

Romania's Bid to Host IFATCA 65th Annual Conference

Presented by Romanian Air Traffic Controllers Association (RATCA Romania)

SUMMARY

The Romanian Air Traffic Controllers Association (RATCA) is proposing Bucharest, Romania as a potential host destination for the 65th Annual International Federation of Air Traffic Controllers' Association (IFATCA) Conference, in the period of April – May 2026.

RATCA's bid to host IFATCA will be submitted in collaboration with the Romanian Air Traffic Services Administration (ROMATSA).

1. BACKGROUND & INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. Bucharest, Romania is well-positioned to host IFATCA 2026; located in the South East of Europe and being a member of the European Union, Bucharest is well connected with the rest of the world.
- 1.2. With a track record of hosting Europe's prominent events, Bucharest continues to play host to key events in all domains.

2. ROMANIA'S REQUEST TO BID FOR IFATCA 65th Annual Conference

- 2.1. Bucharest, Romania aspires to be a vibrant capital of Europe where people, ideas and technology converge. Its location, business events venues, and strong economy combine to make this dynamic city a catalyst for business success.
- 2.2. Bucharest, Romania is a cosmopolitan destination with a vibrant blend of culture, cuisine, arts and architecture. Offering quality entertainment and leisure options, Bucharest has continually strengthened its reputation as a business events destination that promises delegates enriching and memorable experiences.

3. CONFERENCE VENUE

- 3.1. The proposed venue for Conference is the **JW MARRIOTT BUCHAREST GRAND HOTEL, a luxury 5 star hotel**
- 3.2. Location: The **JW MARRIOTT BUCHAREST GRAND HOTEL** is an Upscale hotel located in an area of historic and national interest, JW Marriott Bucharest Grand Hotel in Romania is the only 5 star business hotel in the district and is in close proximity to the stately Palace of Parliament and People's Salvation Cathedral. Culturally rich and with a status that befits its quality offering, our luxury hotel provides a restorative setting in Bucharest where its legacy for intuitive service, culinary distinction, and notable grandeur remains unsurpassed. Its seamless blend of modern luxury and authentic appeal enhances each stay in Bucharest, Romania with a holistic offering, that is both distinctive and deeply enriching. Our hotel is a premier luxury destination for business, leisure and family guests, it is just a 30 minutes' drive from Henri Coandă International airport and within walking distance of Old Town, with its diversity of architecture.
- 3.3. Transportation: Public transport such as buses and the metro are easily accessible from the hotel. Taxi is also a very convenient and affordable way to travel in Bucharest.
- 3.4. Arrangement: The venue will also double as the Conference Hotel.
- 3.5. Conference Venue: The ballrooms at JW Marriott Bucharest Grand Hotel offers flexible meeting and event spaces in one dedicated venue. Made up of several versatile function spaces, the ballrooms connects to JW Marriott Bucharest Grand Hotel, offering delegates a superior arrival experience.
- 3.6. Conference Capabilities: The JW Marriott Bucharest Grand Hotel is well equipped to host IFATCA in 2026, with a variety of configurations that can accommodate up to 500 pax theatre style. The hotel has a Grand Ballroom with seating capacity of 500 persons theatre style, which can be broken in 2 or 3 smaller rooms with seating capacities of 100 to 200 in classroom configuration.
- 3.7. Cost of Accommodation: We are mindful of the right to choose and understand that not all delegates will be seeking accommodations at the venue hotel. The following rates below are indicative net rates, based on the prices foreseen at this moment for 2026. These prices are subject to change depending on how the cost of electricity, natural gas and general inflation rate evolve.
As we have all experienced, during the last 2 years the prices have risen abruptly, we have in Romania seen prices for the accommodation and food going up with 20-30%. Romanian Air Traffic Controllers Association (RATCA) has managed to secure a partnership with the Romanian Air Traffic Services Administration (ROMATSA) so as the cost of the conference is maintained to bearable levels.
If the bid will be succesful the details of the partnership will become clear.

