



ARCADIA

Romanian Association for International Cooperation and Development

1st Annual ARCADIA Conference

“Development, Trade and Foreign & Security Policies: How can Emerging Donors make a Difference?”

25-26 November 2010, Bucharest, Howard Johnson Grand Plaza Hotel

ARCADIA Conference

The initiative “Development, Trade and Foreign and Security Policies: How Can Emerging Donors Make a Difference?” is ARCADIA’s first annual conference.

The conference seeks to provide a framework for academic and professional discussions for scholars, researchers, policy makers, practitioners in the field of international cooperation and development, and to promote global education and active citizenship.

The theme of the conference is twofold:

(1) how the emerging donors can make use of their transitional experience and shape their identities as actors in international development and

(2) to explore interlinks between development, foreign and security and trade policies in emerging donors’ contexts.

(1) The increasing number of emerging donors raises a series of practical, policy and conceptual challenges and opportunities. Whether it results from an internal or international perspective, from a governmental or civil-society point of view, or from a political or financial stand-point, dealing with the implications of donorship proves to be a challenging task. Aspects like changing roles, re-defining relationships, transforming and creating institutions, and building political and public support represent issues which prove theoretically and practically difficult to deal with. As a (re)emerging donor, Romania is facing real challenges in its efforts to adapt to current international donorship norms and contribute to the wider development efforts.

(2) Both in practice and in academia there is an ongoing debate on the interplay between development, foreign & security and trade policies. While historically aid was subordinated to geostrategic political and economic interests described as ‘developmental’, the current development aid community is struggling to ensure that aid will be used for its main purpose: poverty reduction. Considering the context created by the emergence of new donors, this discussion is extremely relevant as development-related policies, strategies and institutions are currently being shaped.

ARCADIA – Romanian Association for International Cooperation and Development

is a professional network which aims to bring together policy makers, practitioners, scholars, researchers and students who focus in their work on international cooperation and development topics.

Our aim is to develop a professional community that will contribute to substantiating Romania’s development and foreign policies and enable constant debate on development and international cooperation related topics.

On the long run, we aim at

- (1) contributing to the advancement of knowledge in the fields of international cooperation and development;
- (2) contributing to the shaping and implementation of policies on Romania’s development assistance and broader foreign, trade and security policies;
- (3) facilitating knowledge and information transfer among different actors on international cooperation and development issues
- (4) supporting Romanian actors working in the fields of international cooperation and development

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We have compiled an informational welcome packet to answer some of your questions and help you plan your visit.

FAQs

Who will pick me up at the airport in Bucharest?

Due to the large number of participants, unfortunately we cannot guarantee airport pick-up for everyone.

Please let us know if you have problems with finding transportation or getting to your hosting place.

What is the weather like in Bucharest?

The weather in November leans towards cold and wet, however, it is unpredictable. Be prepared for the possibility of severe cold, rain or snow.

What voltage are power outlets in Romania?

Romania uses the standard European 220-230V/50Hz (the "Type C" Europlug and the "Type E" and "Type F" Schuko socket types). If your appliance's plug doesn't match the shape of these sockets, bring a power convertor or a plug adaptor if you plan to use your laptop or cell-phone while in Romania. Converters or adaptors may be purchased at electronic stores or mega-stores (Carrefour, Cora, Billa etc.)

Can I use my cell phone in Romania?

Tri-band phones may work on Romanian networks, but check with your local cell-phone carrier for more technical details. However, you can also purchase a SIM card and/or cellphone at a local carrier (Vodafone, Orange, Cosmote etc.).

Accommodation

Our Supporter, GRSP Society, has agreements with both of the hotels listed on the 3rd page to offer rooms at a reduced rate for the durations of the conference. However, these lower rates will only be in effect if we are able to reserve a certain number of rooms. If you are interested in booking a room, please write to contact@arcadianetwork.org. In your email, please include your name and who (if anyone) you would like to share the room with.

Conference Venue:

Howard Johnson Grand Plaza
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*Nevada Room**
*Kansas Room**
*Florida Room**
*Oregon Room**

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112 – is the universal emergency phone number in the Romania. You can dial it for free from any phone in Romania

