU since January 1st, 2007.



### Bucharest

... is the capital city, industrial, cultural, and financial centre of Romania. It is the largest city in Romania, located in the South - East of the country, and lies on the banks of the Dambovitza River.



### InterContinental Hotel

... is one of the city's favorite international high-rise hotels, a distinction owed to its ideal location, fine appointments and impeccable service. Within walking distance there are business and shopping boulevards, embassies and the Metro. The National Theatre, four significant museums, the old city center and Cismigiu Gardens are just a few minutes away.





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## Useful information

**Costs:** There is no fee to attend the conference.

The participants to the Event have to support the costs for their transport and accommodation (with the exception of the key note speakers and the facilitators).

**Working languages of the conference:** Romanian and English

**Registration:** from 9<sup>th</sup> of August to 10<sup>th</sup> September 2010.

The participants who are interested to attend the Event have to contact their National CAF Correspondents. The number of participants is limited: up to 10 participants for each attending country.

## How to get to Bucharest and to the meeting venue

### ❖ How to get to Bucharest?

**By air:** Henri Coanda International Airport is located in the North side of Bucharest, 17.8 km away from the city center, and it has daily flights to and from the major cities in Europe, North Africa and Middle East. Henri Coanda has a terminal for outbound departures and a terminal for inbound arrivals and internal flights.

The Romanian airline – Tarom – as well as all major international airlines flies to and from Bucharest. Aurel Vlaicu International Airport is also located in the North side of Bucharest, 8.8 km away from the city center, which is used for departures and arrivals of low cost companies.

**By road:** Bucharest has good access roads and the most frequently used routes are: A1 Highway, connecting Bucharest to the Western Romania, E85 and E60 European Roads which connect Bucharest to the Center and Northern Romania, A2 Highway, connecting Bucharest to the Eastern part of Romania, and E70 European Road is connecting the capital to the Southern part of the country.

**By rail:** National and international trains arrive every day in **Gara de Nord** railway station in Bucharest, located at 3.4 km from the center and InterContinental Hotel – the meeting venue.

### ❖ How to get to the meeting venue – InterContinental Hotel?

The event location, InterContinental Hotel, is located in the very center of Bucharest, at 16.8 km away from Henri Coanda International Airport and 8.2 km away from Aurel Vlaicu International Airport.

#### From Henri Coanda International Airport

	Where	Destination	Time to get here	Price
<b>Bus no 783</b>	Bus stop is both outside arrival and departure halls (Stops are called Aeroport Henri Coanda Sosiri and Aeroport Henri Coanda Plecari)	The bus stop located near InterContinental Hotel, which is called Universitate	45-60 minutes, depending on traffic and hour	Magnetic card for 2 trips at 7 lei (~€1.7, ~\$2.1), and can be bought right outside arrivals, from RATB kiosk
<b>Taxi</b>	Fly taxi is available right outside the arrival and departure halls and the cars are painted in yellow.	InterContinental Hotel	30-60 minutes, depending on traffic and hour	Around 60 lei (~€15, ~\$18)
<b>Transfer</b>	Right outside the arrival and departure halls	InterContinental Hotel	30-60 minutes, depending on traffic and hour	Starting from €30 for individual transfer, to €125, for group transfer.





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	Where	Destination	Time to get here	Price
<b>Bus no 783</b>	Bus stop is outside the airport, on the main street (stop is called Aeroport Baneasa)	The bus stop located near InterContinental Hotel, which is called Universitate	40-55 minutes, depending on traffic and hour	Magnetic card for 2 trips at 7 lei (~€1.7, ~\$2.1), and can be bought from RATB kiosk
<b>Taxi</b>	Taxis are available outside the airport and the cars are painted in yellow.	InterContinental Hotel	25-55 minutes, depending on traffic and hour	Around 30 lei (~€8, ~\$9)
<b>Transfer</b>	Right outside the arrival and departure halls	InterContinental Hotel	25-55 minutes, depending on traffic and hour	Starting from €30 for individual transfer, to €125, for group transfer.

