Frequently Asked Questions

🛫 **Travel & Logistics**

* What is the closest airport/train station, and how do we get to the conference site?
	+ You can fly into Bucharest or Cluj and there are direct trains to Brașov from both cities. If we know your arrival time in Brașov, or if you catch the local train to Râșnov we can arrange transport if there are just a few in your party. Taxi apps Bolt and Uber work in Brașov and Râșnov.
* Do we need a visa or special travel documents?
	+ Remember to ensure your passport has at least 6 months on it if you are travelling from outside the Schengen area. Romania has been in Schengen since 1st January 2025.
	+ Europeans do not need a VISA but this is the list of countries that require a Visa
	<https://www.mae.ro/sites/default/files/file/2025_files/pdf/anexa_1_en_2025.pdf>
* What is the local currency, and how available are ATMs/credit cards?
	+ The currency is the Leu (Lei in plural, RON as the international code) and 1 Leu is 100 Bani.
	+ ATMs are numerous and chip and pin is accepted almost everywhere.
	+ The exchange rate in August is approx. 5 Lei to 1 Euro
* Is travel insurance required or recommended?
	+ If British you should carry a [European Health Insurance Card (EHIC)](http://www.nhs.uk/NHSEngland/Healthcareabroad/EHIC/Pages/about-the-ehic.aspx) or a [Global Health Insurance Card (GHIC)](https://www.nhs.uk/using-the-nhs/healthcare-abroad/apply-for-a-free-ehic-european-health-insurance-card/) as this will allow access to state-provided healthcare in Romania at a reduced cost, or sometimes for free.
	+ Please check requirements for your country. If unsure, Health Insurance is recommended.
* What should we pack? (clothing, weather, cultural considerations, electrical adapters)
	+ At the end of September, Romania enjoys mild, pleasant weather, with daytime temperatures around 20-25°C (68-77°F) that are still warm enough for outdoor activities but get cooler in the evenings. It is a dry month with low chances of strong winds or heavy rain.
	+ Remember we have campfires in the evenings so warm clothing for the chillier nights is advisable.
* Electrical sockets
	+ In Romania, power plugs and sockets (outlets) of type F are used. The standard voltage is 230 V at a frequency of 50 Hz. Anything that fits a German socket will fit a Romanian one.
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**🏨Accommodation & Meals**

* Are accommodations included in the conference fee?
	+ No – please book your accommodation either through the complex or using a site like Booking.com
	+ Camping <https://complexpanicel.ro/camping-rasnov-bran/>
	+ Hotel complex [https://complexpanicel.ro](https://complexpanicel.ro/)
* Are meals provided, and do you accommodate dietary restrictions (allergies, vegetarian, gluten-free, etc.)?
	+ No but there is an excellent restaurant onsite and many supermarkets in the nearby town including a Lidl and a Carrefour
	+ A gluten free restaurant card can be downloaded here <https://www.celiactravel.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/romanian-gluten-free-restaurant-card-2.pdf>
	+ For any other dietary restrictions, we have wonderful locals who will be able to help you translate and make yourself understood. Romania is part of the EU and therefore complies with food labelling of allergens including labelling on menus
* Is safe drinking water available on-site?
	+ Tap water is drinkable but bottled water is widely drunk.

**👨‍👩‍👧‍👦 Family & Children**

* We have plenty of space in the conference hall to play and meet so we will adapt to suit
* You are responsible for your own children at all times

**🎤 Conference Program**

<https://www.homeschooling-europe.com/_files/ugd/27f9cc_718efe703d624f5082c124d890ebbce9.pdf>

🌍 Cultural & Safety Considerations

Remember, if you go wandering off in the woods there are bears.

💰 Costs & RegistrationWhat is included in the registration fee (lodging, meals, excursions)?Are discounts available for children, large families, or early registration?What is the refund policy if plans change?📱 Communication & ConnectivityThere is free wifi onsite

Anyone coming to the conference can join our new Whatsapp group for the conference here

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/GCCEV0JuBQMI7myTDw7Tbj>