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Event venue: Haus der Wirtschaft, Willi-Bleicher-Straße 19, 70174 Stuttgart, Germany

08:00 – 09:45	<b>Registration</b> Coffee and Networking
	<b>Welcoming &amp; Moderation</b> <b>Sebastian Metz</b> , General Manager & Board Member, German-Romanian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (AHK Romania)
09:45 – 10:00	<b>Opening Remarks</b> <b>Volker Raffel</b> , President, German-Romanian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (AHK Romania) <b>Philipp Haußmann</b> , Deputy Chairperson, German Eastern Business Association <b>Stefan Rouenhoff</b> , Parliamentary State Secretary to the Federal Minister for Economic Affairs and Energy (video message)
10:00 – 10:45	<b>Keynote Speeches</b> <b>Winfried Kretschmann</b> , Minister-President of the State of Baden-Württemberg <b>Oana-Clara Gheorghiu</b> , Deputy Prime Minister of Romania <b>Eugeniu Osmochescu</b> , Vice-Prime Minister of Republic of Moldova & Minister of Economic Development and Digitalization

<p><b>10:45 – 12:00</b></p>	<p>Panel Discussion I - <i><b>Industry &amp; Nearshoring</b></i></p> <p><i><b>Strengthening European Competitiveness &amp; Resilience through Trilateral Cooperation</b></i></p> <p><b>Short Opening/ Keynote speaker</b></p> <p><b>Dr. Nicole Hoffmeister-Kraut</b>, Minister for Economic Affairs, Labour and Tourism of the State of Baden-Württemberg</p> <p><b>Radu Miruță</b>, Romanian Minister of Economy, Digitalization, Entrepreneurship and Tourism</p> <p><b>Eugeniu Osmochescu</b>, Deputy Prime Minister of Republic of Moldova &amp; Minister of Economic Development and Digitalization</p> <p><b>Stefan Brandl</b>, Vice Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, DRÄXLMAIER Group</p> <p><b>Harald Klaiber</b>, Chief Financial Officer, ebm-papst Group</p> <p><b>Dr. Uwe Knotzer</b>, General Partner, Knauf Group</p> <p><b>Moderator: Dino Ebnetter</b>, Country Managing Partner, forvis mazars Romania</p>
<p><b>12:00 – 13:30</b></p>	<p><b>Lunch &amp; Networking</b></p>
<p><b>13:30 – 14:45</b></p>	<p>Panel Discussion II - <i><b>Energy</b></i></p> <p><i><b>European Energy Stability: Effects for the Industry &amp; Green Transformation</b></i></p> <p><b>Dr. Andre Baumann</b>, State Secretary, Ministry for the Environment, Climate Action and the Energy Sector of the State of Baden-Württemberg</p> <p><b>Dorin Junghietu</b>, Minister of Energy of the Republic of Moldova</p> <p><b>Volker Raffel</b>, General Manager, E.ON Romania S.A.</p> <p><b>Dr. Petru Rușeț</b>, Managing Director, Siemens Energy Romania</p> <p><b>Dan Drăgan</b>, General Manager, ROMGAZ Black Sea Limited (tbc)</p> <p><b>Răzvan Copoiu</b>, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, ENEVO Group (tbc)</p> <p><b>Moderator: Sebastian Metz</b>, General Manager &amp; Board Member, German-Romanian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (AHK Romania)</p>
<p><b>14:45 – 15:15</b></p>	<p><b>Coffee Break</b></p>
<p><b>15:15 – 16:30</b></p>	<p>Panel Discussion III</p> <p><i><b>Fit for Growth: Skills, Innovation, R&amp;D and Next-Gen Technologies</b></i></p>

