

RULES OF PARTICIPATION AND ACCESS

Bucharest Christmas Fair

17th edition

Constitution Square

29th November – 26th December 2024

I. General Information

1.1. The purpose of the "Rules of Participation", hereinafter referred to as *the Rules*, is to define the terms and conditions of participation at the "Bucharest Christmas Fair", hereinafter referred to as *the event*.

1.2. The event is organized by the City Hall of Bucharest through CREART - Centre for Creation Art and Tradition of Bucharest.

1.3. The event takes place in Constitution Square and on Bd. Libertatii, the section between Bd. Natiunile Unite and Calea 13 Septembrie. The event area is marked and hereinafter referred to as the *event venue*.

1.4. These rules apply to all persons who want to participate in the event.

1.5. Access to the event is allowed only to persons who comply with these rules. In case of non-compliance, the organizer reserves the right to deny access to the event or, where appropriate, to request that the venue be vacated.

1.6. These Rules will be displayed in summary near the entrances to the event, but may be consulted in full on the website www.creart.ro and by scanning the QR code displayed near the event entrances.

1.7. The Organiser reserves the right to modify unilaterally the content of these Rules without prior notice, and the modifications shall enter into force from the date of publication on the website www.creart.ro.

1.8. By entering the event space, participants accept that they have read in full and understood the content of the Rules and Regulations and are bound by them.

II. Definitions

For the purposes of these Rules, the terms used have the following meaning:

2.1. The **Bucharest Christmas Fair** is a cultural event organized outdoors in compliance with the applicable legislation, consisting of the placement of logistical components, props, decorations and other light installations, specific for a winter holiday fair, artistic performances and / or other recreational activities for a fee or free. The event takes place in a designated area of the Constitution Square and on Bd. Libertății, the segment between Bd. Natiunile Unite and Calea 13 Septembrie.

2.2. Participant in the event means any person who meets the conditions of access to the event set out in these Rules.

2.3. Unauthorized person to participate in the event means any person who does not meet the conditions for access to the event. A participant is considered a person unauthorized to participate in the event even if the participant is already in the event space but does not follow the rules of this regulation.

2.4. Event period means the period of time between the official opening of the event, i.e. 29 November 2024 at 5pm and the closing of the event, i.e. 26 December 2024 at 10pm, in which the participants and the authorized persons have access, only during the event hours, subject to compliance with these Rules.

2.5. The event hours means the time slots for the days during the event when the event is open to the public for participation. The programme of the event is as follows:

- a. Friday 29th of November 2024, from 5pm to 10pm;

- b. From Monday to Friday (including the 24th, 25th and 26th of December 2024) from 12pm to 10pm;
- c. On Saturdays and Sundays (including 30th of November and 1st of December 2024) from 10am to 10pm.

2.5.1. Outside the event hours, visitors are strictly forbidden to enter the event venue, except for persons authorised by Organiser/CREART and subject to the conditions set by CREART.

2.5.2. The Organiser may decide to change the opening hours of the event, which will be communicated as soon as possible through its communication channels.

III. Access to the event

3.1. Admission to the event is free.

3.2. Access is authorized only through specially designated areas and subject to the available capacity.

3.3. Access will not be allowed to:

- Persons under the influence of alcohol and/or other substances, as well as those whose behavior disturbs public order and peace (including, but not limited to, damaging, slandering, insulting the staff at the access points, displaying inappropriate behavior that affects the event's atmosphere and the participants' experience, etc.);
- Persons carrying items listed in Chapters IV and VI below;
- Persons who refuse security checks;
- Persons suspected of endangering other participants or the proper conduct of the event;
- Persons attempting to enter before others who arrived earlier, ignoring their presence.

3.4. Persons who want to enter the event area must use the access lanes created by the Organiser and to comply with the Organiser's instructions, the security company or the police.

3.5. The access to the event venue will be through the gates provided by the Organiser: Access gate from the Ministry of Finance, Access gate near the pedestrian crossing connecting Constitution Square and the sidewalk to INS, Access gate from the Public Prosecutor's Office of the Judicial and Criminal Court, Access gate from the Ministry of Environment.

