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### Business Newsletter

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### **VKW Limburg business trip to Bucharest**



VKW Limburg organizes a business trip to Bucharest from Wednesday 7 September until Friday 9 September 2016. The participants are 25 CEO's of mostly large companies in Limburg, Belgium and they will be accompanied by the governor of the province of Limburg, Herman Reynders.

These companies employ more than 30.000 people and cover sectors as: banking, logistics, home care, media, construction and road construction, ICT, production of energy, recruitment and selection: ING Belgium (Antwerp), H.ESSERS (Genk), Luros bvba (Bilzen), Panasonic Energy Belgium nv (Tessenderlo), Concentra nv (Hasselt), VKW (Limburg), Hoogmartens Wegenbouw nv (Opglabbeek), Pieterman Glas en Steentechniek nv (Paal-Beringen), Multimodal Transoorts & Logistics (Gingelom), Mortmans & Partners (Hasselt), Cegeka Groep nv (Hasselt), Vasco Group nv (Dilsen-Stokkem), Steinhoff International (Dilsen-Stokkem), C-Power nv (Oostende), Carglass nv (Hasselt), Infrax (Hasselt), Kreeke wegenbouw nv (Halen), Pro Groep Holding bv (Eersel), VCST Industrial Products bvba (Sint-Truiden), Jamasaki (Hasselt).

The purpose of the business trip is to create business opportunities for Belgian companies in Romania and to achieve this with the experience of H.Essers, Cegeka, VCST and ING Belgium. The program consists of, among others, a meeting between the Belgian Ambassador in Romania with the Romanian CEO's, a visit to H.Essers Romania, a visit to the Parliament, a round table on business opportunities in Romania and a visit to Cegeka.

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### **EIB extends loan to Romania to facilitate absorption of EU funds**



"The European Investment Bank (EIB) and Romania's Public Finance Ministry signed an agreement under which Romania gets a 360 million euro loan to finance the national contribution to growth-oriented investments during the 2014-2020 EU programming period under operational programmes targeting competitiveness, human capital and large-scale infrastructure.

'This EIB loan will co-finance priority public infrastructure projects with a total value of some 7.7 billion euros (...). The Project Advisory Support Service Agreements represent the continuation of the EIB technical assistance underway since 2014. They will enhance the assistance already provided (...) to Romanian authorities, administrations and State enterprises with the objective of preparing high quality projects accelerating the absorption of EU Funds under the current 2014-2020 programming period. (...)' EIB's Popa said.

In her turn, Finance Minister Anca Dragu said that this is the second contract signed with the EIB in less than two months aimed at boosting investment. 'The 360-million-euro loan agreement signed today with EIB partially covers state budget expenditures incurred for supporting EU funded projects for the period 2014-2020 and improves the absorption of European funds dedicated to three operational programmes: Large Infrastructure, Competitiveness and Human Capital. (...)’ Dragu said after the signing of the agreement.

This EIB loan follows on from the (...) 300 million euros loan for environment sector projects under the Large Infrastructure Operational Programme during the 2014-2020 EU programming period, which was signed at the EIB's headquarters in Luxembourg on 16 June 2016.

On the same day, the EIB signed two Project Advisory Support Service Agreements (...). The first Service Agreement provides for assistance to ANAP to establish a national public procurement strategy, part of the fundamental conditionality set by the EU for the 2014-2020 programming period. The second agreement will support project implementation by beneficiaries under the EU's Large Infrastructure Operational Programme (namely the National Roads and Motorways Company, the National Railway Company and water and waste sector beneficiaries, mainly including regional operational companies). The EIB's 'Project Advisory Support' technical assistance programme provides advisory services to the Managing Authorities and beneficiaries of European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF) in Romania under the 2014-2020 EU financial perspective.”

Source: AGERPRES, July 15, 2016

### **WALLONIE BRUXELLES September news**



September 17: ORPHAN SWORDS, an electronic music duo consisting of Yannick Franck and Pierre de Mûelenaere, is invited to perform at the Bucharest Control Club in the electronic music festival SHAPE.

More info: [www.rokolectiv.ro](http://www.rokolectiv.ro)

September 24: The Wallonia-Brussels Delegation will participate in the European Day of Languages, an EUNIC Bucharest Cluster Project, with activities and a presentation stand related to education, culture and gastronomy.

More info: [www.facebook.com/ZiuaLimbilorBucuresti](https://www.facebook.com/ZiuaLimbilorBucuresti)

### **AGLT trainers on Belgian internship for children with disabilities**



In 2009 an international partnership started between the Romanian youth organization AGLT and the Belgian youth organization Kazou. Somepro, the lead promoter of the project and specialized in Belgian-Romanian cooperation, brought both youth organizations together for a common goal and acted as the coach in this partnership.

Kazou has more than 65 years of experience in the coaching of leaders and animation of youngsters with disabilities. Therefore Kazou has ever since educated Romanian leaders while AGLT has given these activities a special name: SPEAS, the abbreviation of Socio - Pedagogical Education and Animation Service.

This cooperation resulted in a mutual learning process with results greater than the initial planned goals of the project. At local level, AGLT-groups included youngsters with disabilities, with its leaders going regularly to specialized institutions in their neighborhood to organize play days for this target group. Every year AGLT-volunteers brings into focus the "International Day of Persons with Disabilities" in public places.

Between August 5-12, two AGLT-trainers will participate as full leaders in a Kazou vacation camp in Bredene (Belgium). Both Romanian leaders will participate as personal coaches for young participants with disabilities while the Kazou-leaders will support both 'trainees' in their task. The new skills acquired by the leaders will be valuable for the development of the Romanian SPEAS-activities.

Since 2009 more than 300 Romanian leaders are trained by AGLT to organize activities for children and youngsters with disabilities. The SPEAS-activities involve children, parents and volunteers alike, all benefiting from these projects. In conclusion, AGLT, member of The Open Network for Community Development, effectively works on the inclusion of a very vulnerable group in the Romanian society.

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### **.....Flash & Agenda.....**

July 4: Belgian Johan Gabriels, former Director General at Carpatica Bank is effective July 4th CEO of Moneycorp. Moneycorp is a UK financial institution which has recently set up a branch in Romania, Bucharest. Info: <http://www.moneycorp.com>\*

July: The Belgian Minister of Foreign Affairs Didier Reynders launches the photo competition "Focus on Belgium", a quest for the most beautiful photos of the country, open for Belgians and non-Belgians alike. Contributions can be sent at: [focusonbelgium@diplobel.fed.be](mailto:focusonbelgium@diplobel.fed.be)\*

September 17-18: Open doors at the Residence of the Ambassador of Romania to Belgium. More info at: [secretariat@roumanieamb.be](mailto:secretariat@roumanieamb.be)\*