

5th TEAMING CLUB CONFERENCE 2026

Connect. Collaborate. Create Impact.

 23-25 September
 Riga, Latvia



All events, except for visits to the BBCE facilities and the Gala Dinner, will take place at Riga Technical University's (RTU) Campus Domus Auditorialis (Zunda krastmala 8)

DAY 1

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SEPT

- 09:00-12:00
- Meet BBCE Researchers - Guided Visits to BBCE CoE Facilities**
BBCE building, Paula Valdena street 3, k-1, Riga
- 10:00-13:00
- Registration**
RTU Campus Domus Auditorialis - Zunda krastmala 8, Riga
- 12:00-13:00
- Light lunch**
- 13:00-13:40
- Opening**
Alise Pizika, Vice-Rector for Innovations of the Riga Technical University
Hosams Abu Meri, Minister for Health, Ministry of Health of Latvia
Ieva Silīņa, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Education and Science of Latvia
Minna Wilkki, Head of Department, Future Society, European Research Executive Agency
- 13:40-14:10
- Between Capacity Building and Excellence:
Perspectives on the Next Framework Programme**
Ivars Ījabs, Member of the European Parliament
- 14:10-14:30
- Housekeeping Rules and B2B Updates**
Jānis Ločs and Jana Vecstaudza, BBCE
- 14:30-16:00
- Coffee Break with Added Value**
Human Resources Strategies; Complementary Funding; Communication with the European Research Area; Dissemination & Outreach; Involvement of Advanced Partners
- 16:00-16:30
- Widening in Horizon Europe 2028–2034: Update on Novelties and Challenges**
Francesca Cervelli, Directorate-General for Research and Innovation
- 16:30-17:00
- Teaming Statistics, Sustainability of Teaming Centres, and Lessons Learned**
Federica Roffi and Christopher Reynolds, European Research Executive Agency
- 17:00-17:30
- Excellence Hubs Experiences - the GlaCerHub Project**
Dušan Galušek, FunGlass CoE
- 18:00
- Welcome Party – The Spirit of Latvia**

DAY 2

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SEPT

- 09:00-09:30
- Using AI: The European Research Executive Agency's experiences on Evaluations and Project Management**
Minna Wilkki, Head of Department, Future Society, European Research Executive Agency
- 09:30-10:00
- AI Use Cases, Failures, Future Perspectives**
Jānis Kreilis, AI Academy
- 10:00-10:05
- Capture the Moment – Group Photo**
- 10:05-11:30
- Coffee Break with Added Value**
Sustainability of CoEs; Industry Involvement; Competitive Research Funding; Change of National Research Landscape; Autonomy and Decision-Making; Impact & Exploitation of Results
- 11:30-12:00
- Exploring Synergies Between TEAMING Centres and ESFRI Landscape**
Jana Klánová, Masaryk University, CETOCOEN Excellence Director
- 12:00-12:05
- Key Challenges in Teaming Implementation and Leap Towards Boosting Growth**
Andris Ozolins, Teaming Well, Senior Expert
- 12:05-12:15
- B2B Process Organization**
- 12:15-13:15
- Lunch**
- 13:20-17:00
- B2B Matchmaking between Teaming CoEs**
The strongest marketplace for research, advanced infrastructure, and the brightest minds in the widening countries
- 18:00
- Buss transfer to dinner**
 - Riga Islande Hotel, Kīpsala (Kipsalas iela 2, Riga)
 - Triangula bastions, Vecrīga (11 Novembra krastmala 17, Riga)
- 18:30-21:00
- Teaming Club Gala Dinner**
LIDO Atpūtas centrs, Krasta iela 76, Riga
- 21:00
- Buss transfer to city centre**

DAY 3

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SEPT

- 09:30-10:00
- From Research Excellence to Donor Confidence:
Lessons from Building Industry Partnerships**
Anita Straujuma, Executive Director, Riga Technical University Development Fund
- 10:00-10:30
- Ecosystem as an Instrument for Growth**
Liene Briede, Vice-Rector for Innovations, Riga Technical University
- 10:30-11:30
- Coffee Break with Added Value**
Engineering and Advanced Materials; Environment, Biology & Agriculture; Physics & Space; Medicine & Healthcare; Biotechnology; Digital & AI
- 11:30-12:00
- What VCs Are Expecting from Research-Based Organisations**
Dr. sc. soc. Matīss Neimanis, Partner, Buildit Venture Capital Fund
- 12:00-12:30
- Teaming Club Survey**
Prof. Dr. Vesna Bengin, BioSense Institute
- 12:30-13:00
- Wrap-Up and Voting for Next Year's Teaming Conference**
- 13:00-14:00
- Lunch**
- 14:00
- Meet the industry and research centres in Latvia – your chance to see, connect, and advance your partnership in Latvia**
This networking activity is planned as a participant-driven post-conference activity. Participants are encouraged to review the published profiles in advance and contact the organisations of their interest directly to arrange individual meetings.