



9th MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION
OF EUROPEAN SENATES
Bucharest, October 11 – 13, 2007



PROGRAM

THURSDAY OCTOBER 11, 2007

- Arrival of delegations (Airport *Henri Coandă-Otopeni*)
- Accommodation at the JW Marriott Grand Hotel
- Registration of participants (Organisers' Desk, JW Marriott Grand Hotel)

19:45 Departure to Mogoșoaia (by coach)

20:30 **Official dinner hosted by Mr Nicolae Văcăroiu, President of the Senate of Romania (Mogoșoaia Palace)**

FRIDAY OCTOBER 12, 2007

08:30 Departure from the hotel to the Senate (*by coach*)

08:45 Arrival at the Senate (*Entrance A 1*)

Registration of participants (*Conference Secretariat, Avram Iancu Hall*)

09:00 **Opening of the 9th Meeting of the Association of the European Senates – Plenary Hall of the Senate**

Address by Mr. Nicolae Văcăroiu, President of the Senate of Romania

09:10 **Debate on the meeting theme: *Ensuring a transparent and accountable governance – the contribution of the Senates*** – first session

10:30 End of the first session

- 10:35 **Family photo** (heads of delegations)
- Coffee break
- 11:00 **Continuation of the debate on the meeting theme** – second session
- 12:50 End of the second session
- 13:00 **Official lunch hosted by Mr. Nicolae Văcăroiu, President of the Senate of Romania** (*Constantin Stere Hall*)
- 14:30 Departure to Cotroceni Palace (heads of delegations and heads of diplomatic missions)
- 14:30 *Visit of the Palace of Parliament (the other participants)*
- 15:00 **Meeting with H.E. Mr. Traian Băsescu, the President of Romania** (*Cotroceni Palace*)
- 15:30 Departure to the Palace of Parliament
- Arrival at the Senate (*Entrance A 1*)
- 16:00 **Continuation of the debate on the meeting theme** – third session
- 16:30 **Panel discussion on the theme: *Enhancing the administrative capacity of the Senates - examples of best practices***
- 17:15 **Closing session of the 9th Meeting of the Association of the European Senates**
- Final Declaration of the Presidency*
- Address of Mrs. Anna-Elisabeth Haselbach, Vice-President of the Delegation of the Federal Council of Austria - host of the next meeting of the Association*
- Address of Sergey Mihailovich Mironov, President of the Council of Federation of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation*
- Address of Mr. Nicolae Văcăroiu, President of the Senate of Romania*
- 17:45 Coffee break
- 18:00 **Press conference of the heads of delegations** (*White Hall*)

18:30 Departure to the hotel (*by coach*)

Evening free

SATURDAY OCTOBER 13, 2007

Visit in Prahova and Braşov counties

Departures of delegations (Bucharest International Airport Henri Coandă - Otopeni)

SUNDAY OCTOBER 14, 2007

Departures of delegations (Bucharest International Airport Henri Coandă - Otopeni)