

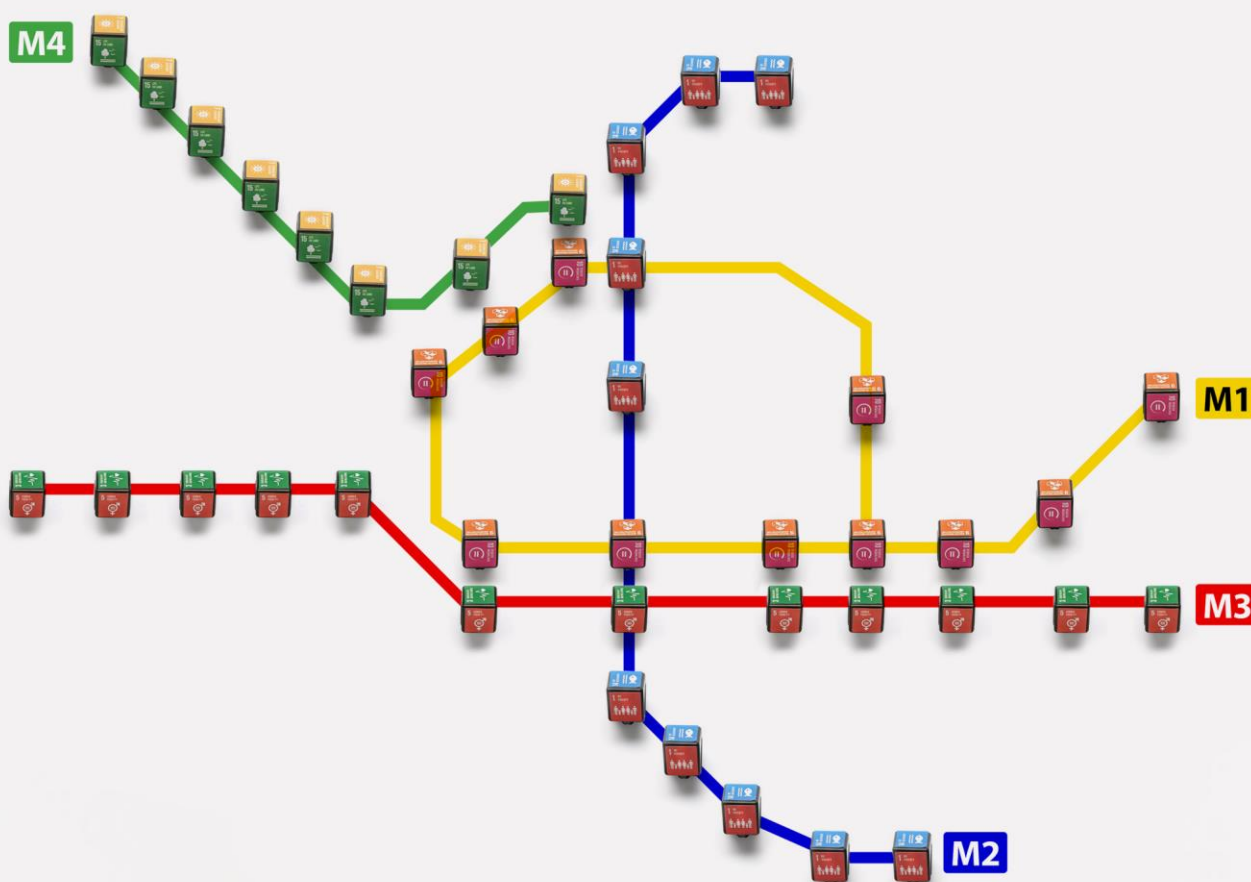


7th ASEF Rectors' Conference and Students' Forum (ARC7)

Students' Forum 11–15 May 2019 | Rectors' Conference 12–14 May 2019

Higher Education Taking Action towards the Sustainable Development Goals:
Perspectives from Asia and Europe

Practical Information



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Dates & Venues

The [7th ASEF Rectors' Conference and Students' Forum](#) will take place respectively on

- 11-15 May 2019 for the Students' Forum;
- 12-14 May 2019 for the Rectors' Conference;
- in conjunction with the [2nd ASEM Senior Officials' Meeting \(ASEM SOM2\)](#) on 14 May 2019; and the [7th ASEM Education Ministers' Meeting \(ASEM ME7\)](#) that will take place on 15-16 May 2019 in Bucharest, Romania.