**From Gara de Nord Railway Station**

	Where	Destination	Time to get here	Price
<b>Trolleybus 85</b>	Trolleybus stop is outside the main entrance in the train station, and it is called Gara de Nord	The trolleybus stop located near InterContinental Hotel, which is called Universitate	30-40 minutes, depending on traffic and hour	One trip is 1.3 lei (~€0.3, ~\$0.4), and can be bought from RATB kiosk in the trolleybus stop
<b>Subway</b>	Subway station is outside the ticket office. Take the subway Dristor directions, and at Piata Victoriei stop, you change the line, and take the subway to Universitate	The subway stop is outside InterContinental Hotel, and is called Universitate	25 minutes	Cards with two trips at 2.5 lei (~€0.6, \$0.8), and can be bought in the subway, underground
<b>Taxi</b>	Taxis are available outside the main entrance, and the cars are painted in yellow. Warning! . The taxi fee should not be more than 2 lei / km.	InterContinental Hotel	20-30 minutes, depending on traffic and hour	Around 10 lei (~€2.5, ~\$3)





## Hotels for your consideration

Five hotels were booked for this event at special rates that may be taken into consideration for your accommodation. All the Hotels that are presented in the next section are located in the center of Bucharest, within walking distance of the event venue. The deadline for the special rate, for each hotel, is included in the table below.

Hotel	Address	Contact details	Number of rooms / Price / Deadline
<b><u>InterContinental</u></b> *****	4 Nicolae Balcescu Blvd Sector 1 Bucharest	T: 004 021 310 20 20 F: 004 021 312 04 86	47 rooms <b>from €112</b> (until 05 <sup>th</sup> of September, 2010) <b>Subject: "The 4<sup>th</sup> International CAF Users' Event – 23, 24 September 2010"</b>
<b><u>Le Boutique Moxa</u></b> ****	4 Mihail Moxa Street Crossroads Calea Victoriei, Sector 1, Bucharest	T: 004 021 650 55 55 F: 004 021 650 66 66	45 rooms <b>from €105</b> (until 20 <sup>th</sup> of August, 2010) <b>Subject: "The 4<sup>th</sup> International CAF Users' Event – 23, 24 September 2010"</b>
<b><u>Golden Tulip Bucharest</u></b> ****	166 Calea Victoriei Sector 1 Bucharest	T: 004 021 212 55 58 F: 004 021 212 51 21	73 rooms <b>from €80</b> (until 30 <sup>th</sup> of August, 2010) <b>Subject: "The 4<sup>th</sup> International CAF Users' Event – 23, 24 September 2010"</b>
<b><u>Central</u></b> ***/****	13 Brezoianu Str Sector 1 Bucharest	T: 004 021 315 56 35 F: 004 021 315 56 37	13 rooms <b>from €72</b> (until 1 <sup>st</sup> of September, 2010) <b>Subject: "The 4<sup>th</sup> International CAF Users' Event – 23, 24 September 2010"</b>
<b><u>Opera</u></b> ***	37 Brezoianu Str Sector 1 Bucharest	T: 004 021 312 48 55 F: 004 021 312 48 58	25 rooms <b>from €72</b> (until 1 <sup>st</sup> of September, 2010) <b>Subject: "The 4<sup>th</sup> International CAF Users' Event – 23, 24 September 2010"</b>

\* All prices are per single room per night and include breakfast, %9 VAT and %3 city tax.

\* All 5 hotels are booked at special prices for this event with special conditions.





