

**6 and 7 December 2022**

**AGENDA**

**The digital divide between urban and rural areas**

**Day 0:** 5 December 2022

**Venue:** „Univers T” Hotel Cluj-Napoca

<b>20.00 -</b>	<b>Welcome cocktail</b>
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**Day 1:** 6 December 2022

**Venue:** Jupiter Hall, „Univers T” Hotel / Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86364949043>

**Moderator:** Mr. Mihnea Stoica, political communication expert at „Babeş-Bolyai” University

<b>09.00 - 09.30</b>	<b>Registration</b>
<b>09.30 - 10.00</b>	<p><b>Opening Session</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Welcome address</b> By a representative of the City of Cluj-Napoca</li> <li>• <b>Welcome address</b> By Mr. Zoltan Coraian, head of the Cluj Metropolitan Area Association</li> <li>• <b>EUDIGIT – goals, objectives, and key achievements</b> By Ms Loraine Falconetti, chargée de mission, Mission Relations Internationales, Ville de Marseille</li> </ul>
<b>10.00 – 11.00</b>	<p><b>Panel 1: Digital divide between mainstream urban communities and rural/remote ones</b></p> <p>Based on the results of 6 local workshops, EUDIGIT partner cities of Marseille, Cluj-Napoca, Genoa, Rotterdam, Hamburg, and Varna share examples of how cities are working to bridge the gap between the mainstream population and more remote (geographically, socially or culturally) communities.</p> <p><i>Wrap-up and cross-analysis by Mr. Mihnea Stoica</i></p>
<b>11.00 – 11.30</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>

11.30 – 12.30	<p><b>Panel 2: Bridging the digital gaps – the big picture</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Providing EU-based experience in the digital transformation of Africa and South America</b> By Mr. Daniel Homorodean, CEO Arxia</li> <li>• <b>Bringing free Wi-Fi to Romania: the WiFi4EU program</b> By Mr. Athanasios Kaskamanidis, Project Adviser at HaDEA (European Health and Digital Executive Agency), <i>through video link</i></li> <li>• <b>Deployment and take-up of gigabit and 5G networks</b> By Mr. Franco Accordino, Head of Unit, Investment in High-Capacity Networks, DG Connect, European Commission, <i>through video link</i></li> <li>• <b>No valley too deep, no mountain too high – public policies for bringing fast internet to remote Romanian areas</b> By Mr. Adrian Răulea, secretary of state, Ministry for Investments and European Projects</li> </ul>
12.30 – 13.30	<p><b>Lunch break</b></p>
13.30 - 15.00	<p><b>Panel 2: Bridging the digital gaps – the local colors</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The digital transformation strategy of Cluj-Napoca</b> By Mr. Nicolae Urs, coordinator of the strategy</li> <li>• <b>Electric smart mobility and digitalization for Cluj Metropolitan Area</b> By Mr. Codruț Papina, urban development expert, Urbasofia</li> <li>• <b>The Urban/Rural Hub</b>, a pilot project for the EU By Ms. Oana Buzatu (C-EDU Cluster) or another representative</li> <li>• <b>How to bring internet to remote areas</b> (an introduction to the next day's field trip) By Cristian Gheorghe, Sales Director Telecom, Danubian region, Prysmian Group</li> <li>• <b>Q&amp;A session</b></li> </ul>

**Day 2: 7 December 2022**

09.30 - 12.00	<p><b>Field trip to Petreștii de Jos (departure from Univers T Hotel)</b></p>
12.00 - 13.00	<p><b>Transylvanian Brunch in Petreștii de Jos</b></p>
13.00 - 14.30	<p><b>Visit to Turda Salt Mine</b></p>
15.00 -	<p><b>Eudigit State of Play</b> (Meeting and networking between partners – Klausenburger rooftop restaurant)</p>