Sunday, 12 May 2019

Welcome Cocktail Reception starting at 7.00PM

Venue: Hotel Intercontinental
Bulevardul Nicolae Bălcescu 4
Bucharest 010051, Romania

W: <https://www.intercontinental.com/hotels/gb/en/bucharest/buhha/hoteldetail>

Monday, 13 May 2019

ARC7 Rectors' Conference 8.00AM-6.00PM

Venue: Palace of Parliament*
2-4, Izvor Street
Bucharest, Romania

W: <http://cic.cdep.ro/en/>

Please note that organisers have to submit your passport details in advance of the event through a special registration portal. If you have not filled up the [Complementary Information Form](#), or shared you required details by email with the ARC7 Secretariat, organisers cannot guarantee your access.

Cultural Evening and Dinner starting at 7.00PM

Venue: National Museum of Art of Romania
Calea Victoriei 49-53
Bucureşti 010063, Romania

W: <http://www.mnar.arts.ro/>

Tuesday, 14 May 2019

ARC7 Rectors' Conference 8.00AM-5.00PM

Venue: Palace of Parliament*
2-4, Izvor Street
Bucharest, Romania

W: <http://cic.cdep.ro/en/>

Closing Dinner of ARC7 starting at 7PM

Venue: Romanian Athenaeum
Strada Benjamin Franklin 1-3,
Bucharest 030167, Romania

W: <https://www.fge.org.ro/>

Wednesday, 15 May 2019

Optional Cultural Tour all day long 7.00AM-8.00PM

Venue: Prahova Valley, Bran (Dracula) Castle, Brasov City

[Check out the latest ARC7 Rectors' Conference Programme here.](#)

* a prayer room will be available at the Palace of Parliament

Arrival to Bucharest

Journey from Bucharest Henri Coandă International Airport:
SNSPA will operate a **shuttle bus service** between the airport and the recommended hotels every 1,5 hours for participants arriving on **Friday 10 May, Saturday 11 May, Sunday 12 May and Monday 13 May 2019. The meeting point will be in the Henri Coandă International Airport (OTP) Arrival Hall, look for SNSPA, ASEF and ARC visuals when exiting the baggage claim on the left doors, near **Segafredo Coffee Shop** (please find pictures of the coffee shop and the desk, as well as the contact person details below). People arriving with low cost flights (ex. Wizz Air, Blue Air, etc) will claim their luggage 1 floor below and will need to go up to the 1st floor to find the desk. SNSPA students will also assist finding the meeting point and shuttles upon arrival. The service will work **from 07.00 AM to 23.00 PM.****

Contact person for the shuttle buses: Mr Octavian Popa, Tel: (+40) 721 203 085.



Alternatively, participants can choose to take also take public transport or taxi from the airport to get to the hotels. Uber is also available in Romania.

Registration

There will be 2 registration options for participants at the following times and venues:

1) Sunday, 12 May 2019 from 5:00PM to 6PM before the Welcome Cocktail reception

Hotel Intercontinental

Bulevardul Nicolae Bălcescu 4
Bucharest 010051, Romania

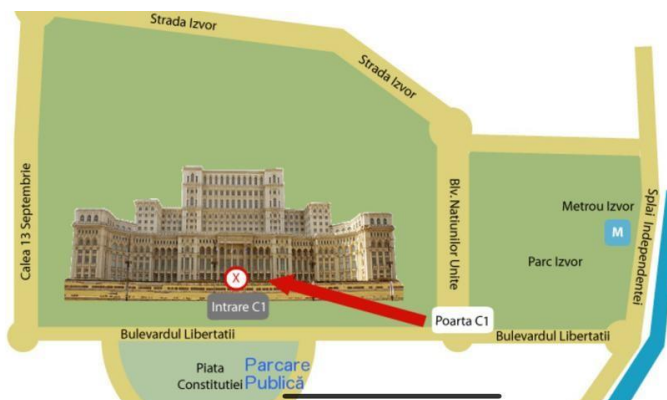
2) Monday, 13 May 2019 from 8:00AM to 9:00AM at the Palace of Parliament, Bucharest

Palace of Parliament

2-4, Izvor Street
Bucharest, Romania

Access to Parliament

Please find below a map of the access to the Parliament through the main entrance: C1.

