EUROPEAN CLUSTERS ALLIANCE

PARTICIPANTS BOOKLET · DAY ONE

ECA INTERREGIONAL CLUSTER CONFERENCE

CLUSTERS AS COMPETITIVENESS INTEGRATORS

as part of the ECA Regional Cooperation Series

Also marking the 15th Romanian National Cluster Conference



DAY ONE · GALAȚI

21 October 2026

Wednesday · Unique Ballroom Events, Galați, Romania

This booklet covers Day One. Day Two: 22 October, Chișinău.

Agenda on b2match

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PART OF GALAȚI BUSINESS Week

01 · WELCOME

WELCOME TO GALAȚI

Dear participants,

Welcome to Galați, a Danube port city that has always lived from connections between regions, markets and people. Open Hub Creative Cluster is proud to co-host the first day of the ECA Interregional Cluster Conference, part of Galați Business Week 2026.

Today, clusters, companies, public authorities and universities from Romania, the Republic of Moldova, Ukraine and across Europe meet around one idea: clusters as competitiveness integrators. We hope the sessions bring you new perspectives, and the pitching session and matchmaking meetings bring you new partners.

Book your one-to-one matchmaking meetings on b2match in advance (see page 3), and use every break to start a conversation. We wish you a productive day in Galați.

Georgina Vînău, President
Open Hub Creative Cluster

About the event

The ECA Interregional Cluster Conference brings together clusters, SMEs, public authorities, universities and European organisations from Romania, the Republic of Moldova, Ukraine and other European countries. The Galați day is organised as part of Galați Business Week 2026 and also marks the 15th Romanian National Cluster Conference.

Themes of the day

Competitiveness · Innovation · Value-chain resilience · Industrial decarbonisation · Logistics · SME integration · Interregional cooperation · Cluster excellence · Cluster-to-cluster cooperation · European cluster networks · Cross-border value chains

WHEN
21 October 2026

WHERE
Unique Ballroom Events, Galați

WORKING LANGUAGE
English

02 · MATCHMAKING

MATCHMAKING SESSIONS

B2B, C2C and C2B matchmaking sessions, organised with the support of the **Enterprise Europe Network**, help participants turn contacts into concrete partnerships, projects and business opportunities.

WEDNESDAY, 21 OCTOBER · MATCHMAKING ROOM, GALAȚI

17:10–19:10 Matchmaking Event powered by EEN

Format · one-to-one meetings **Duration** · 20-minute time slots

Then · networking dinner at 19:30

How to book your meetings on b2match

1. Register on the event page by 19 October 2026.
2. **Create a clear profile:** your background, what you offer and whom you want to meet. Good profiles get more requests.
3. **Set your availability.** Without it you cannot send or receive meeting requests.
4. **Browse participants** with filters or the recommended Top Matches, and send meeting requests.
5. **Answer your requests** and message your partners before the event.
6. **On the day,** check My Schedule for your agenda.

Open the event on b2match

Make the most of 20 minutes

Prepare a short introduction and two or three concrete questions, and arrive at the Matchmaking Room a few minutes early.

Going on to Chișinău? On 22 October, 17:30–19:30, networking meetings continue at Digital Park Chișinău in 15-minute slots.

03 · PROGRAMME

GALAȚI BUSINESS WEEK AT A GLANCE

A five-day programme in Galați and Chișinău, 19–23 October 2026. More information on **gbw.ro**.



19 MON · OCT

12:00–16:00 · UNIQUE BALLROOM EVENTS — REGISTER

Health Day Galați · AmCham

20 TUE · OCT

13:30–17:30 · DANUBIUS UNIVERSITY GALAȚI — REGISTER

Clusters4Health Personalised Health Workshop and Ideathon

FROM 20:00 · RESTAURANT FLOW, HOTEL FALEZA BY VEGA

Welcome Dinner

Coach from Otopeni Airport at 14:30 (page 6).

21 WED · OCT

GALAȚI · UNIQUE BALLROOM EVENTS — REGISTER

ECA Interregional Cluster Conference: Clusters as Competitiveness Integrators

Conference, pitching, matchmaking, lunch and dinner

22 THU · OCT

GALAȚI · UNIQUE BALLROOM EVENTS — REGISTER

Romanian Business Leaders Regional Conference

GALAȚI · UNIQUE BALLROOM EVENTS — REGISTER

Logistics Summit Galați, day 1

CHIȘINĂU · DIGITAL PARK CHIȘINĂU — REGISTER

ECA conference, second day, within the 2nd Moldovan National Cluster Forum

Transfer at 08:00 from Hotel Faleza by Vega, book on b2match (page 6).