	<p><b>Dragoș Pîslaru</b>, Romanian Minister of Investments and European Projects</p> <p><b>Dan Lăzărescu</b>, Managing Director BOSCH Romania</p> <p><b>Thomas Kunert</b>, Vice President Public Service SAP Middle &amp; Eastern Europe</p> <p><b>Octavian Ichim</b>, Chief Executive Officer, Schwarz IT Hub Romania, a company of Schwarz Digits</p> <p><b>Bogdan Păduraru</b>, Managing Director, Global Delivery for Financial Services Industry AROBS Group</p> <p><b>Gheorghe Ghirjev</b>, Chief Executive Officer, BSW TECH SRL</p> <p><b>Moderator: Alexandra Coșuțiu</b>, Attorney at Law, TPA Romania</p>
<b>16:30 – 17:00</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>
<b>17:00 – 18:00</b>	<p>Panel Discussion IV - <i><b>Defence &amp; Security</b></i></p> <p><i><b>Shaping Regional Security: Economic Impact &amp; Industry Shift</b></i></p> <p><b>Mihai Jurca</b>, Head of the Romanian Prime Minister's Chancellery</p> <p><b>Sergiu Plop</b>, Stare Secretary, Moldovan Ministry of Defence</p> <p><b>Markus Staudt</b>, Director Sales Quantum Systems</p> <p><b>Maurice Lewalter</b>, Head of International Sales for Defence Digital, Airbus Defence and Space Germany</p> <p><b>Stefan Kägebein</b>, Director Eastern &amp; South Eastern Europe, Southern Caucasus / Head of Task Force Ukraine DIHK (German Chamber of Commerce and Industry)</p> <p><b>Moderator: Tudor Grecu</b>, Partner, Head of Advisory KPMG in Romania, Head of Defence, KPMG in CEE</p>
<b>18:00 – 18:15</b>	<p><b>Closing Remarks</b></p> <p><b>Sebastian Metz</b>, General Manager &amp; Board Member, German-Romanian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (AHK Romania)</p> <p><b>Anja Quiring</b>, Regional Director South Eastern Europe, German Eastern Business Association</p> <p><b>End of conference</b></p>

## INFORMATION:

**German companies** have recognized the significant opportunities Romania presents, not only due to its **strong manufacturing sector** but also its **growing potential in research and development (R&D)**. The country's strategic position, competitive costs, and skilled workforce make it an attractive destination for innovation-driven investments, offering a solid foundation for both production and cutting-edge technological advancements.

Recent and long-awaited developments in **transportation infrastructure**, along with substantial **public investments in digital, and green infrastructure**—partly financed by readily available EU funds—are creating new prospects for German businesses and makes the country an ideal destination for businesses looking to relocate operations closer to Europe.

**Sustainable** and **affordable energy, circular economy**, and **food supply** have been key topics recently, presenting new opportunities for cooperation. Romania, with its significant **gas reserves**, well-developed **renewable energy supply chains**, and a growing portfolio of energy projects, is well-positioned to attract investors and strengthen the competitiveness of the European industry. As a **regional leader in energy production and supply**, Romania plays a crucial role in achieving climate neutrality.

**Romania's membership in NATO (since 2004)**, along with a significant role in **regional security**, and the **European Union (since 2007)** provide **a stable and secure framework for investors**. This favorable environment is further reinforced by Romania's accession to the **Schengen Area in 2025**. This development is enhancing the country's connectivity, streamline cross-border trade and mobility, and foster a more secure and reliable environment for investment. Businesses benefit today from seamless access to a broader European market, fostering increased collaboration and growth opportunities for German companies.

Romania's position as an emerging **hub for nearshoring**, accelerated by the actual global geopolitical shifts, has further enhanced it's position as an attractive investment destination.

Furthermore, Romania offers significant business opportunities within the framework of the EU's "Rearm Europe" defense program. This initiative brings increased investment in defense-related sectors and cybersecurity creating new prospects for German companies.

**The Republic of Moldova** presents also a growing and promising landscape for German investment, with strategic opportunities across multiple sectors, including **manufacturing, agriculture, and technology**. The **IT sector** is rapidly expanding, supported by a strong pool of young, tech-savvy professionals and government initiatives to foster innovation and digital transformation.

Beyond its agricultural strength, Moldova also holds significant promise in the renewable energy sector, particularly in biomass energy. Agricultural waste plays an important role in the production of biomass, which is increasingly being used for energy generation. Biomass not only provides a renewable source of energy but also supports the circular economy by transforming waste into valuable resources, creating a more sustainable and energy-efficient future both for Romania and the Republic of Moldova.

As the country continues to build closer ties with the European Union, the opportunities for international partnerships and growth in Moldova are expanding.

**Join us in this mission! Strengthening Partnerships – Turning Challenges into Opportunities.**



## Objectives

- Addressing opportunities and promising cooperation areas;
- Consolidating the dialog and strengthening the cooperation
- Increasing the German footprint and the share of high gross value-added activities of German companies in Romania and the Rep. of Moldova

## Target actors and audience

- High ranking Government representatives from Germany, Romania and Rep. of Moldova
- German, Romanian and Moldavian companies looking for new investment projects and locations, interested in sustainable business partnerships and new export markets

**Format:** Keynote speeches and moderated panel discussions, good room for networking

**Conference language:** English/ German, with simultaneous translation Romanian

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