



TRANSNATIONAL STUDY VISIT AGENDA

Date: 19-20 May 2026

Location: IASI, Romania



1 DIGIT-ABLE Transnational Visit to Romania (Iași | 19–20 May 2026)

The DIGIT-ABLE Transnational Activity in Romania brings together learning, exchange, and hands-on experience, combining:

- a [Transnational Peer-Learning Seminar](#), organised within the [European Social Economy Conference *Enterprising for Tomorrow*](#) (19 May 2026), and
- **study visits** to the social enterprises of the [ADV Romania Group](#) and to the [Digital Innovation Zone](#), offering direct exposure to inclusive digital and social economy practices (20 May 2026).

1.1 Financial support

- Participation is supported through a **lump-sum grant of up to €430 per organisation**, depending on the distance travelled. The grant is awarded to the **organisation (not to individuals)** and may cover the participation of **multiple staff members**.
- 📅 **Deadline to apply for financial support: 27 February 2026**

1.2 Registration and practical information

- Details on the financial support **for the DIGIT-ABLE Transnational Activity** are available via this [link](#).
- The registration for **DIGIT-ABLE Transnational Activity** should be made [here](#). **This Call for Application (including financial support) is open until 27 February 2026 23:59 CET** and has destined 20.100,00 EUR for supporting eligible organisations to take part in the DIGIT-ABLE Activity programme in Romania. The project offers up to **430 EUR** per organisation (meaning, at least 45 organisations could be supported).
- **Conference registration** for 19 May should be done separately via this [link](#). Participation in the conference is **free**. The organisers will provide **coffee breaks, lunch, and dinner** as part of the conference programme.

- To facilitate participation, a **preferential accommodation rate** has been negotiated at **Hotel Unirea, Iași**. Booking and payment can be made via this [link](#). 💡 **Recommendation:** If you apply for DIGIT-ABLE financial support, we strongly recommend selecting the **3-night accommodation option (18–21 May 2026)** to ensure full participation in all planned activities.

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(DATE / HOURS)	TOPIC	LOCATION	PRACTICAL INFO
18 May	Arrival in Iași	Hotel Unirea Iași (preferential accommodation rate).	Booking and payment can be made via this link .
19 May 9.00 a.m – 9 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 08:00–09:00 – Participant Registration 09:00–16:30 – European Social Economy Conference “Enterprising for Tomorrow” 17:00–19:00 – Social Enterprise Accelerator Awards Gala 19:00–22:30 – Business Networking Event All day – Buy Social Expo 	Agora CENTER Iasi Nicolina Street, No. 115, Iași	<p>For those interested, ADV will provide several shuttle buses departing from the parking area in front of the Palace of Culture in Iași, located at Piata Stefan cel Mare și Sfânt no. 1, Iasi.</p> <p>Location website: www.palatulculturii.ro</p> <p>The shuttle schedule is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Departure to Agora Events Centre: 7:30 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. Return to the Palace of Culture: 8:00 p.m. and 10:30 p.m.
20 May	Study Visit to ADV Romania Social Enterprises and Digital Innovation Zone		

9.30	<p>📍 Meeting point: Hotel Unirea</p>	Piata Unirea No. 5, Iasi	Departure from the hotel (transport provided)
10.00 – 12.00	Visit to ADV Romania Group Social Enterprises	<p>📍 Str. Bazinelor nr. 5, Uricani village, Miroslava commune, Iasi County</p>	<p>Participants will explore a unique ecosystem of social enterprises, learning first-hand how social impact, sustainability, and economic activity are integrated.</p> <p>See below the presentation of the 6 social enterprises that are part of the ADV group.</p>
12.00-13.00	Lunch	ADV Group office	Lunch provided by Summasana — a social enterprise from the Accelerator program run by ADV Romania.
13.00 – 13.30	Transfer to Digital Innovation Zone		Transport provided
13.30 – 16.00	Visit to Digital Innovation Zone	The exact address will be provided closer to the event. The organisation is planning to relocate its headquarters in the near future.	<p>📍 Digital Innovation Zone is a European Digital Innovation Hub (eDIH) based in Iasi, supporting digital transformation and innovation across sectors. The DIZ ecosystem provides expertise in technology adoption, digital skills development, access to finance, and collaboration opportunities for SMEs, social enterprises, public institutions, and startups.</p> <p>Participants will learn how digital tools and innovation processes drive impact and create opportunities for growth.</p>

2.1 ADV GROUP SOCIAL ENTERPRISES

2.1.1 ADV Romania Foundation

ADV Romania Foundation is the hub and driving force of a connected network of social enterprises promoting social economy and inclusion across Romania and beyond. Established in 2002, it combines social services, vocational training, entrepreneurship support, research, and advocacy to create sustainable pathways for vulnerable groups, especially people with disabilities. Over time, ADV Romania played a key role in shaping the Social Economy Law in Romania, contributed to policy frameworks, and developed an ecosystem of social enterprises and support mechanisms.

2.1.2 Utildeco Group

UtilDeco Group is a **work integration social enterprise and authorized protected unit** focused on meaningful employment for people with disabilities and other vulnerable groups. The enterprise produces work equipment from textiles (including personalization), provides document archiving and storage services, runs a digital printing service, and operates a [specialty coffee roastery](#). More than 50% of the workforce comes from vulnerable populations, and all economic activity is reinvested into social mission goals.

2.1.3 WISE Travel

WISE Travel is a social enterprise and tourism broker that promotes **responsible and sustainable tourism**. It provides travel and corporate travel services while reinvesting 100 % of its profits into community development projects and broader social objectives. By linking tourism services with social impact, WISE Travel supports local communities and contributes to a more inclusive tourism economy. ([Alături de Voi](#))

2.1.4 JobDirect

JobDirect is a specialized **HR and employment agency dedicated to people with disabilities** and vulnerable jobseekers. It offers comprehensive services including assessment, career guidance, counselling, job placement, and workplace coaching. JobDirect helps employers meet legal requirements for inclusive hiring while supporting candidates to find sustainable employment opportunities.

2.1.5 [AFIN IFN SA](#)

AFIN IFN is the **first non-bank financial institution in Romania dedicated to social enterprises**. As an authorized social enterprise, it provides tailored financing solutions (credits for working capital and investment) to social businesses that may not qualify for traditional bank loans. In its first years of operation, AFIN IFN has supported over 100 loans totaling more than €2 million, enabling growth and sustainability for social enterprises.

2.1.6 [Social Finance Association \(SFA\)](#)

SFA complements the financial ecosystem by providing **financial education, mentoring, and support mechanisms** for social enterprises accessing social investment. It helps strengthen business models, enhance financial resilience, and expand the reach and impact of social businesses.