3.6. If there is a large public gathering and the access through the gates mentioned in Art. 3.5 is difficult and the safety of participants is at risk, the public access shall be via Bd. Libertatii.

3.7. The access of the participants to the event is allowed only during the hours established by the Organizer through the event program, i.e. on Mondays to Fridays, between

12pm - 10pm (including the 24th, 25th and 26th of December 2024), and on Saturdays and Sundays between 10.00am – 10pm (including 30th of November and 1st of December 2024)

3.8. The Organizer recommends that people who want to participate in the event do not carry a bag with them when entering the event that is larger than an A4 sheet (~30 x 20 cm).

3.9. Participants may be subject to a security check, and their luggage (purses, backpacks, bags, packages larger than 30cm x 20 cm) will be checked by the authorised security staff.

3.10. The Organizer reserves the right to refuse access to the event to persons who refuse to have their luggage checked and to persons who are suspected of endangering other participants or the smooth running of the event.

3.11. Access to the event will be on a first-come, first-served basis, depending on the capacity of the venue.

3.12. The Organiser reserves the right to temporarily restrict access to the event when the capacity of the venue is reached or whenever the Organiser deems it necessary for the safety of the participants, and no guarantee is given as to the duration of the waiting time.

3.13. People with disabilities, people with small children in pushchairs and pregnant people with a companion do not have to wait in queues. They will have priority to enter the event before other people in the queue. Persons with disabilities will have access (on a specially designed platform for them) to the event, provided they are accompanied by a person, in accordance with legal provisions.

3.14. Participation in the event is at the participant's own risk ensuring that they are physically and mentally fit when exposed to the following situations/activities:

- presence in possible crowded areas with loud noises, visual or audio special effects;
- recreational and leisure activities with risk of injury.

3.15. Children under the age of 14 are allowed access to the event area only if accompanied by at least one adult (parent, grandparent, close relative, guardian, etc.), who will be directly responsible for the safety and behaviour of the minor. Minors over the age of 14 must provide proof of age with a valid ID in order to be granted access unaccompanied.

The parents of minors/guardian/legal guardian are solely responsible for the risks to which the minors/persons they legally accompany are exposed by participating in the event and engaging in activities that may result in injury to health and bodily integrity or their death as well as any damage caused.

IV. Participants are not allowed to bring the following items into the event venue:

4.1. alcoholic beverages, glass containers;

4.2. bicycles, scooters, longboards, skateboards, rollerblades, roller skates, segways, unicycles, hover boards, sleds, skis, snowboards;

- 4.3. flyers, samples and other promotional products for distribution at the event;
- 4.4. tear-inducing or paralytic substances (toxic, flammable or explosive materials, stun sprays, graffiti/paint sprays);
- 4.5. lasers, banners, flags, bugles, vuvuzelas;
- 4.6. fireworks, firecrackers and other pyrotechnic articles;
- 4.7. weapons, knives, chains or any other blunt objects/bladed weapons, prohibited substances, drugs;
- 4.8. toys that can be controlled by remote control (e.g. Cars);
- 4.9. drones or other products and equipment that can be lifted above the participants.
- 4.10. Banners with any kind of inscriptions (whether political or of any other nature), flags of any kind;
- 4.11. Flyers, brochures, samples, or other promotional products brought for the purpose of distribution at the event.

V. Information and Recommendations

- 5.1. In front of the stage, the noise can be much higher than the level the little ones can bear, so the Organizer recommends using special headphones to protect children's hearing.
- 5.2. Stage shows include bright lights that can affect people with epilepsy.
- 5.3. For situations requiring medical assistance, the event provides emergency interventions with dedicated medical teams on site.
- 5.4. The position of the medical teams in the event is marked with a flag/banner inscribed with "First Aid" and the international symbol for first aid point. This will make it easier for medical teams to spot the event area.
- 5.5. If a participant requires medical assistance, he/she is requested, if his/her health permits, to go to the first aid point or to notify any representative of the security company, the organiser or the police.

