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# MANCHESTER BUSINESS FORUM

**February 4th, 2026**

*Consulate General of Romania in Manchester, Abbey House, First Floor, 32 Booth Street, Manchester, M24AB*

The objective of the Business Forum is to provide valuable support to Romanian companies looking to expand their operations in **Greater Manchester City Region and the North West of UK**. We offer opportunities for collaboration and growth by connecting them with potential partners, including members of the local Chambers of Commerce. Additionally, we aim to attract investors from UK to explore business opportunities in Romania, including financing options provided through the National Recovery and Resilience Plan (NRRP). This event aims to foster cross-border business relationships, offering a platform for knowledge-sharing, networking, and investment. This exclusive mission brings together industry leaders from both Romania and the UK to forge lasting business relationships and unlock strategic opportunities across vital sectors: **Digitalization/AI/New Tech & Green Energy**.

## **Agenda:**

- 10:00-10:05 – Introductory message Consul General of Romania - **Nicoleta Teodorovici**
- 10.05-10.10 – Introductory message British Romanian Chamber of Commerce Vice Chairman and Board Member - **Marius Mocian**

### Panel I - Comprehensive presentation from:

- 10.10-10.25 - **David Hilton** – Business Development Director, Manchester Investment and Development Agency Service (MIDAS)
- 10.25-10.40 - **Joseph Beaden** – Head of Inward Investment – Creative, Digital & Technology, Manchester Investment and Development Agency Service (MIDAS)
- 10.40-10.50 - **Amy Swindells** – Head of International Trade, Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce (GMCC)
- 10.50-11.05 - **Matt Robinson** – Head of Programme – Nations and Regions, Tech UK
- 11.05-11.20 - **Cllr. Nick Small** – Liverpool City Council's Cabinet Member for Growth & Economy
- 11.20-11.30 – Q&A

### Panel II - Business & Funding Opportunities in Romania

- 11.30-12.30 - **Mrs. Ivona Batali**, the Director General of the Ministry of Investments and European Funds (MIPE) + Q&A

### Panel III - General Information, Q&A about opening a company, Funding, Start-up, Business Accelerator

- 12.30-12.45 - **Ben Davies** – Marketing Director, PRAETURA Investment Fund
- 12.45-13.00 - **Amer Gaffar** – Director of Industrial Strategy, Manchester Metropolitan University
- 13.00-13.15 - **Andrei Porumb** – Associate Professor (Reader) of Accounting at Alliance Manchester Business School & Director of the Centre for the Analysis of Investment Risk
- 13.15-13.30 - **Nick Shepherd** – Business Development & Strategic Partnerships Leader, Greater Manchester Business Growth Hub
- 13.30-13.45 – Q&A

### Panel IV - Companies Presentation

- 13.45-14.00 - **Cosmin Porumb**, Vice President Cluj IT Cluster, Companies Presentation: “Cluj IT as a Catalyst for Digital Transformation”
- 14.00-16.00 – Lunch, Networking & 1:1 Meetings with Consulate General of Romania in Manchester and Embassy of Romania in UK and B2B introductions with UK companies present at the event

### For delegates only:

- 16:00-16:30 – Transfer to City Group
- 16:30-18.00 Pre-arranged visit at Manchester City Football Club, meeting **Ferran Soriano**, CEO of Manchester City and City Football Group (CFG) and former Vice-Chairman and CEO at FC Barcelona (2003-2008)
- 20:00-Complimentary tickets for the *Manchester City – Newcastle United, 2025-26 English Carabao Cup, Semifinals*

(!) Kindly be advised that the agenda is subject to change.



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# *Delegation details*

## **COSTS**

### **Participation Fee**

The delegation fee is EUR 250 (VAT included)

*\*Kindly note that the participation fee is non-refundable*

## **BENEFITS OF BEING A DELEGATE**

Access to the conference sessions

1:1 Meetings with Consulate General of Romania in Manchester and Embassy of Romania in UK

B2B introductions with UK companies

Inclusion in official delegate booklet and press-release

Pre-arranged company visit at City Football Group-Manchester City Football Club

Evening Meetup – Informal Networking

Post-event follow-up & matchmaking

## **TRAVEL & ACCOMMODATION**

We encourage delegates to arrange their own travel and accommodation.

## **VISA REQUIREMENTS**

Please ensure you verify current UK visa requirements applicable to your nationality. Delegates are responsible for securing any necessary travel documentation in a timely manner.

## **CONTACT BRCC**

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