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**CONFERENCE DAY 1 – PLENARY SESSIONS**

**Thursday, 22 November 2018**

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10.00 – 10.30: *Participants’ registration & Coffee*

*Venue: The National Bank of Romania (Mitiță Constantinescu Hall)*

10.30 – 11.00: *Welcome and Opening Remarks*

*Venue: The National Bank of Romania (Mitiță Constantinescu Hall)*

- Mugur ISĂRESCU, Governor of The National Bank of Romania
- Nicolae ISTUDOR, Rector of The Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Romania
- Gheorghe HURDUZEU, Dean of the Faculty of International Business and Economics, Romania

11.00 – 13.30: *The future of the European Union: a socio-economic & cultural perspective*

*Venue: The National Bank of Romania (Mitiță Constantinescu Hall)*

- Lavinia STAN, Professor, Jules Leger Research Chair and Professor, Department of Political Science, St. Francis Xavier University, Canada
  “Boom or Bust: The Future of the European Union”
- Marek KOSNY, Professor, Wroclaw University of Economics, Department of Econometrics, Poland
  "Family Pension System and the Economic Security of Families"
• Ionela BĂLUTĂ, Professor, University of Bucharest, Faculty of Political Science, Romania
  “L’avenir de l’Europe par le prisme de l’égalité de genre: défis politiques et enjeux économiques”
• Vicenzo BASSI, Professor, Universita di Roma LUMSA, Italy
  “Family and tax justice: an European perspective”
• Adina CIUGUREANU, Professor, Ovidius University of Constanța, Romania
  “Cross- and Interdisciplinary Approaches to Cityspace: from the Modern to the Global City”

Moderator: Laura-Mihaela Mureșan, The Bucharest University of Economic Studies & QUEST Romania
Moderator: Octavian-Dragomir Jora, The Bucharest University of Economic Studies

13:30–14:00 Conference Lunch
Venue: The National Bank of Romania (Alexandru Ottulescu Hall)

14:00–15:30 Priorities and goals of the Romanian EU Presidency 2019 and recommendations – Plenary Debate
Venue: The National Bank of Romania (Mitită Constantinescu Hall)

• Jaap de ZWAAN, Secretary General of Trans-European Policy Studies Association
• Lucia MOKRA, Institute of European Studies and International Relations, Slovakia
• George CIAMBA, Minister Delegate for European Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Moderator: Bianca TOMA, Romanian Center for European Policies, Romania

15:30 – 15:45 Coffee break
Venue: The National Bank of Romania (Alexandru Ottulescu Hall)

Parallel Sessions A

15:45 – 17:00 Parallel Session A1: The future of the Multi-annual Financial Framework - post 2020
Venue: The National Bank of Romania (Mitită Constantinescu Hall)

• Jakša PULJIZ, Institute for Development and International Relations, Croatia
• Gabriela DRĂGAN, Director of the European Institute of Romania, Romania
• Andreea PAUL, The Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Romania

Moderator: Guido Tiemann, Institute for Advanced Studies, Austria

15:45 - 17:00: Parallel Session A2: Connecting a disconnected (and more divided) Europe – Energy, Transport, Security
Venue: The National Bank of Romania (Anton Carp Hall)

• Werner-Wilhelm WOLFF, General Director TAROM
• Alessio MENEGAZZO, Head of Sustainability and Institutional Affairs, ENEL, Romania
• Nicoletta PIROZZI, Head of EU Politics and Institutions, Instituto Affari Internazionali, Italy
• Juha JOKELA, Director of the European Union Research Programme, Finish Institute for International Affairs, Finland

Moderator: Clara VOLINTIRU, The Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Romania
Parallel Sessions B

17:00 - 18:00: Parallel Session B1: Brexit - Ambiguity or clarity on the future partnership?
Venue: The National Bank of Romania (Mitită Constantinescu Hall)

- Andrew NOBLE, British Ambassador to Romania, United Kingdom
- Jaap de ZWAAN, TEPSA Secretary General, United Kingdom
- Brendan DONNELLY, Federal Trust for Education and Research, London, United Kingdom

Moderator: Andreas STAMATE, The Bucharest University of Economic Studies
The Market for Ideas

17:00 - 18:00: Parallel Session B2: Eastern challenges - where regional interests and extensive expertise could provide a new narrative for multi-speed Europe
Venue: The National Bank of Romania (Anton Carp Hall)

- Maria LIGOR, Member of the Executive Committee, European Endowment for Democracy
- Liutauras GUDZINSKAS, Institute of International Relations and Political Sciences, Vilnius University, Lithuania
- Victor ZAMIATIN, Leading expert, Political and legal programmes, Razumkov Centre, Ukraine

Moderator: Frank SCHIMMELFENNIG, ETH Zurich, Switzerland

18:30 – 20:00: TEPSA General Assembly
Venue: The Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Eminescu Building, Google Room, 2nd Floor

Conference Gala Dinner – Thursday, 22 November, 2018

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CONFERENCE DAY 2 – FRIDAY, 23 November 2018

Parallel session for students

Parallel Session A

10:00 – 10:30 Welcome coffee and registration of participants
Venue: The Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Grigore Moisil Hall, Virgil Madgearu Building, 2nd Floor

10:30 - 12:00 Dealing with the democratic challenges for the future of Europe
Venue: The Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Grigore Moisil Hall, Virgil Madgearu Building, 2nd Floor

Bart Scheffers, Open Society Foundation
Representative, Institut für Europäische Politik, Berlin
Representative, OccupyGuguță, Republic of Moldova
Representative, K Monitor, Hungary (TBC)

Civic activists from Poland, Germany and Hungary
Moderator: Bianca Toma, Romanian Center for European Policies

12:00 – 12:30 Q&A session and dialogue with the audience

12:30 - 13:30 Romania’s pro-European unrest: a contribution to the future of Europe
Venue: The Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Grigore Moisil Hall, Virgil Madgearu Building, 2nd Floor

Cătălin Teniță, Geeks for Democracy
Representative, Comunitatea Declic
Mihai Polițeanu, Inițiativa România
Mihai N. Tudorici, Asociația pentru Relații Comunitare

Q&A session
Conclusions and recommendations

Parallel Session B

09:30 – 11:30: European Elections 2019 and the Future of Europe
Venue: The Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Robert Schuman Room, Ion Angelescu Building, 2nd Floor

Michael Kaeding, University of Duisburg-Essen
Paul Schmidt, Austrian Society for European Politics
Maja Bučar, Center of International Relations at the University of Ljubljana, Slovenia
Ilke Bucar, Analyst, Elcano Royal Institute, Spain

11:30 – 12:00: Closing and concluding remarks by organizers
Moderator: Radu Mușetescu, The Bucharest University of Economic Studies
### ACADEMIC PANELS OF THE CONFERENCE

#### PANEL 1: BUSINESS ACROSS EUROPE

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**Chairs:** Ramona TARTAVULEA (DIEACONESCU) & Clara VOLINTIRU

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**Venue:** The Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Cihoski Building, Room 6405  
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**Chairs:** Emil DINGA & Alexandra HOROBEȚ

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**Chairs:** Octavian-Dragomir JORA & Mihai-Vladimir TOPAN

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