

# Sustainability Travel Grant

Dear attendees,

As we all face climate change and its' negative affect on our planet, ESPID is calling everyone to take action and join the efforts for a positive impact and more sustainable future.

As you know, you can reach Bucharest by more sustainable public transportation like buses and trains, and even sharing a car, but we all can and should do more.

The carbon emissions from travel by flying comprise the highest part of the event Carbon footprint and the goal of our Sustainability strategy is to do the utmost to reduce it by prompting other more eco-friendly options.

We invite you to say **No** to flights when travelling to Bucharest and say **Yes** to a more sustainable transportation – buses or trains, this way you will maximize your positive contribution:

- Your Carbon footprint will be significantly lower, and could reach up to 86% fewer greenhouse emissions
- This will significantly reduce the air pollution that has a direct impact on public health.
- Buses and trains are more affordable and this way you will contribute to the communities equity.

We are happy to advise that ESPID gives a high priority to sustainable travel and will support financially those who will choose to arrive to Bucharest by sustainable transportation (by car, bus or train).

## Sustainability Grant rules:

Sustainability grant will be given to the first 20 people that go to the registration desk with proof of their travel.

The grant includes **20% discount for the registration** and **full transportation coverage to Bucharest**. Please save the receipt for your return travel!

## #GreenESPID

For the first time in ESPID history we are offering **full registration fee** and **travel to Bucharest reimbursement** to **3** lucky attendees that share their travel experience!

### Rules:

- Participants must post a picture/video of their travel using the hashtag #GreenESPID
- In the post description, share the following:
  1. ☐ What inspired you to choose a more sustainable way to travel to ESPID 2025 in Bucharest?
  2. ☐ How did you travel and what made the journey meaningful or unique?
  3. ☐ What advice would you give others considering a more sustainable trip to a conference?
- **No** temporary post; meaning stories or temporary reels
- Travel options: **car, bus or train**

*Invite your peers and colleagues to join you when travelling by bus or trains to Bucharest and we will see you all at a sustainable ESPID 2025!*

## Travel Options

### By Car

People can drive to Bucharest from the following countries:

- **Bulgaria** – Direct access via Giurgiu-Ruse border

crossing.

- **Serbia** – Via the Moravița or Jimbolia border crossings.
- **Hungary** – Via the Nădlac or Borș border crossings.
- **Moldova** – Via the Albita or Sculeni border crossings.
- **Ukraine** – Depending on the situation at the border, via the Halmeu or Siret border crossings.

## By Bus

There are international bus connections to Bucharest from:

- **Bulgaria** – Sofia, Varna, Ruse, Plovdiv
- **Serbia** – Belgrade
- **Hungary** – Budapest
- **Moldova** – Chișinău
- **Greece** – Athens, Thessaloniki
- **Turkey** – Istanbul
- **Germany** – Several major cities (long-distance buses)

## By Train

Several international train routes connect to Bucharest:

- **Hungary** – Direct trains from **Budapest** (Dacia Express).
- **Bulgaria** – Trains from **Sofia** and **Ruse**.
- **Serbia** – Trains used to run from **Belgrade**, but service may be limited.
- **Moldova** – Trains from **Chișinău** (overnight sleeper trains).
- **Austria** – Direct train from **Vienna** (Nightjet service via Budapest).