

# INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM

Erasmus+ KA210 project: "Empowering Information Professionals: Digital Transformation through Collaboration between Turkey, Norway, and North Macedonia."

## AGENDA PROGRAM

### DAY 1 – 20 APRIL 2026

Start Time	Agenda Items	
9:00 - 9:30	Registration	SEEU
9:30 - 9:40	Fatih Kumsel, Project Coordinator / Turkey - "Opening Remarks"	TÜRKIYE PRESIDENT, ÜNAK - TÜRKIYE
9:40 - 9:50	Elmedina Abdulahi, Project Coordinator / North Macedonia - "Opening Remarks"	NORTH MACEDONIA HEAD OF LIBRARY - SEEU
Session I: AI SEEU		
9:50 - 10:10	Prof. Dr. Xhemal Zenuni - "Transforming University Services with AI: Experiences and Lessons from SEEU"	NORTH MACEDONIA DEAN, CONTEMPORARY SCIENCES AND TECHNOLOGIES
10:10 - 10:30	Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ardian Besimi - "AI in Academic Research"	NORTH MACEDONIA CONTEMPORARY SCIENCES AND TECHNOLOGIES
10:30 - 10:50	Prof. Dr. Nuhi Besimi - "Using Artificial Intelligence to Enhance Digital Library Services: The SEEU Experience"	NORTH MACEDONIA CONTEMPORARY SCIENCES AND TECHNOLOGIES
10:50 - 11:00	Discussion	
11:00 - 11:05	Prof. Dr. Sadudin Ibrahim - "Welcome Address"	NORTH MACEDONIA RECTOR - SEEU
11:05 - 11:10	Her Excellency, Ambassador Kristin Melsom	NORWAY AMBASSADOR OF NORWAY TO SERBIA, NORTH-MACEDONIA AND MONTENEGRO
11:10 - 11:15	Muharrem Yılmaz, Project Coordinator / Norway - "Opening Remarks"	NORWAY HEAD LIBRARIAN, THE NORWEGIAN DEFENCE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE
11:15 - 11:30	Prof. Dr. Florije Ismaili - "Institutional Transformation through ChallengeEU"	NORTH MACEDONIA ADVISOR FOR ACADEMIC PLANNING AND DIGITALIZATION, CONTEMPORARY SCIENCES AND TECHNOLOGIES
11.30 - 12:00	Coffe Break	

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12:00 - 12:20	Taner Kormaz - "Institutional Repositories as Research Infrastructure: AI Integration, FAIR Architecture and Security (The Bilkent University Experience)"	TÜRKIYE BILKENT UNIVERSITY LIBRARY
12:20 - 12:40	Muharrem Yılmaz - "Norwegian Perspectives on Open Access, Open Data, and AI: Norwegian Library Associations contributions to the project"	NORWAY HEAD LIBRARIAN, THE NORWEGIAN DEFENCE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE
12:40 - 13:00	Vuslat Naz Bayçifci - "AI and Data Transformation in Digital Archiving Processes"	TÜRKIYE KOÇ UNIVERSITY SUNA KIRAÇ LIBRARY
13:00 - 13:20	Zorica Jakovleska Spirovska, MSc; Milica Ivanovska, - "The Digital Collections of the National Library of Macedonia"	NORTH MACEDONIA NATIONAL AND UNIVERSITY LIBRARY "ST. KLIMENT OHRIDSKI"
13:20 - 13:40	Sarah Bajram, MBA - "Knowledge Exchange in the Digital Library Environment"	NORTH MACEDONIA INTERNATIONAL BALKAN UNIVERSITY

13:40 - 14:40 Lunch Break

#### Session III: Institutional Visit: Campus Tour and Library Services

14:40 - 15:40	University Tour - VR Lab	NORTH MACEDONIA
14:40 - 15:40	University Tour - Library "Max van der Stoel"	NORTH MACEDONIA
14:40 - 15:40	University Tour - BIC	NORTH MACEDONIA
14:40 - 15:40	University Tour - Max van der Stoel Institute (MVDSI)	NORTH MACEDONIA
14:40 - 15:40	University Tour - Technology Park	NORTH MACEDONIA
15:40 - 16:00	Reflection, Evaluation and Certificate Distribution	NORTH MACEDONIA SEEU

