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Outline programme

1. Day 1 (06.07.): Arrival in Katowice

Arrival of participants in Katowice and hotel check-in.

2. Day 2 (Tuesday, 07.07.): University & Creative Collaboration Day

- **Welcome at the University of Silesia in Katowice (9:00-10:00)** – guided walk around the main campus and an introduction to the University, its research profile, and academic community.

- **Team Building Workshop: Strengthening Collaborative Skills (4h: 10:00-13:00)**

An interactive integration workshop focused on developing effective teamwork, communication, and collaborative problem-solving skills.

13:00 lunch

- **Design Thinking: From Idea to Impact Through Creativity (3h: 14:00-16:15)**

A hands-on session introducing design thinking methods as a tool for transforming research ideas into innovative and structured project concepts.

Cultural Programme: Visit to the Silesian Museum (17:00)

An opportunity to explore the rich history, art, and industrial heritage of the region at the Silesian Museum — one of the most distinctive cultural institutions in Poland



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3. Day 3 (08.07.): International Opportunities & Academic Pathways

- **Collaborating Internationally – A Researcher’s Perspective (3h: 9:00-11:15)**

An experience-based session exploring the realities, challenges, and rewards of working within international academic and social environments.

- **Securing International Research Projects (2h: 11:30-13:00)**

A practical session focused on strategies for developing competitive international research proposals and navigating the application process.

13:00 lunch

- **Funding Opportunities for Academic Mobility and International Cooperation (2h: 14:00-15:30)**

An overview of available funding schemes supporting staff mobility, research exchange, and international partnership development.

Cultural Programme: Guided Walking Tour of Nikiszowiec (18:00)

A visit to the historic workers’ district of Nikiszowiec — a unique architectural and cultural landmark of Upper Silesia.

Transportation to and from the main campus will be provided.

4. Day 4 (09.07.): Communication, Culture & Collaboration Across Borders

- **Academic Collaboration in the Context of Cultural Differences (3h: 9:00-11:15)**

An interactive session exploring how cultural norms, communication styles, and academic traditions shape international cooperation — and how to navigate them effectively.



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- **Collaborating at a Distance: Digital Tools for International Research Teams** (2h: 11:30-13:00)

A practical workshop presenting online platforms and digital solutions that facilitate remote teamwork, project coordination, and cross-border communication.

13:00 lunch

- **Language Barrier? Supporting the Academic Community in Overcoming Foreign Language Anxiety – Good Practices** (2h: 14:00-15:30)

A hands-on session focused on strategies for building confidence in academic communication, reducing language-related anxiety, and fostering inclusive multilingual collaboration.

Farewell Dinner (18:00) - an opportunity to continue conversations in an informal setting and celebrate the collaborative spirit of the programme.

5. Day 5 (10.07.): Departure

Participants' departure from Katowice.