23 FRI · OCT

GALAȚI · UNIQUE BALLROOM EVENTS — REGISTER

Logistics Summit Galați, day 2

04 · VENUE

VENUE AND PARKING



MAIN VENUE

Unique Ballroom Events

Bd. Marea Unire nr. 1 (Trecere Bac area), Galați, Romania

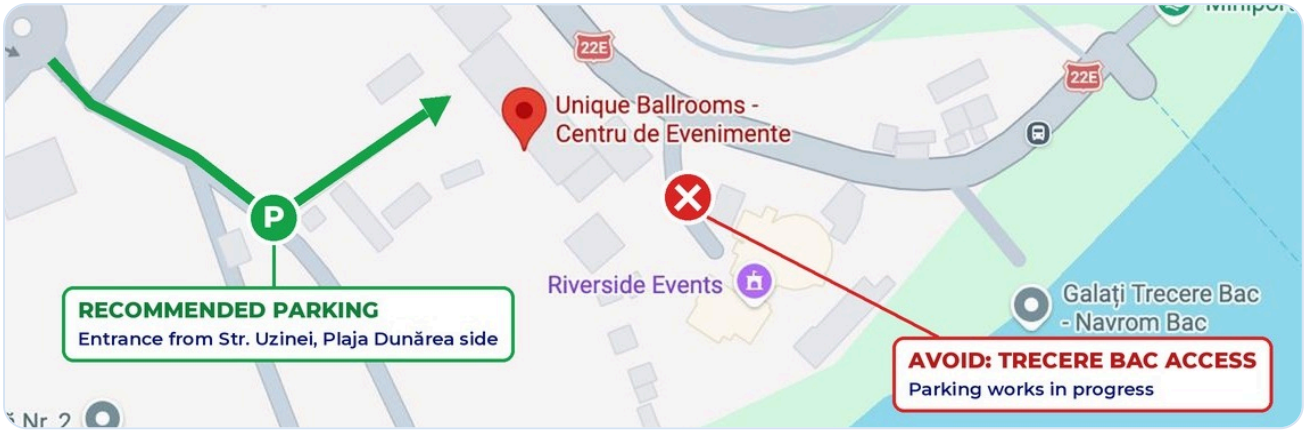
Five event salons, with supervised parking monitored around the clock.

Registration desk: Unique 2 Conference Hall

Open in Google Maps uniqueballroom.ro

Parking

Please use the **entrance from Str. Uzinei, on the Plaja Dunărea side**. The access from Bd. Marea Unire at Trecere Bac has parking works in progress.



Contact on the day

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05 · GETTING THERE

ORGANISED TRANSFERS

Two transfers are organised for participants: to Galați on arrival day, and on to Chișinău for Day Two.

TUE · 20 OCT

14:30

departure

Bucharest Otopeni Airport → Galați

Transport · the designated coach

Boarding · Departures terminal, Henri Coandă International Airport

Contact · Christina Leucuța, **+40 755 024 863**

THU · 22 OCT

08:00

departure

Galați → Chișinău

From · Hotel Faleza by Vega, Str. Roșiori nr. 1

Seats · by registration and booking on **b2match** only

Documents · bring a valid passport or ID card for the border crossing [CONFIRM REQUIREMENTS]

Book your seat for Chișinău

Reserve your seat on the event page before you travel.

Open the event on b2match

Getting around Galați

From Hotel Faleza by Vega to the venue, use Uber or Bolt, or ask the hotel reception to order a local taxi. Drivers should use the Str. Uzinei entrance (page 5).

06 · STAY

ACCOMMODATION AND DINNER

TUESDAY, 20 OCTOBER · FROM 20:00

WELCOME DINNER

Restaurant Flow

Str. Roșiori nr. 1, Galați · ground floor of Hotel Faleza by Vega

Open in Google Maps



OFFICIAL HOTEL

Hotel Faleza by Vega

Str. Roșiori nr. 1, Galați 800066, Romania

To the venue: Unique Ballroom Events is a short ride from the hotel. Use Uber or Bolt, or ask the hotel reception to order a local taxi.

Speakers

Accommodation for speakers is provided by the organisers at Hotel Faleza by Vega.

Open the hotel in Google Maps

External participants

A preferential rate is available. Quote the booking code:

GLBW 2026

Email: sales-company@vegahotels.ro
Phone: +40 741 802 353

See the accommodation offer

07 · GOOD TO KNOW

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Currency and payment

The currency is the Romanian leu (RON). Cards and contactless payments are widely accepted; keep a little cash for small purchases.

Language

The official language is Romanian. The conference is held in English.

Time zone

Eastern European Summer Time, UTC+3. All times in this booklet are local.

Electricity

230 V, 50 Hz. Sockets take the European two-pin plugs, types C and F.

Weather

Late October days in Galați are usually mild, around 15°C, with cool evenings and some rain. Bring a warm layer and an umbrella.

Getting around

Uber, Bolt and local taxis run around the clock. The venue and Hotel Faleza by Vega are both close to the Danube riverfront.

Mobile phones

EU roaming rules apply in Romania, so EU SIM cards work at home prices.

Travelling on to Chișinău

Moldova uses the Moldovan leu (MDL). EU roaming rules apply there since 1 January 2026. Carry a valid passport or ID card, and check entry rules for your nationality.

112 Single emergency number in Romania for ambulance, police and fire. Calls are free.

If you have a free hour in Galați

Danube Promenade

A long riverside walk with green spaces, sports areas and moored boats turned into restaurants.

Natural Sciences Museum Complex

Botanical Garden with a rose garden of over 200 varieties, plus a planetarium and a Danube aquarium.

Visual Arts Museum

Opened in 1967 as Romania's first museum of contemporary art.