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### DAY 2 – 21 APRIL 2026

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#### Session I: Digital Strategies in Information Management and International Case Studies

**09:30 – 09:50**    **Jenny R.F.F. Silbiger - "Online Video Presentation : Aloha from the American Association of Law Libraries"**    **USA**  
STATE LAW LIBRARIAN HAWAII

**09:50 – 10:10**    **Bukurije Haliti, MSc - "Digital Transformation of the National Library of Kosovo"**    **KOSOVO**  
HEAD OF CATALOGING DIVISION , NATIONAL LIBRARY KOSOVO

**10:10 – 10:30**    **Dr. Nuray Urkaç Güler - "Digital Transformation at the İSAM Library: Restructuring Archival Collections with AtoM in accordance with the ISAD(G) Standard"**    **TÜRKIYE**  
İSAM LIBRARY (CENTER FOR ISLAMIC STUDIES)

**10:30 – 11:00**    **Coffee Break**

#### Session II: Digital Transformation through ChallengeEU

**11:00 – 11:20**    **Prof. Dr. Mennan Selimi - "Digital Foundations of ChallengeEU: Building the Joint E-Campus"**    **NORTH MACEDONIA**  
MAX VAN DER STOEL INSTITUTE - SEEU

**11:20 – 11:40**    **Samir Shabani - "Online Learning through the ChallengeEU Course Catalogue"**    **NORTH MACEDONIA**  
MAX VAN DER STOEL INSTITUTE - SEEU

**11:40 – 12:00**    **Hamit Kamberi - "Impact Lab: A Platform for Digital Transformation and Co-Creation"**    **NORTH MACEDONIA**  
MAX VAN DER STOEL INSTITUTE - SEEU

**12:00 – 12:30**    **Discussion**

**12:30 – 13:30**    **Lunch Break**

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#### Session III: Digital Transformation in Libraries and Cultural Heritage

13:30 - 13:50

As. Prof. Phd. Çağdaş Çapkın - "The Digital Transformation of Cultural Heritage in the Western Black Sea Region of Türkiye: Current Projects"

TÜRKIYE  
ÇANKIRI KARATEKIN UNIVERSITY INFORMATION AND DOCUMENT MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

13:50 - 14:10

Karen Westwood - "The role of the Librarian as an Intermediary in using Online Research Tools"

USA  
FULBRIGHT PROGRAM/DIRECTOR, HENNEPIN COUNTY LAW LIBRARY

14:10 - 14:30

Laura Wickstead - "Challenges of Digitizing Old Materials and Correcting OCR (Optical Character Recognition) mistakes"

USA  
PEACE CORPS

14:30 - 14:50

Besar Idrizi - "PMB Presentation"

NORTH MACEDONIA  
SOFTWARE DEVELOPER - SEEU

14:50 - 15:10

Petar Gurev - "Long-Term Digital Transformation in a Public Library: From Early Digital Media to Digitization of Collections"

NORTH MACEDONIA  
PUBLIC LIBRARY "FETKIN" - KAVADARCI

15:10 - 15:30

Discussion

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### Study Visits and Cultural Program

**DAY 3 – 22 april 2026**

**Visit to the Museums in Ohrid**

**DAY 4 – 22 april 2026**

**Ss. Cyril and Methodius University - Faculty of Natural Sciences and Mathematics: Visit to the Library Services**

**National and University Library "St. Kliment Ohridski": Institutional Visit and Introduction to the Services and Collections**

**South East European University - Campus Skopje: Visit to the University Campus and Library Services**

**International Balkan University: Visit to the University Campus and Library Services**

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**DAY 5 - 24 APRIL 2**

**University of Prizren "Ukshin Hoti" - UPZ: Visit to the University Campus and Library Services**

**League of Prizren: Visit to the Historical Site of the League of Prizren**



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