**Shuttle Service between
Hotels and Venues**

Transport will be arranged throughout the official programme of ARC7, collective transfer shuttles will be picking up participants from the recommended hotels and drop them off according to the programme. Please note that shuttle buses will be running only in case min. 5 person stays in the given recommended hotels. The shuttle bus will serve the following hotels:

[Sheraton Bucharest Hotel](#)

Calea Dorobantilor 5-7, București 010551
ETA to the Palace of Parliament: 10–15 minutes by car

[SNSPA Student Hostel](#)

Emanoil Bacaloglu Street no. 2, București 030167
ETA to the Palace of Parliament: 10–15 minutes by car

[Intercontinental Bucharest](#)

Bulevardul Nicolae Bălcescu 4, București 010051
ETA to the Palace of Parliament: 10–15 minutes by car

[Mercure Bucharest Unirii](#)

28th, Bulevardul Mircea Vodă, București 030167
ETA to the Palace of Parliament: 10–15 minutes by car

[Ibis Bucharest Palatul Parlamentului City Centre Hotel](#)

Strada Izvor 82-84, București 030167
ETA to the Palace of Parliament: 1–3 minutes by car

[Hotel Parliament](#)

Strada Izvor 106, București 050564
ETA to the Palace of Parliament: 1–3 minutes by car

[JW Marriott Bucharest Grand Hotel](#)

Calea 13 Septembrie 90, București 050726
ETA to the Palace of Parliament: 1–3 minutes by car



Source: https://drive.google.com/open?id=1wGZ7MgjUR09DZd64b39iGBpu_WY_OPEG&usp=sharing

Meals

The organisers will provide meals (lunch, dinner and coffee break) for the duration of the conference, and as indicated in the programme.

The organisers will accommodate participants' dietary requirements as much as possible. However, please ensure to notify the organisers in advance. If you have specific dietary requirements which you have not yet informed us about in the registration form, kindly notify us at arc@asef.org.

Visa & Documents

If you are a citizen of any of the following countries and holder of a simple passport, you will need to apply for a visa: **Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, India, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Mongolia, Pakistan, Philippines, Russian Federation, Thailand, Viet Nam**. If you need a visa support letter and have not requested for one yet, please contact us at arc@asef.org.

Please find [here](#) the regime applicable to the holders of diplomatic, service/official and special passports. Holders of Schengen visas with two or multiple entries, national visas or residence permits issued by Schengen Member States are exempted from a visa to enter Romania for less than 90 days if the number of entries and/or length of stay has not been exhausted.

If you are exempted from a visa, kindly cross-check it again with the respective embassy website for accuracy purposes, and verify that your passport has at least 6 months' validity remaining when you travel to Romania.

Official Language

The official working language of ARC7 is English.
The organisers will not provide interpretation / translation services.

Dress code

The attire during the ARC7 conference is **smart casual**.

Traditional attire is encouraged during the Dinner and Cultural Evening on **Monday, 13 May 2019**.

Optional Cultural Programme

On **Wednesday, 15 May 2019**, a day-trip (departure from Bucharest at 7.00 AM – arrival back to Bucharest at 8.00PM) will be organised to Prahova Valley: [Brasov](#) (lunch offered by Professor Ioan Vasile ABRUDAN, rector of Transilvania University of Brasov), [Bran \(Dracula\) Castle](#).

Find more about the programme [here](#). The tour is free of charge.

Medical Facilities & Emergency Numbers

Please note that participants are **responsible for their own insurances** and expenses arising from special medical services. It is recommended that participants obtain adequate cover for travel, health and accident insurance before departure from their home countries.

If you are currently on medication, please bring an adequate supply since the drugs prescribed to you may not be available locally. If you are aware you will require certain medication during the project, please inform the organisers in advance.

For minor medical enquiries on site, please inform the organisers.

Romania Emergency Number

- For all emergencies: **112**
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General Information on Romania

Bucharest

Local transportation

[Click here](#) to access information about STB (Societatea de Transport Bucuresti), the local public transportation in Bucharest.

The value of one STB journey is:

- 1,3 lei for urban routes
- 3,5 lei for express lines
- 1,5 lei for Bucharest's suburb lines

Currency and Banking

The currency used in Romania is the Romanian Leu (the plural is Lei).
1 Romanian Leu \approx 0,21 Euro.

ATM machines are available at main banks and at airports and shopping centres in Bucharest. Major credit cards including American Express, Mastercard and Visa are accepted in large hotels, car rental companies and stores in the main cities. However, credit cards are unlikely to prove useful in small towns or away from tourist areas.

Standard time zone

UTC/GMT + 3 hours in May

Weather in May in Bucharest

- Average High 23° Celsius/73° F
- Average Low 10° Celsius/ 50° F

Electricity in Romania

- Voltage 230 V
- Frequency 50 Hz
- Plug type F

Plug Type F



For more practical information on Romania, please visit [this website](#).