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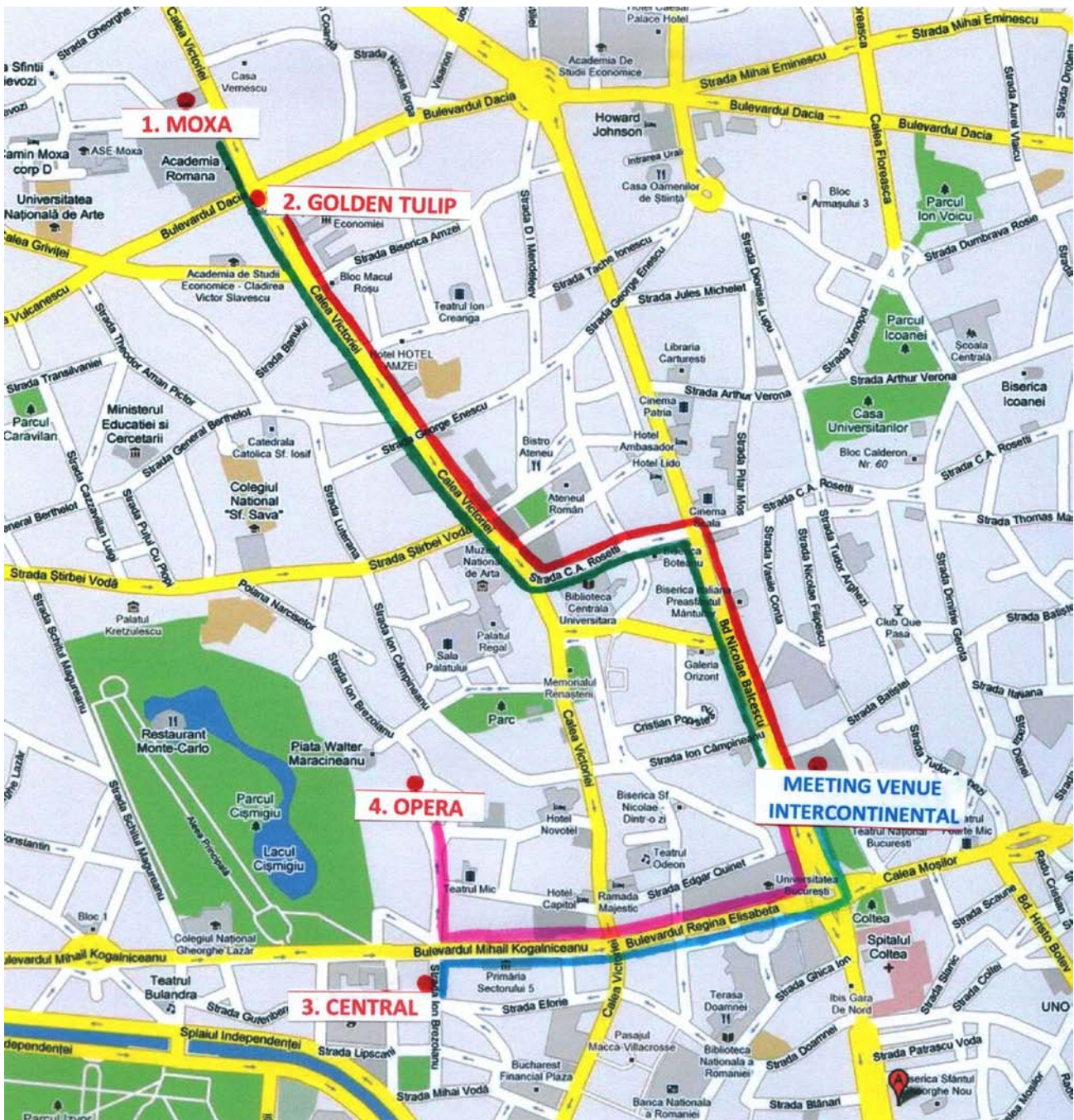
## The routes from the recommended hotels to the meeting venue

1. From **Le Boutique Moxa**, go on Calea Victoriei, turn left on C.A. Rosetti Street, turn right on Nicolae Balcescu Blvd, straight to InterContinental.

2. From **Golden Tulip**, go straight on Calea Victoriei, turn left on C.A. Rosetti Street, turn right on Nicolae Balcescu Blvd, straight to InterContinental.

3. From **Central**, go on Regina Elisabeta Blvd, turn left on Nicolae Balcescu Blvd, straight to InterContinental.

4. From **Opera**, go on Ion Brezoianu Street, turn left on Regina Elisabeta Blvd, turn left again on Nicolae Balcescu Blvd, straight to InterContinental.





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## General information

**Local time:** GMT + 2 (EET – Eastern European Time)

**Weather:** In September the temperatures are mild, average high 22°C, average low 9°C.

**National currency:** leu (plural lei); Exchange rates (08 July 2010): € 1 = 4.232 lei; \$ 1 = 3.3653 lei; £ 1 = 5.0862 lei.

**Transports:** In Bucharest the transport network includes buses, trams, trolleybuses and metro. In the proximity of InterContinental hotel, there are bus and trolleybus stops as well as a metro stop.

