



Boosting Research Collaboration and Networking with Artificial Intelligence: *An Open-Source AI Platform Designed for Researchers*

Online Event – 25 June 2025, 12:00–2:00 PM CEST


Join us on **25 June 2025** for a dynamic online workshop titled “**Boosting Research Collaboration and Networking with Artificial Intelligence – An Open-Source AI Platform Designed for Researchers.**”

This two-hour event is part of the BI4E initiative and aims to introduce **CONNECT**, an innovative open-source platform that leverages artificial intelligence to support and enhance research collaboration and networking across disciplines and institutions.

Through engaging talks and live demonstrations, participants will:

- Discover how AI can simplify and empower interdisciplinary research;
- Explore the features and architecture of the CONNECT platform;
- Hear real-world insights from developers and early adopters;
- Engage in open discussion to share needs, feedback, and ideas.

Whether you're a researcher, project coordinator, or institution looking to strengthen your collaboration tools, this workshop offers a practical and inspiring introduction to a solution designed with your needs in mind.

 **Register now and start shaping the future of research collaboration!**

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/JutueRNisS>

Registration deadline: June 20th



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