

### Program CONNECT 2025: Towards the European Research Area

time/day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
09:00-09:30	Registration	Address by Dragan Jurkovic, Mayor of Neum			
09:30-10:30	Prof. Marcus Bleicher (Frankfurt): Introduction/getting to know each other	Kajs Hadzic, MSc. (BH Future Foundation): Communicating your Science	Dr. Ena Melvan (Split): From Science to Industry	Student talk: tbd	Prof. Dragana Šnjegota (Banja Luka): CONNECTed for Nature: Funding the Future
10:30-11:30	Prof. Marcus Bleicher (Frankfurt): The idea of ERA and CONNECT 25	Dr. Darko Donevski (Warsaw): Proposal writing workshop	Dr. Vogel (Science Birds GmbH): SciCom: Selling your Ideas to politics and funding agencies	Prof. Nihal Buyukcizmeci (Konya): Connecting to ERA: A perspective from Türkiye	Ajla Nurkanovic, PhD Stud. (Kaiserslautern/Tuzla): Gender and Science in the WB
11:30-12:00	Coffee Break	Coffee Break	Coffee Break	Coffee Break	Coffee Break
12:00-13:00	Dr. Rifat Omerovic (Tuzla): Open Science	Hands-on (Organizer: Dr. D. Donevski, K. Hadzic): Funding and communicating your ideas in ERA	Dr. C. Sturm (GSI Helmholtz Center): Working at the international FAIR facility - experiences, opportunities	Dr. Gergely Barnaföldi (Budapest): Experiences with the ERA: Twinning, Widening, COST	World Cafe (Organizer: A. Nurkanovic): Gender and Science
13:00-15:00	Lunch break	Lunch break	Excursion	Lunch break	Lunch break
15:00-15:30	(PhD) Student talk: Ajla Nurkanovic, Goran Stanic: CONNECT & path from the Balkans toward the EU	(PhD) Student talk: Goran Stanic (DKFZ Heidelberg/Novi Sad): AI in science		Student talk: tbd	Dr. Sanja Damjanovic (GSI, former Minister of Science of Montenegro): The Need for Pan- European Research Infrastructures in the Western Balkans: The SEEIIST Opportunity
15:30-16:30	World Cafe (Organizer: Prof. M. Bleicher): ERA: Hopes, Opportunities, Challenges	Prof. Stevan Armakovic (Novi Sad): Digital transition and the impact of AI		Prof. Stefan Nikolic (Novi Sad): Returning to the Balkans: Challenges and Opportunities	Summary presentation of the World Cafe discussion by students
16:30-17:00	Coffee Break	Coffee Break		Coffee Break	Coffee Break
17:00-18:00	World Cafe (Organizer: Dr. R. Omerovic): Opportunities and Challenges of Open Science	World Cafe (Organizer: Prof. S. Armakovic): AI in science and society		World Cafe (Organizer: Dr. G. Barnaföldi): ERA: Research careers and talent circulation	Feedback
18:00-18:30	Wrap-up	Wrap-up		Wrap-up	Evaluation
19:00-21:00	Dinner	Dinner	Social Dinner	Dinner	Dinner