Sustainable Participation in the Project

Sustainable Participants

We define a sustainable participant as someone who – while participation in an ASEFEdu project – tries to **minimise her or his negative impact** on the local community, including its people, the economy and the environment. In an optimal scenario, a sustainable participant at an ASEFEdu project **leaves a positive mark** on fellow participants as well as the local community.

5 Reasons to be a Sustainable Participant

1. You **support the local economy** and local employment
2. It is **beneficial for your health**, as sustainable products and services are often healthier and environmentally friendlier
3. It **reduces your negative environmental impact**, including avoiding greenhouse gas emissions, waste generation, etc.
4. You can **save you money** as a consequence of minimising the consumption of unnecessary/unwanted resources and materials
5. You can be an **inspiration to your fellow participants** and the local community

Water & Food

Bring Your Own Bottle of Water

- Please bring your own water bottle to the project
 - If you don't have one, consider buying one to also use in the future, or approach family and friends to borrow one for the duration of the project
- Tap water might not always be drinkable in all project locations. Please check with locals on their recommendations on the potability of tap water
 - Even in countries where tap water is not drinkable, accommodation providers, universities, airports, businesses, etc. usually offer visitors water fountains and clean drinking water

Consider eating vegetarian/vegan meals

- Not only might vegetarian/vegan meals be healthier for you, it is also one of the easiest ways to minimise your impact on the environment
- If you didn't do so in the registration form, but would still like to request a vegetarian/vegan meal option throughout the project, please do send us an email

Make sure to opt for local options and seasonal products

- ASEF and its partners offer participants, if not all, most meals during the project programme. In case you decide to buy additional food/groceries during the course of the project, make sure to only buy local and seasonal products, preferably at e.g. local markets. Most hostels during the ASEFEdu project also have kitchens you can use to prepare your own meals
- In case you decide to eat out, abstain from international fast food chains and other options that do not benefit the local community. Choose instead local restaurants and coffee shops – besides being healthier for you and better for the local community, you will most probably also have a greater cultural experience!

Waste

- Needless to say, all disposable plastic and other unnecessary waste is to be avoided
- Make sure to carry your own (cotton) bag/backpack with you and opt for products that are not wrapped/have been transported in disposable plastic
- If you want to be extra careful about your impact, you can avoid disposable cutlery by bringing your own durable cutlery for any additional food/meals you might plan to eat

Office & Project Material

- In order to minimise the distribution of unused items and consequently the creation of unnecessary waste, ASEF does not provide participants with office supplies (pens, notebooks, USBs, etc.) as we believe each participant already has all materials she/he requires during the participation in the project. Please bring consequently your own note taking materials/electronic devices for your upcoming individual and group work and note taking
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- Before printing multiple copies of all project materials, assess if you would really need them. Most of the times, electronic copies of the project materials might be enough

Engaging with Locals

- To truly be sustainable, you should aim at ensuring your visit to an ASEFEdu project location leaves a positive mark on the local community
- You can achieve this e.g. by learning to understand their culture through direct interactions and exchanges, supporting the local economy, abstaining from disturbing/hindering their everyday life

Finally, remember to **Reduce, Reuse & Recycle** whenever possible, as well as to:

Take Nothing but Memories from the Project Locations & Leave Nothing but Footprints and a Good Impression among the Local Community

→ [Watch ASEF's 10 tips for sustainable travelling video](#)

Contact Details of the Organisers

If you require any further information on logistical matters and/or your participation at the project, please contact the ARC7 Team at arc@asef.org.

If you have any urgent matters, you can contact the organising team in Bucharest through the details below:

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Co-organised By**The Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF)**

ASEF is an intergovernmental not-for-profit organisation located in Singapore. Founded in 1997, it is the only institution of the Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM). ASEF promotes understanding, strengthens relationships and facilitates cooperation among the people, institutions and organisations of Asia and Europe. ASEF enhances dialogue, enables exchanges and encourages collaboration across the thematic areas of culture, education, governance, sustainable development, economy and public health.

The work of ASEF's Education Department (ASEFEdu) focuses on the themes access to quality education and youth employment, and, hence, contributes with its projects to the achievement of the UN 2030 Agenda and the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), especially to Goal4: "ensuring inclusive and equitable quality education and promoting lifelong learning opportunities for all."

For more information, please visit the www.ASEF.org.

