



THREE SEAS INITIATIVE SUMMIT

BUCHAREST 2018

MEDIA ADVISORY



1. GENERAL INFORMATION

The Three Seas Initiative is a flexible political platform, at Presidential level, launched in 2015. The Initiative includes the 12 EU Member States located between the Adriatic, the Baltic and the Black Seas: Austria, Bulgaria, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia.

The Dubrovnik Summit in 2016 opened the dialogue under the aegis of the Three Seas Initiative, followed in 2017 by the Warsaw Summit, where the 12 Three Seas Initiative states were joined by the US President, Donald Trump.

The third Summit will be hosted by Romania, in Bucharest, on 17-18 September 2018.

The Three Seas Initiative aims at stimulating more rapid development of the region stretching between the Baltic, Black and Adriatic Seas. This is to be achieved through both high level and multi-stakeholder commitment to boosting connectivity among Member States, with special focus on infrastructure, energy and digital interconnectivity.

The improvement of the infrastructure connections of the 12 states is an essential condition for building an area of stability and prosperity, which in turn can greatly contribute to wider EU stability and prosperity. Setting a new dynamic of cooperation among the countries lying at the Eastern border of the EU on the North – South Axis will advance economic growth and help to bridge the East – West economic gap, within the EU.

As decided in Warsaw, a Business Forum will be organized in the framework of the 2018 Bucharest Summit, on 17-18 September 2018. The Business Forum unfolds under the High Patronage of the President of Romania, and is co-organized by the Presidential Administration of Romania and the Romanian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, in cooperation with the Atlantic Council of the United States and the National University for Political Science and Administration of Romania.

The Forum is expected to facilitate the gathering of representatives of companies from the 12 participating states in the Initiative, the US, the rest of EU, the Western Balkans and the Eastern Neighborhood. It will become a regular, annual event.

2. AGENDA

MONDAY, 17 SEPTEMBER 2018

Venue: Romexpo, Pavilion C

16:45 - Arrival of delegations at the Three Seas Business Forum

Media opportunities for the official broadcaster and the official cameramen and photographers

Official Greetings

Media opportunities for all accredited journalists

17:00 - Opening of the Three Seas Business Forum

Mr. Mihai Daraban, President of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Romania

H.E. Mr. Klaus Iohannis, President of Romania

Media opportunities for all accredited journalists

17:15 - Presidential Panel – “The Three Seas Initiative in a Challenging International Context”

Speakers: H.E. Mr. Klaus Iohannis, President of Romania, H.E. Mrs. Kolinda Grabar-Kitarović, President of the Republic of Croatia, H.E. Mr. Andrzej Duda, President of the Republic of Poland, H.E. Dr. Alexander van der Bellen, Federal President of the Republic of Austria, Mrs. Corina Crețu, European Commissioner for Regional Development

Moderator: General James L. Jones, Interim Chairman of the Atlantic Council of the United States and former US Commander of US European Command

Media opportunities for all accredited journalists

18:15 - Signing of the Joint Statement on the creation of the Network of the Chambers of Commerce of the Three Seas Initiative and Signing of a Letter of Intent in relation to the Three Seas Fund

Media opportunities for all accredited journalists

Venue: Cotroceni Presidential Palace

19:00 - Arrival of the Delegations and official welcoming

Media opportunities for the official broadcaster and the official cameramen and photographers of each arriving delegation

19:15 - Cultural event dedicated to the Centenary of the Romanian Modern State

Media opportunities for the official photographers

19:50 - Family photo

Media opportunities for the official broadcaster and the official cameramen and photographers

20:00 - Gala Dinner

Media opportunities for the official broadcaster and the official cameraman and photographer of the Summit

TUESDAY, 18 SEPTEMBER 2018

Venue: Cotroceni Presidential Palace

10:40 - Official welcoming ceremony

Official portrait

Media opportunities for the official broadcaster and the official cameramen and photographers

10:55 - Family photo

Media opportunities for the official broadcaster and the official cameramen and photographers

11:00 - Plenary Session - An Initiative that delivers - key projects in energy, transport, digital interconnections. The Three Seas Initiative as catalyst for the cohesion and convergence of the EU and for the strengthening of the transatlantic link

Speeches: H.E. Mr. Klaus Iohannis, President of Romania, Mr. Jean-Claude Juncker, President of the European Commission, H.E. Mrs. Kolinda Grabar-Kitarović, President of the Republic of Croatia, H.E. Mr. Mateusz Morawiecki, Prime-Minister of the Republic of Poland

Media opportunities for the official broadcaster and the official cameramen and photographers

