

09:00 🧑 Registration and Coffee 📍 Lobby

10:00 📣 **Opening** 📍 Main Stage

Representative of the Ministry of Education and Science

10:15 **Forward Together: Four Initiatives, One Path** 📍 Main Stage

Ilja Afanasjevs - Member of the board at Higher Education and Science Information Technology Shared Service Centre

10:45 **Saving Data, Sustaining Discovery** 📍 Main Stage

Sonia Barbosa - Associate Director of Dataverse Support, Data Curation, and the Murray Archive at Harvard University

11:15 **SESSION** 📍 Felicette

**Digital Transformation of Higher Education: a digitally connected ecosystem**

Ilja Afanasjevs - Member of the board

**SESSION** 📍 Main Stage

**Latvian Data Stewards Network: Building Strong Foundation for Research Data Management in Latvia**

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**SESSION** 📍 Laika

**Implementation of Pure at RTU: the path towards a unified research information environment**

Nadežda Lorence - IT Project Manager at Riga Technical University

**SESSION** 📍 Strelka

**How we work together to support Dutch Research and Education**

Thijs van der Horst - Strategic Portfolio Advisor at SURF

**Estonian Academic Network**

Indrek Rokk - EENet

12:15 🍽️ Lunch 📍 Lobby

13:00 **A Decade of PURE: Challenges and Best Practices from NOVA** 📍 Main Stage

Tiago Guedes - Head of Research Information Management Office at NOVA University Lisbon

14:00 **From Shared Systems to Shared Futures: Building a National Library Platform** 📍 Main Stage

Andreas Kirstein - Executive Director at Swiss Library Service Platform

14:30 ☕ Coffee and Networking 📍 Lobby

15:00 **SESSION** 📍 Felicette

**Estonian National Education Registries**

Margus Karner (remote)

**SESSION** 📍 Main Stage

**From Data to Value: Why Data Curation and Stewardship Matter**

Diana Pilvar - University of Tartu / ELIXIR Estonia  
Liise Lehtsalu - RDA  
Jetze Touber - DANS-KNAW

**SESSION** 📍 Laika

**The development journey of the national PIVS instance**

Kaspars Veldre - Solutions Development Lead

**SESSION** 📍 Strelka

**Research digitalisation and involvement in the European Open Science Cloud (EOSC)**

Ilja Afanasjevs - Head of National EOSC Node Infrastructure

16:00 **Shared Infrastructure, Shared Responsibility** 📍 Main Stage

**MODERATOR-LED-PANEL** 📍

Ilja Afanasjevs - Member of the board at Higher Education and Science Information Technology Shared Service Centre

Guntars Kitenbergs - Vice-Rector for Research at University of Latvia

Indra Dedze - Head of the Scientific Expertise Unit at Latvian Council of Science

Dāvis Šimanis - Rector at the Latvian Academy of Culture

Dace Kārkle - Director at the Latvian Institute of Organic Synthesis

16:45 **Wrap-up** 📍 Main Stage

17:00 ☕ Coffee and Networking 📍 Lobby

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