The National University of Political Studies and Public Administration (SNSPA)

The National University of Political Studies and Public Administration (SNSPA), established in 1991 as a school of governance, is a landmark in the Romanian academic setting. SNSPA promotes academic excellence in Political Sciences, Sociology, Administrative Studies, International Relations, Diplomacy, European Studies, Communication Sciences, Psychology, Management. SNSPA teachers are experts in their fields; they incorporate current and global perspectives into the curriculum and promote innovative and original thinking.

Currently, the university is home to more than 6,000 students enrolled across 9 departments. Thousands of graduates from their academic programs have successfully entered careers in academia, government, industry and nonprofits. SNSPA is a member of several international university alliances (European Association of Institutions in Higher Education, Romanian-U.S. Fulbright Commission, International Association of Universities, European University Association, European Association for Public Administration Accreditation) and collaborates with public institutions and business organizations across a wide range of different fields.

For more information, please visit www.SNSPA.ro/en.

**Ministry of National Education (Romania)**

The mission of the Ministry of Education is to provide an educational environment to ensure the harmonious development of all its beneficiaries by promoting excellence and ensuring equal access to education.

For more information, please visit <http://edu.ro>.

In Partnership With**ASEAN University Network (AUN)**

<http://www.aunsec.org/>

Founded in November 1995, the ASEAN University Networks' (AUN) main objective is to strengthen the existing network of cooperation among leading universities in the ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations) region.

European University Association (EUA)

<http://www.eua.be/>

The European University Association (EUA) is the representative organisation of universities and national rectors' conferences in 47 European countries. It was formed in 2001 as the result of a merger between the Association of European Universities (CRE) and the Confederation of European Union Rectors' Conferences. EUA supports and takes forward the interests of individual institutions and the higher education sector as a whole.





International Association of Universities (IAU)

<http://www.iau-aiu.net/>

Created in 1950 under the auspices of UNESCO, the International Association Universities (IAU) brings together more than 650 institutions and organisations worldwide for exchange and action on common concerns in the area of higher education.



European Students' Union (ESU)

<http://www.esu-online.org/>

The European Students' Union (ESU) is the umbrella organisation of 44 National Unions of Students from 38 countries. The aim of ESU is to represent and promote the educational, social, economic and cultural interests of students at the European level towards all relevant bodies and in particular the European Union, Bologna Follow Up Group, Council of Europe and UNESCO. Through its members, ESU represents over 15 million students in Europe.



Erasmus Student Network (ESN)

<http://esn.org/>

Established in 1989, Erasmus Student Network (ESN) is the biggest student association in Europe. ESN works for the creation of a more mobile and flexible education environment by supporting and developing the student exchange from different levels and providing an intercultural experience also to those students who cannot access a period abroad ("internationalisation at home").



Erasmus Mundus Association (EMA)

<https://www.em-a.eu/>

The Erasmus Mundus Students and Alumni Association (EMA) is a not-for-profit organisation representing a community of more than 12,000 members, students and alumni of Erasmus Mundus Master and PhD courses, from over 170 countries. EMA's headquarter is in Brussels, Belgium but the organisation is fully managed by volunteers all around the world.

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European Students' Forum (AEGEE-Europe)

<https://www.aegee.org>

International Association of Political Science (IAPSS)

<https://www.iapss.org>

ASEM Education Secretariat (AES)

<https://www.asem-education.org>

Association of Pacific Rim Universities (APRU)

<https://apru.org>

European Youth Press (EYP)

<http://www.youthpress.org>

The European Union (EU)

<https://europa.eu>

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<https://www.rubikcube.org>

VISUAL CONCEPT

The United Nations General Assembly identified 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) that encompass many aspects of contemporary society. The goals serve as globally-recognised standards that call upon stakeholders across all sectors, including education, to implement them by 2030. Achieving the SDGs, however, is a complex interplay that requires both strategic thinking as well as creative and innovative methods. Solving a Rubik's cube - one of the most famous educational toys ever - resembles this multifaceted process: it takes not only analytical skills and imagination but also hands-on action in solving the puzzle to get all the colours, sides and patterns right within the given time. Like the pieces in a Rubik's cube, the SDGs are interconnected and any decision to move towards a certain direction has an impact on the overall pattern and outcome. The 7th ASEF Rector's Conference and Students' Forum (ARC7) is the platform for students, rectors, policy-makers and education ministers to showcase the interdisciplinary role of higher education in this serious game of developing and sustaining our societies. While the optimal solution may not be the easiest nor the quickest, we know we are moving the pieces in the right order by taking turns in drafting policy recommendations and making commitments towards the SDGs at ARC7.

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