Press pool at the beginning of the Plenary Session

13:00 - Press Conference of the President of Romania, the President of the Republic of Croatia, Prime Minister of the Republic of Poland and the Secretary of Energy of the United States

Media opportunities for all accredited journalists

13:45 – Official Lunch

Media opportunities for the official photographer of the Summit

The full agenda of the Three Seas Initiative Business Forum can be found on the dedicated website: <https://3si-business.com/agenda/>

3. BADGES COLLECTION

Media representatives who have accredited through the online form and received confirmation via e-mail will be able to pick up their badges in person on Friday, September 14 (between 15:00 and 18:00), on Saturday, September 15 (between 10:00-14:00), or on Tuesday, September 18 (upon arrival at the Summit) at the Presidential Administration of Romania, Cotroceni Palace (Address: “Leu” Entrance, 1-3, Geniului Blvd., District no. 6, Bucharest).

Accredited journalists may collect their badges in person upon presentation of a valid national ID card or passport.

For accompanying media, each national delegation is required to designate a Media Contact Point who will be responsible for sending the list of accompanying media.

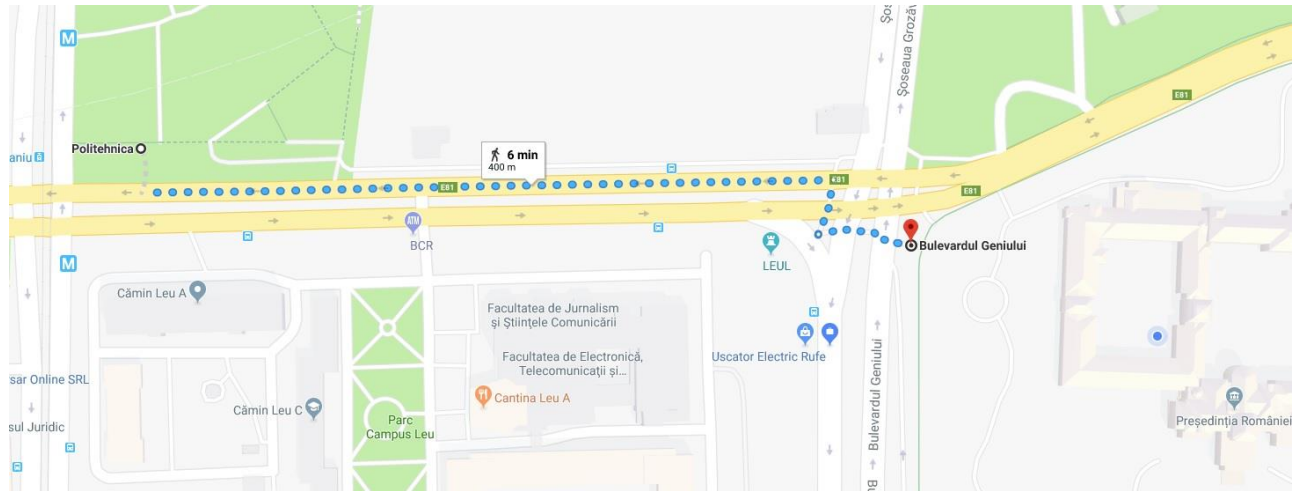
The Media Contact Point will have the possibility to collect media badges for accompanying media. The official cameramen, photographers and press officers will be accredited as official accompanying delegation.

For non-accompanying media, each journalist is required to collect his or her badge in person. At the arrival to the Summit, the participants might be subject to security checks.

4. MEDIA CENTRE

The Media Centre will be located at the Cotroceni Palace, Presidential Administration of Romania.

Address: 1-3, Geniului Blvd, District no. 6, Bucharest (44°26'03.3"N 26°03'34.6"E) – see map below (six minutes walk from the Politehnica Metro Station – M3)



It will be equipped with facilities for the press and audiovisual media, as well as internet Wi-Fi connection.

Closed-circuit television carrying Host Broadcaster video footage and press information will be in operation throughout the Media Centre.

5. AUDIOVISUAL / FACILITIES FOR TV STATIONS

Full video coverage of the Summit will be provided by the official Host Broadcaster – TVR - Romanian public television.

In order to receive the technical information for receiving the live feed, please contact:

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Official photos will be available (starting on September 17) on the following Flickr account: <https://www.flickr.com/people/164342496@N06/>

6. ACCOMMODATION AND TRANSPORTATION

Media representatives are requested to arrange their own accommodation.

Each delegation is responsible to provide transportation for accompanying media groups.

7. CONTACTS

For questions regarding media accreditation and press related issues, please contact:

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For questions regarding broadcasting of the event and retrieving the signal transmitted by the Romanian Television, please contact:

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For more information, please consult the dedicated web page: www.three-seas.eu