



PROGRAM

12:00 – 12:10: Opening remarks: Welcome and Vision

Irina Lungu – *“Gheorghe Asachi” Technical University of Iasi, BI4E Project Coordinator*

An introduction to the BI4E initiative and the role of CONNECT in shaping a more collaborative and interdisciplinary research environment.

12:10 – 12:30: AI Made Simple: A Friendly Guide for Everyone

Alessia Amelio – *University “G. d’Annunzio”, Chieti-Pescara, Italy*

A jargon-free introduction to Artificial Intelligence for researchers from all disciplines. What AI is, what it can do, and why it matters.

12:30 – 12:50: Smarter Together: How AI Can Power Research

Florin Leon – *“Gheorghe Asachi” Technical University of Iasi*

A practical look at how AI can facilitate knowledge exchange, streamline team communication, and support collaboration in scientific projects.

12:50 – 13:10: CONNECT Demystified: What It Is and Why It Matters

Marcello Costantini – *University “G. d’Annunzio”, Chieti-Pescara, Italy*

A user-oriented walkthrough of the CONNECT platform. Discover how it supports networking and collaboration throughout the research lifecycle.

13:10 – 13:30: Behind the Platform: The Architecture of CONNECT

Francesca Scozzari – *University “G. d’Annunzio”, Chieti-Pescara, Italy*

A behind-the-scenes tour of the platform's architecture: design choices, interoperability, and technical features that enable flexibility and scalability.

13:30 – 13:40: Looking Ahead: Final Reflections and Next Steps

Irina Lungu – *“Gheorghe Asachi” Technical University of Iasi, BI4E Project Coordinator*

A closing session to summarise key messages, outline future developments, and invite researchers to engage with the CONNECT community.

13:40 – 14:00: Interactive Q&A and Open Discussion

A live session for participants to ask questions, offer feedback, and share their ideas for the future of research collaboration with CONNECT