



# Symposium: “Full Sail Ahead Towards the Sustainable Blue Economy”

11 February 2026, Bucharest

## The Drop: Setting the Scene

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| 9:00<br>9:30  | <b>Opening and Welcome</b>                                                            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Victor Negrescu, Member and Vice-President of the European Parliament, Romania [Video]</li><li>• Andrei Alexandru, President of Romania's National Research Authority</li><li>• Fabio Fava, Advisor to the Italian Minister of Universities and Research</li></ul> |
| 9:30<br>9:50  | <b>Keynote Speech</b>                                                                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Antonio Borriello, Scientific Research Officer, European Commission's Joint Research Centre</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                              |
| 9:50<br>10:00 | <b>Cooperation across Sea Basins: European Approach to a Sustainable Blue Economy</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Andreea Strachinescu, Head of Unit Maritime Innovation, Marine Knowledge and Investment, DG MARE, European Commission</li></ul>                                                                                                                                    |

## First Ring: Political & Regional Context

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| 10:05<br>10:40 | <b>Panel 1 – Navigating Uncertainty: Policy, Geopolitics and the Black Sea Dimension</b><br><br>Session Convener: JPI Oceans | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Alexandru Buicliu, Deputy Director Business Environment, Romania's Ministry of Economy, Digitalisation, Entrepreneurship and Tourism</li><li>• Iryna Makarenko, Pollution Monitoring and Assessment Officer, Permanent Secretariat of the Black Sea Commission</li><li>• Mihai Sebastian Chihaiia, Policy Analyst, European Policy Centre</li></ul> |
| 10:40<br>11:30 | Coffee & Exhibition Walk                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |

## Expanding Ripples: Impact & Uptake

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| 11:30<br>12:15 | <b>Panel 2 – From Research to Ripple Effect: Early Results from our Projects</b><br><br>Session Convener: Margherita Zorgno | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mihai Datcu (Romania), Coordinator DIVE</li><li>• Alexander Micallef (Malta), Coord. OCEAN-H2</li><li>• Lena Bergström (Sweden), Coord. MSP4MORE</li><li>• Lionel Camus (Norway), Coord. CliN-BluFeed</li><li>• Marta Martínez (Spain), Coord. SEAFOODTURE</li><li>• Alice Affatati (Italy), Coordinator MARVEL</li></ul> |
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| 12:15<br>12:30                     | <b>Inspirational Talk</b>                                                                                                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bilge Durgut, Ph.D. student, Middle East Technical University</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 12:30<br>13:30                     | Lunch & Networking                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 13:30<br>14:05                     | <b>Panel 3 – The Market Uptake Challenge: Engaging Industry and Finance</b><br><br>Session Convener: Frode Dal Fjeldavli | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Peer Fietzek, Senior Business Development Manager, Kongsberg Discovery</li><li>• Ingeborg Frøysnes, Special Advisor Scale-ups and AI, Innovation Norway</li><li>• Christelle Sapata, Senior Manager, PwC</li></ul>                                                                  |
| 14:05<br>14:30                     | <b>Cultural Intermezzo with TIDAL Arts</b>                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 14:30<br>14:50                     | <b>Panel 4 – Beyond the Horizon: Shaping Global Impact Together</b><br><br>Session Convener: Julie Olivier               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Raffaele Mancini, Director, UN Ocean Decade’s Collaborative Centre on Sustainable Ocean Economy</li><li>• Oriana Romano, Head of the Water Governance, Blue and Circular Economy Unit, OECD</li></ul>                                                                               |
| 14:50<br>15:05                     | <b>Inspirational Talk</b>                                                                                                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Adrian Stanica, General Director, GeoEcoMar</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 15:05<br>15:50                     | Coffee & Exhibition Walk                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Propagating Waves: Closing Session |                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 15:50<br>16:30                     | <b>Concluding Roundtable: Future Opportunities &amp; Looking Ahead</b>                                                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Wiebke Pankauke, Deputy Head of Unit Ocean, Seas and Waters, DG RTD, European Commission</li><li>• Peter Haugan, Policy Director, Institute of Marine Research of Norway; Chair of JPI Oceans</li><li>• Viorel Vulturescu, Director, National Research Authority, Romania</li></ul> |
| 16:30<br>17:00                     | <b>Wrap-Up &amp; Next Steps</b>                                                                                          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Margherita Cappelletto, Coordinator of the Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership</li><li>• Eva Falleth, Executive Director Sustainable Development, Research Council of Norway; Chair of the Partnership’s General Assembly</li></ul>                                                |
| Evening Reception                  |                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |



