



## **Invitation to join The *New Europe College* Friends and Supporters Association**

Subject: An Invitation to Become a Member of the *New Europe College* Friends and Supporters Association,  
Bucharest, Romania

Dear Madam,

Dear Sir,

In 1994 philosopher and art historian Andrei Pleșu founded **New Europe College** (NEC) in Bucharest. This institution, functioning within the framework of the “New Europe Foundation”, is the first and only independent institute for advanced study in Romania.

NEC grants one or two semester Fellowships to young researchers and scholars (Fellows) and supports them in their scientific work by offering high-quality academic facilities. Since its inception, NEC has stood out as a leading institution in promoting innovative research in the humanities and social sciences. Over the years, the Institute has contributed significantly in setting the grounds for a national and regional scientific network, in a stimulating and creative environment. In this respect, the building of the Institute, the use of which is due to the generosity of the Swiss Confederation, has played a substantial role. Ever since its founding, the Institute's activity has been possible thanks to a consortium of public and private funders from several countries, especially from Switzerland, Germany, Austria and Romania. This consortium ensures the existence of an excellent working infrastructure (library, IT technology, offices and administrative spaces) and enables its staff to organize a rich and diverse scientific program.

Distinguished intellectuals close to NEC together with a group of *Alumni* and Friends find it appropriate to set up an Association bringing together persons interested in supporting the activities of the Institute.

Since you are familiar with NEC and aware of its relevance, we present to you the proposal below:

**We warmly invite you to join the *New Europe College* Friends and Supporters Association in Bucharest in order to offer your support for the continuing existence of this highly valued institution as a:**

- “Friend”
- “Supporter”
- “Alumna/Alumnus”

**In the form attached you will find different options for supporting the Institute. You can, of course, support NEC's goals without necessarily being a member of the Association, through private donations.**

The aim of the Association is to promote as efficiently as possible *New Europe College* in Romania and worldwide, to support its infrastructure and its intellectual activity, to strengthen the solidarity amongst *Alumni* and to foster lasting relationships between the Institute and its Friends and Supporters. The first General Meeting of the Members will be held on **Friday, November 17, 2017**, from 15h00 till 17h00, at the *New Europe College* (21, Plantelor street), in Bucharest. During the meeting the members will agree upon the Association's statute and leadership.

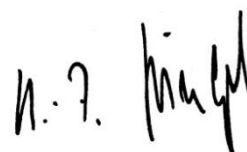
We, the Members of the Founding Committee, who have been involved intensively in the Institute's activity since its inception, would greatly appreciate your support of our initiative by joining the Association, in thus showing your appreciation for the *New Europe College*.



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