Bucharest Meeting

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Currency:
Romanian Leu

Currency rate: 1 Euro = 4.2 - 4.4 Lei (depending on the free market influences)

At the airport, you can find plenty of cash machines (ATMs) that use bank rates for transactions, which are much better than the ones used by the exchange offices in the airport. In the city, you may use any bank (recommended) or exchange office, but read the currency rates carefully and do not exchange for anything less than 4 Lei per Euro.

Taxis:
Taxis are pretty cheap in Bucharest and the price must be written on the front doors (or next to it). The average cost per km is around 1.4-1.5 Lei / Km (around 30 cents / Km) (plus a departure cost that’s almost the same). You should always ask the driver to start the meter and not settle for a price beforehand. The companies we recommend are: Taxi 2000 (http://www.taxi2000.ro/), Taxi Meridian, Taxi Cobalcescu. Be careful that there are also companies that operate at higher costs: 3-5 Lei / Km, maybe more.

Usual taxi fares are:
- Otopeni airport to city center: 35-50 Lei
- Otopeni airport to Politehnica University: around 50 Lei
- City center to Politehnica University: around 10 Lei

Location:
Computer Science Department (http://acs.pub.ro/)
In the picture above, we have highlighted the main squares in the city center of Bucharest (red markers inside the blue zone), plus the location of the Politehnica University of Bucharest. The next picture provides you more information about how to get to the Computer Science Department by public transportation:

- Subway: use POLITEHNICA subway station (or Semanatoarea if it’s situated closer to your departure).
- Buses: we recommend you the POLITEHNICA bus station on the Iuliu Maniu boulevard due to its proximity to our department (bus: 336 from Piata UNIVERSITATII or trolleybuses 61 also from Piata UNIVERSITATII or 62 from the Gara de Nord Train Station).
Accomodation

There are a lot of hotels in the city center with various prices according to the number of stars and location. Any hotel above 2-3 stars in the center area should offer pretty good services. Nearby our University there are very few hotels and hostels, the only one we can recommend (but not as much as the hotels in the center) you can find in the list below. If you stay in the center, it would be better to choose a hotel that is not very far away from the underground or the 336 bus line (that runs from Rosetti-Universitate to Politehnica University).

Some hotel recommendations (the bolded comments belong to us)
Hotels in the center of the city
   http://www.tripadvisor.com/Hotel_Review-g294458-d608215-Reviews-Novotel_Bucharest_City_Centre-Bucharest.html
Situated near the City Center on one of the oldest main streets of Bucharest on the place of the old National Theatre (whose entrance it still keeps).
2. Hotel Ramada Majestic ****
   http://www.majestic.ro/section.html
   http://www.tripadvisor.com/Hotel_Review-g294458-d304879-Reviews-Ramada_Majestic_Hotel-Bucharest.html
   Just down the street from Novotel, near the Odeon theatre. A very nice old hotel. You can also see in the picture above.
3. Rembrandt Hotel *** (best city experience)
   http://www.tripadvisor.com/Hotel_Review-g294458-d535187-Reviews-Rembrandt_Hotel-Bucharest.html
   http://www.rembrandt.ro/
   You can’t get any place to stay closer to the city center. It’s in the heart of the old city. Gillian stayed here a few weeks ago so you can ask her for a recommendation:)
4. NH Bucharest (probably best from the cheaper hotels)
   http://www.tripadvisor.com/Hotel_Review-g294458-d578316-Reviews-NH_Bucharest-Bucharest.html
   10 mins walk to Unirii Square (and 15 mins from there with the subway). I’ve stayed in a NH Hotel in Barcelona and was delighted and this one has low price and very good ratings.

Hotels near the faculty
   Just 10 minutes away from the faculty. Cheap. We don’t know much about the quality.
6. Ibis Parliament *** (best hotel in walking distance)
   Close to the Parliament Palace one of the biggest buildings in the world, 20 mins walk to the faculty or 5-10 mins with the bus. http://www.tripadvisor.com/Hotel_Review-g294458-d526787-Reviews-Ibis_Bucarest_Parliament_House-Bucharest.html
For restaurant recommendations please contact us and we'll recommend some nice places near to your chosen hotel.