

UNICA

RESEARCH MEETING

Strengthening Research Collaboration in a Changing Landscape: Shared Research Infrastructures and Research Data Security



UNICA Research Meeting

“Strengthening Research Collaboration in a Changing Landscape: Shared Research Infrastructures and Research Data Security”

University of Warsaw, 25-26 September 2025

TARGET GROUPS

Vice-Rectors Research, EU Research Officers, university representatives and experts in Research Infrastructures, Data Management & Security.

FINAL PROGRAMME

Day 1 | 25 September 2025

Venue: University of Warsaw, 55 Dobra Street

13:00-14:00 Registration of participants & light lunch

14:00-14:15 Welcome & Introduction

- **Zygmunt Lalak**, Vice-Rector for Research, University of Warsaw

14:15-15:45 Session 1 | Research infrastructures in Europe: strengthening innovation, competitiveness, and global collaboration

Chair: Pieter Ballon, Vice-Rector for Research and Coordinator of UNICA Research, Vrije Universiteit Brussel

Pannel Discussion

- **Anastas Mishev**, ESFRI Delegate for North Macedonia and founding Member of the National Open Science Cloud Initiative, Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje North Macedonia
- **Vita Rovīte**, Vice-Dean for Research at the Faculty of Medicine and Life Sciences and Group Leader at the Latvian Biomedical Research and Study Center, University of Latvia

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Barbara Wagner, Professor at Interdisciplinary Laboratory of Archaeometric Research, CNBCh, University of Warsaw
15:45-16:15	Group picture & Coffee Break
16:15-17:45	<p>Session 2 What works best? National and local shared research infrastructure initiatives from UNICA members</p> <p>Chair: Katarzyna Walczyk-Matuszyk, Polish Chamber of Commerce for High Technology, EU funds Expert</p> <p>Panel Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Estelle Doudet, Vice-Rector for Research, University of Lausanne • Kaan Orhan, Vice Rector for Research, Ankara University • Elsie Premereur, Research & Grant Officer, Vrije Universiteit Brussel
19:00-21:00	<p>Networking dinner</p> <p>Venue: InFormal Kitchen, Plac Małachowskiego 2, Warsaw</p>

Day 2 26 September 2025	
Venue: University of Warsaw Museum, 32 Krakowskie Przedmieście Street	
8:30-9:00	Welcome Coffee
9:00-10:30	<p>Session 3 Data in the European Research Area: strategies for secure, open, and autonomous research data management</p> <p>Chair: Aneta Pazik-Aybar, Head of Open Science Team at the National Science Centre, Poland</p> <p>Pannel Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dimitris Hatzinikolaou, Vice President of SARG/NKUA Research Committee, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens • Katrin Niglas, Vice-Rector for Research, University of Tallin • Konrad Zawadzki, Deputy Director of the Biological and Chemical Research Centre, University of Warsaw
10:30-11:00	Coffee break
11:00-12:30	<p>Session 4 What works best? Research data management & security initiatives from UNICA members</p> <p>Chair: Eiríkur Stephensen, Infrastructure Manager, Member of the Experts Group on Open Science of the European University Association, University of Iceland</p> <p>Pannel Discussion</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ender Ciğeroğlu, Vice-Rector for Research, Middle East Technical University • Archie Clements, Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Research and Enterprise, Queen's University of Belfast • Piotr Tykarski, Faculty of Biology, Coordinator of Polish Biodiversity Information Network, University of Warsaw
12:30-13:00	Closing by Sambor Grucza, Vice-Rector for Cooperation and Human Resources, University of Warsaw
13:00-14:00	Farewell lunch
14:00-15:00	Campus Tour of the University of Warsaw