5.6. Persons accompanied by children who find their children missing from the event are asked to immediately notify a security guard or law enforcement representative.

5.7. Due to the large number of participants and the weather conditions, the Organiser recommends that participants pay attention to the logistical elements protecting the electrical cables and the existing pavement in the event area when entering and inside the event area in order to avoid slipping or getting injured.

5.8. Hot food products are sold at the events which participants can injure themselves with if they are careless. The organizer recommends proper handling of these products in order to avoid possible injuries (e.g. Burns). The organiser does not recommend that participants consume hot products while on the move.

5.9. For safety reasons, the organizer recommends participants not to ride bicycles, scooters, etc. in the vicinity of the event, namely on Bd. Unirii, the road segment between Splaiul Independenței and Constituției Square, respectively on Bd. Libertății, the road segment between Calea 13 Septembrie and Bd. Natiunile Unite, and on their sidewalks.

5.10. The organizer will ensure that all necessary measures are taken to prevent any incidents during the event that could affect or endanger the safety of the participants. The organizer recommends that participants locate the nearest emergency exit to them, even though the likelihood of an incident occurring is very low.

5.11. The public's exit from the event venue is to be carried out through the access gates specified in art. 3.5.

5.11.1. In the event that road traffic is restricted on Bd. Unirii, respectively on Bd. Libertății:

- The public using the exit gates located in the middle of the Market Square's sections, specifically the access/exit gate near the Public Prosecutor's Office of the Judicial and Criminal Court (ÎCCJ) and the access/exit gate near the Ministry of Finance, will be directed towards Bd. Unirii, at the pedestrian crossing near the

clock area, with direct exit from Piața Constituției to the sidewalk by the Ministries being prohibited.

- The public using the exit gates located at the corners of Piața Constituției, namely the exit gate near the pedestrian crossing connecting Piața Constituției with the sidewalk towards the National Institute of Statistics (INS), and the exit gate near the Ministry of Environment, will be directed towards Bd. Libertății (where road traffic is restricted), with direct exit from Piața Constituției to the sidewalk by the Ministries being prohibited.
- The organizer will create additional exits from Piața Constituției towards Bd. Libertății, allowing the public to move towards exits on Bd. Libertății, both towards Calea 13 Septembrie and Parcul Izvor.

VI. Obligations of the participants in the event area

6.1. Throughout the event, participants are required to behave in a manner that does not affect the safety, rights, integrity of other participants, the experience of the participants and the atmosphere of the event.

6.2. To exit the event, participants are required to use the exit gates only.

6.3. The parking of participants at the exit gates is prohibited, as well as the blocking of naturally occurring exit flows near the exit gates.

6.4. The organiser and the security company may ask participants not to stand at the exit gates or block the exit flow.

6.5. The organiser reserves the right to evacuate from the event, in compliance with legal provisions, participants who do not adhere to the obligations outlined in this regulation. Participants are required to immediately leave the event venue when instructed by representatives of the organiser, their authorized agents/security personnel, gendarmes, or police officers.

6.6. Participants are required to adhere strictly to the event's operating schedule.

6.7. Participants are required to leave the event area within 20 minutes of the end of the event.

6.8. Participants are required to comply with the regulations for the activities in which they wish to participate (e.g. Carousel, Theme Train, Ferris Wheel, Santa's House, Elves' Workshop).

6.9. Participants are obliged to notify the Organiser or the security and safety agents of any irregularities experienced during their participation in the event.

6.10. Due to the large number of participants and the weather conditions, participants are required to pay attention at the entrance to the event and inside the event area to the logistical elements protecting the electrical cables and the existing pavement in the event area in order to avoid slipping or getting injured.

6.11. Participants are required to notify the Organiser, the security company or law enforcement if they find that another participant needs medical assistance.

6.12. It is forbidden to sell products and distribute promotional materials or any other form of advertising in the event venue or in the vicinity of the entrance and exit gates, without the prior written consent from the Organiser.

