

UNICA**RESEARCH
MEETING**

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



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“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.

REGISTRATION

Registration form available at the event webpage: <https://www.unica-net-work.eu/event/unica-research-meeting-warsaw-2025/>

Registration deadlines:
10 September 2025

FORMAT

In-person event only.

For any question, please contact the UNICA Secretariat: maelle.constantin@unica-net-work.eu

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

Day 1 25 September 2025	
Venue: University of Warsaw, 55 Dobra Street	
13:00-14:00	Registration of participants & light lunch
14:00-14:30	Welcome & Introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zygmunt Lalak, Vice-Rector for Research, University of Warsaw • Pieter Ballon, Vice-Rector for Research and Coordinator of UNICA Research, Vrije Universiteit Brussel
14:30-16:00	Session 1 Research infrastructures in Europe: strengthening innovation, competitiveness, and global collaboration <p>Chair: Zygmunt Lalak, Vice-Rector for Research, University of Warsaw CONFIRMED</p> <p>Pannel Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 Rovite, 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 • Barbara Wagner, Professor at Interdisciplinary Laboratory for Archaeometric Research, University of Warsaw
16:00-17:30	Session 2 What works best? National and local shared research infrastructure initiatives from UNICA members <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	Networking dinner Venue: TBC

Day 2 26 September 2025	
Venue: University of Warsaw Museum, 32 Krakowskie Przedmieście Street	
8:30-9:00	Welcome Coffee

09:00-10:30	<p>Session 3 Data in the European Research Area: strategies for secure, open, and autonomous research data management</p> <p>Chair: Pieter Ballon, Vice-Rector for Research of the Vrije Universiteit Brussel and coordinator of UNICA Research</p> <p>Pannel Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Katrin Niglas, Vice-Rector for Research, University of Tallin • Aneta Pazik-Aybar, Head of Open Science Team at the National Science Centre, Poland • 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 Corgelu, Vice-Rector for Research, Middle East Technical University • Jakub Szprot, Interdisciplinary Centre for Mathematical and Computational Modelling, University of Warsaw
12:30-13:00	<p>Closing, by Zygmunt Lalak, Vice-Rector for Research, University of Warsaw, and Pieter Ballon, Vice-Rector for Research and Coordinator of UNICA Research, Vrije Universiteit Brussel</p>
13:00-14:00	Group picture & Farewell lunch