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Dear Chairs and National Directors

Forum 2022 - update

Following the letter to all NAOs on 9 September 2021 (copy attached for reference) I am pleased to provide a short update and some further details on our preparations for Forum 2022.

This will be a very important event in our history as it will be the point at which we conclude the process of developing our new strategy for the coming years. The programme will focus on finalising that strategy but also include the opportunity to meet with colleagues, share good practice and meet new and old friends.

The initial information sent in September was provided to help you budget and plan for the event. We recognise that organising foreign travel has become increasingly complex and that budgets are tight so we will continue to provide as much administrative information as we can as early as we can.

You will find below updated details of the visa requirements, processes and costs, and the current COVID requirements for Romania (which of course are subject to change as for all our countries)

Visas

The NAO in Romania have put together a very comprehensive note about the visa process which is attached. A short stay visa for Romania costs 80 Euros. Applications need to be made in person – there is no online option and no option to buy a visa on arrival. For some colleagues this will mean travelling to a Romanian Embassy in a different country, but this information is set out clearly in the attached document. For some countries there are additional requirements and where this is the case the office of the Romanian NAO will be pleased to help you. Invitation letters if required are available on demand from the NAO office.

Please ensure you plan to secure your visa in good time. You can apply for a visa up to three months before your arrival in Romania – so you can apply in early July 2022, and we strongly recommend you allow as much time as possible for this process.

COVID arrangements

COVID arrangements around the world are changing all the time. Currently all visitors to Romania are required to be fully (double) vaccinated and provide official proof of vaccination. This is unlikely to change before October 2022 and you must ensure that you are double vaccinated as part of your planning for the Forum.

Yours sincerely

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