6.13. The organizer supports the promotion of traditional customs and traditions, but for safety reasons, spontaneous carolling or other artistic activities are forbidden without the written consent of the organizer and the prior agreement with the organizer and the prior establishing of the details of the place, date and time of the activity.

6.14. The Organiser has the right to immediately stop spontaneous artistic and other activities, carried out individually/collectively, which may endanger the safety of the initiators or other participants, for which the Organiser has not given its prior written consent.

6.15. Any form of advertising and promotion specific to electoral campaigns is prohibited within the event venue (and in its immediate vicinity), including but not limited to the following:

- Distribution of promotional materials, flyers, etc.;
- Wearing clothing items that contain political messages or references to politics;
- Displaying messages that contain political content or political references;
- Chanting political messages or messages with political references;
- Organizing or ad-hoc conducting public discussions, whether by public figures or not, aimed at conveying political messages and attracting participants to these discussions;
- Engaging in any activity that directly or indirectly aims to convey political messages;
- Distribution of publications or other propaganda and political culture materials;
- Sale of tickets, participation fees, or similar for cultural, sporting events, as well as for meetings and seminars with political, economic, or social themes;
- Sale of printed materials bearing the symbols of any political party;
- Audio or video electoral propaganda materials broadcast by audiovisual media and/or online.

6.16. The organizer reserves the right to request that participants leave the event venue and take necessary measures in accordance with legal provisions, for participants who do not comply with the provisions of the current set of *Rules*.

6.17. Participants are required to supervise their personal belongings throughout their participation in the event. The Organizer is not responsible for the loss, destruction, or theft of these belongings.

Sale of alcoholic beverages and energy drinks

6.18. The sale or free distribution of alcoholic beverages to individuals under the age of 18 is prohibited by law. Additionally, the following are also prohibited:

- The sale or free distribution, including through vending machines, of energy drinks to minors by establishments authorized to sell energy drinks;
- The sale of all types of products containing tobacco, electronic cigarettes, refill bottles for electronic cigarettes, electronic devices for heating tobacco, products for inhalation without combustion from tobacco substitutes, nicotine pouches for oral use, and products for inhalation without combustion from tobacco substitutes to individuals under the age of 18. To verify the age of individuals purchasing these products, sellers may request an identification document.

To verify the age of buyers and consumers requesting the sale or service of alcoholic beverages, energy drinks, and/or tobacco products and related items, sellers in commercial establishments are required to check the consumers' identification documents. Furthermore, during the local referendum in Bucharest, parliamentary, and presidential elections, the legal provisions regarding the sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages must be respected.

Cleaning

6.19. In order to keep the event area clean, please dispose of garbage and household waste in the bins provided on site.

Pets

6.20. Dogs are allowed in the event, but must be kept on a leash, and large dogs and/or dogs of a breed that is legally dangerous must be muzzled (owners are solely responsible for the actions of their animals).

6.21. Participants who choose to bring their pets are required to keep the dogs clean, otherwise penalties will be applied according to the law.

6.22. However, the organizer recommends that participants do not bring pets to the event, as a large crowd is expected, and the noise level may exceed what pets can comfortably tolerate.

Photo/Video

6.23. During the event, the Organiser and the accredited press have the right to record/photograph the event. By attending the event, members of the public give their consent to appear in the photographs and recordings taken and their subsequent use by the Organiser for non-commercial purposes.

By attending the event, participants/spectators unequivocally declare that they allow the Organizer to use the photo and video images taken throughout the duration of the event. The Organizer declares that these images will not be used for any purposes other than promoting the event, its related activities, sponsors, and written/video/online media, in compliance with Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council regarding the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data and the free movement of such data.

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For any information regarding personal data protection or if you report irregularities concerning compliance with the General Data Protection Regulation, please send a message to the institution's Data Protection Officer (DPO) at the following email addresses: office@creart.ro and juridic@creart.ro

The Organizer is not responsible for any of the following:

- Theft, loss, or destruction of personal belongings of participants;
- Damages caused to participants in the event venue as a result of force majeure events.

Thank you for your understanding!

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