Room Type	Single (per room/night)	Double (per person/night)
Superior Room	230 Euro	137 Euro
Comments	Includes internet and buffet breakfast for guests.	

4. ALTERNATE HOTEL

4.1. The proposed alternate hotels are **Hotel Continental Forum Bucharest** and **Hotel Parliament**.

4.2. Location: Located a leisurely 10-minute walk away from the main conference venue (JW Marriott Bucharest Grand Hotel), **Hotel Continental Forum Bucharest** invites you to discover the capital of Romania. Whether you are on a business trip or in a holiday, this 4-star hotel will ensure you a welcoming and relaxing atmosphere. The hotel is located in the city center and allows its guests quick and easy access to all the major points of interest in the city. Thanks to the excellent positioning and the best quality services offered to its customers, **Continental Forum Bucharest** ranks itself among the best hotels in Bucharest.

Immediately nearby **Hotel Continental Forum Bucharest** is located **Hotel Parliament** at a leisurely 10-minute walk away from the main conference venue (JW Marriott Bucharest Grand Hotel). It is a 4-star hotel, just a stone's throw from Palace of Parliament, which holds the 1st position in the Guinness World Records for the largest administrative building (for civil use), and the 3rd place worldwide from the volume point of view, our hotel is also situated at minutes walking distance to the Old Town of Bucharest.

4.3. Transportation: Similar to the conference venue, Public transport such as buses and the metro are easily accessible from the alternate hotels. Taxi is also a very convenient and affordable way to travel in Bucharest.

4.4. Arrangement: These hotels will serve as an alternative accommodation option for attendees looking for a lower cost option in Bucharest.

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Standard	110 Euro	60 Euro
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5. REGISTRATION FEE

Given the support that will be received from the Romanian Air Traffic Services Administration (ROMATSA) we foresee that the registration fee will be 350 Euros

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350

This value is the average amount, there will be different amounts for category 1, 2 and 3 MAs.

6. FINANCIAL INCENTIVE AND SUPPORT FROM ROMANIAN AIR TRAFFIC SERVICES ADMINISTRATION (ROMATSA)

6.1. Financial Incentive: The Romanian Air Traffic Services Administration (ROMATSA) is willing to support the hosting of IFATCA 65th Annual Conference, entering into a partnership with RATCA with the scope of organizing the IFATCA Conference.

Because ROMATSA is a state owned company, the Board has to approve the partnership and the financial details. If the bidding will be successful, the Romanian Air Traffic Services Administration (ROMATSA) will work with the local association, RATCA, on firming up the details of the financial details.

7. VISA & CUSTOMS

7.1. No Member Association (MA) will be barred from attending the Conference as long as they fulfill the entry requirements. Most visitors to Romania do not require a visa for entry. For more information on visa requirements, MAs can check with the Romanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (<https://www.mae.ro/en/node/2035>). The period of stay granted will be shown on the visit pass endorsement in your passport

8. EXPERIENCE ROMANIA'S ATTRACTIONS AND EXPERIENCES

8.1. Various tours will be available for the accompanying persons, we are listing here a few of them:

- Bucharest walking tour (old center)
- Bucharest panoramic tour (with car/minibus/bus)
- Bucharest standard tour (with car/minibus/bus, inside visit at 1-2 attractions: Parliament Palace / Village Museum / Ceausescu House)
- Sinaia tour (with car/minibus/bus, inside visit at Peles Royal Castel, Sinaia Monastery)

- Prahova Valley tour (with car/minibus/bus, inside visit at Peles Royal Castel, Bran Castle-Dracula's Castle).

9. CONCLUSION

- 9.1.** RATCA will submit a bid to host the 65th Annual Conference of IFATCA (2026) in Bucharest, Romania.

Afternote: Please note that the prices indicated in this document are meant to be indicative, and are accurate at the time of submission. All prices may be subject to change. The final prices for these hotels will be made available upon the conclusion of the commercial discussion with the various venues.