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2026 EURO-ATLANTIC FORUM

EUROPEAN DEMOCRACY BETWEEN 2 ELECTORAL CYCLES

27 NOIEMBRIE 2026

Romanian-American University, Bucharest

AGENDA

9:00 – 9:30

REGISTRATION & WELCOME COFFEE

9:30 – 9:45

WELCOME REMARKS

Silvia TĂBUȘCĂ, Director, Center for Human Rights and Migration

Costel NEGRICEA, Rector, Romanian-American University, Bucharest

Lucian BOTEA, Vice-Rector, Romanian-American University, Bucharest

9:45 – 10:30

HIGH-LEVEL OPENING SESSION

10:30 – 10:45

Questions and answers session

Chair: TBD

10:45 – 12:00

PANEL I: DEMOCRACY UNDER PRESSURE

HYBRID THREATS AND VULNERABILITIES OF ELECTORAL PROCESSES

THREATS → ACTORS → TACTICS → VULNERABILITIES

How have hybrid threats to European electoral processes evolved, and which democratic vulnerabilities do they seek to exploit?

12:00 – 12:30

Questions and answers session

Chair: TBD

12:30 – 13:30

Lunch break, RAU Cafeteria

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13:30 – 15:00

PANEL II: FROM VULNERABILITY TO RESILIENCE

LESSONS LEARNED IN SAFEGUARDING DEMOCRACY

LESSONS LEARNED → BEST PRACTICES → INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY → SOCIETAL RESILIENCE

Are European democracies more resilient today than they were 2 years ago? To what extent have the lessons drawn from recent electoral crises been translated into stronger institutional response capacities?

15:00 – 15:30

Questions and answers session

Chair: TBD

15:30 – 16:00

Tea and coffee break

16:00 – 17:30

PANEL III: FROM LESSONS LEARNED TO ACTION

SAFEGUARDING THE RULE OF LAW AND ELECTORAL INTEGRITY TOWARDS 2028

RULE OF LAW SAFEGUARDS → INSTITUTIONAL REFORM → COORDINATED ACTION → ELECTORAL & DEMOCRATIC RESILIENCE 2028

How can we translate the lessons of recent years into a more effective national architecture for safeguarding the rule of law, electoral integrity, and the free formation of democratic will in the lead-up to 2028?

17:30 – 18:00

Questions and Answers Session & Closing Remarks

Chair: TBD

Closing Remarks

Silvia TĂBUȘCĂ, Director, Center for Human Rights and Migration