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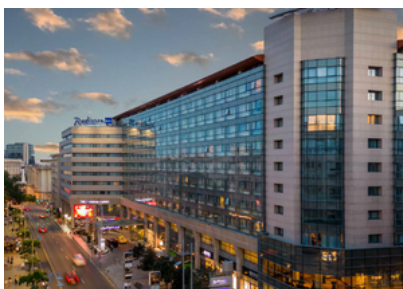
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## **Venue**

The Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership Symposium will take place at the Radisson Blu Hotel, located at Calea Victoriei 63 - 81, Sector 1, Bucharest.



## **Ice-breaker dinner**

The icebreaker dinner will take place on 10 February from 19:00 EET at Caru' cu bere, located in the historic city centre of Bucharest. The restaurant is approximately a 20-minute walk from the Radisson Blu. From the hotel, it can also be reached by public transportation, taking the buses 205 or 381.

Participation in the dinner is by prior confirmation only. Participants who indicated their intention to join but are no longer able to attend are kindly asked to inform the organisers as soon as possible, to allow for final arrangements.



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## How to reach the venue?

### Bucharest Airport Information

The Henri Coanda International Airport is located approximately 20km north of Bucharest City Centre, which is accessible by bus, taxi and train.

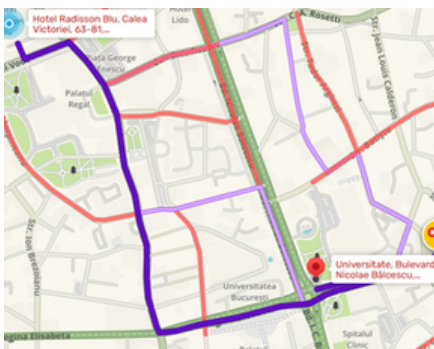
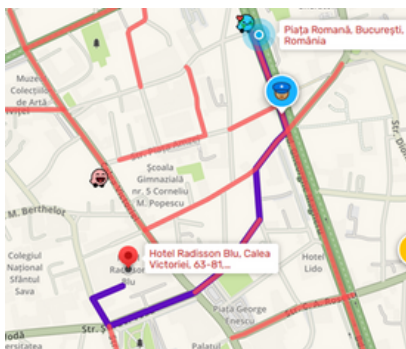
### Transport to and from Henri Coanda International Airport

There are several transport options for those travelling to Bucharest City Centre.

#### *Bus*

Line 100 provides a fast transport link between the centre of the capital and Henri Coandă International Airport. It has a 15-minute departure interval during the day and a 30-minute interval during the night. The bus stops are located in front of the Arrivals Terminal and in front of the Departures Terminal. The nearest stations to Radisson Blu Hotel are “Piata Romana” or “Universitate”.

The price of a 90-minute metropolitan trip is 3 lei.





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## ***Train***

The train provides a fast connection between the Henri Coandă Airport and Bucharest North Station where you may take the metro to “Piata Romana” or “Universitate” stations. The trains run 24 hours a day, every 40 minutes. The journey time is approx. 20 minutes.

## ***Taxi***

Passengers who wish to order a taxi have access to touch screen terminals, located in the public area of the Arrivals terminal, floor 1, South side (on the left, after exiting the baggage claim area).

## **Accommodation recommendations**

A range of accommodation options is available in the Bucharest city centre, close to the venue. We would recommend booking or provisionally booking your accommodation as soon as possible since Bucharest is a busy city with tourism and conferences. Please find below a few options (breakfast included, price per night):

- Radisson Blu: 149 euro
- Mercure Bucharest City Center: 122 euro
- Park Inn by Radisson Bucharest Hotel & Residence: 111 euro
- Lido by Phoenicia: 110 euro
- Moxa Hotel: 107 euro
- Hotel Michelangelo: 100 euro
- Hotel Berthelot: 88 euro
- Hotel Casa Capșa: 89 euro
- ibis Styles Bucharest City Centre: 87 euro
- Duke Romana: 70 euro

## **Other information**

The Romanian leu (RON) is the currency of Romania (1 EUR~5,1 RON). The weather in Bucharest in February is very cold with temperatures between 0°C and 6°C: warm clothes are a must.