You can check [RATB](#) site for further information regarding lines and routes. The price for a single ticket for bus/trolleybus/tram is 1.3 lei. There is a possibility to buy a one day ticket for all lines (except metro and special lines) at the price of 8 lei. You must buy a ticket before you get on a bus/tram/trolleybus from the special RATB points of sale.

The price for a metro ticket for 2 trips is 2.5 lei. The price for 1 day for metro transportation is 5 lei.

**Shopping centers:** There are many shopping centers and malls in Bucharest, the closest one being Unirea Shopping Center, located very near to InterContinental hotel.

**Restaurants:** [La Caragea](#) (close to Universitate Square), [Caru' cu Bere](#) (close to Calea Victoriei and Lipsani area), [Locanta Jaristea](#) (close to Regina Maria Blvd and Palace of Parliament), [Casa Bucur](#) (close to Calea Victoriei, Operetei Square, Unirii Square).

## Visiting suggestions

### Romania

Romania has a surface area of 238,391 square kilometers (92,043 sq miles) and has a population of 21,462,186 inhabitants (January 1st, 2010). The official language of Romania is Romanian.

#### **Top sights:**

**Danube Delta**, the largest and best preserved of Europe's deltas, which hosts over 300 species of birds as well as 45 freshwater fish species in its numerous lakes and marshes. **Maramures**, has tiny villages and wooden churches. The medieval citadel town, **Sighisoara**, where Dracula was born and where there are half-a-millennium-old townhouses of bright colors. **Bucovina**, with its painted churches built in the 15th and 16th centuries. **Sibiu**, one of the most important cultural centers of Romania, and was designated a European Capital of Culture for the year 2007, in tandem with Luxembourg. **Tirgu Jiu**, with some of Constantin Brancusi's monumental sculptures – the Infinite Column, the Silence Table and the Gate of the Kiss.







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## Bucharest

Bucharest was first mentioned in documents early 1459. This became the state capital of Romania in 1862 and steadily consolidating its position as the centre of the Romanian administrative, culture and arts.

Bucharest hosts one of the first ten world classical music festivals "George Enescu".

Economically, Bucharest is the most prosperous city in Romania and is one of the main industrial centers and transportation hubs of Eastern Europe. The city has a broad range of convention facilities, educational facilities, cultural venues, shopping arcades and recreational areas.

### **Top sights:**

**The Palace of the Parliament**, built in the 1980s, is the largest building in Europe and the second-largest in the world, housing the Romanian Parliament (the Chamber of Deputies and the Senate), as well as the National Museum of Contemporary Art; **Arcul de Triumf** (The Triumphal Arch), built in its current form in 1935 and modeled after the *Arc de Triomphe* in Paris; the **Romanian Athenaeum** building is considered to be a symbol of Romanian culture and since 2007 is on the list of the Label of European Heritage sights. **Museums:** the **National Museum of Art of Romania** (former Royal Palace), Museum of Natural History "Grigore Antipa", **Museum of the Romanian Peasant** (Muzeul Taranului Roman), **National History Museum**, and the Military Museum; **Famous gardens:** **Herastrau Garden**, **Cismigiu Garden**, **Gradina Botanica (the Botanical Gardens)**; **Historical vestiges in Bucharest:** **Cantacuzino Palace** (1898-1900), is a baroque building with a rich interior decorations in the paintings, currently being here, George Enescu Museum; **Cotroceni Palace**, built in the year 1893 plans by the French architect Paul Gotttereau with numerous architectural elements autochthon, was the destination of permanent residence print heir Ferdinand, now serving as the residence of the President Country; **Stirbei Palace** (1835), built in the neoclassical style by the French architect Sanjouand project, is an elegant building with Greek elements that belonged to a princely family Stirbei meantime, here today being Ceramic Museum and Glass; **Old Court** - meant a political and administrative centre of Wallachia, the most important medieval buildings XV-XVIII, the territory of the city. The fortress built during the reign of Vlad the Impaler, was designed to protect the Royal Court in a fortified center; **Palace of Justice** (1890-1895), built in French Renaissance style, by Ballu A project architect, is completed by Ion Mincu, with statues at the entrance as it symbolizes the Law, Justice, Justice, truth, and Force; **Ghica Palace** built by Prince Dimitri Grigorie Ghica in 1882, is an important building, a symbol of the neoclassical style of Wallachia.





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