

NEOLAIa WP5 Research Networking Event

18–19 November 2026
University of Nicosia, Cyprus

General Information

Workshop Design

The **NEOLAIa WP5 Research Networking Event** is designed as an active research matchmaking workshop rather than a conventional conference. The proposed structure follows a “Meet → Match → Develop → Commit” approach, with the aim of converting research interests into concrete cross-NEOLAIa collaborations, project ideas, grant teams, publications, mobility opportunities and access to shared research capacities.

Thematic Areas **[Minimum number of participants: 10]**

- **Track 1 – AI & Data Science for Health and Life Sciences**
Focusing on applications of AI and data science across biomedical, clinical, population health and life sciences research.
 - **Track 2 – Responsible & Human-Centred AI**
Bringing together the ethical, legal, societal and psychological dimensions of AI, including governance, fairness, transparency, privacy and human–AI interaction.
 - **Track 3 – Global Health, Health Systems & Resilient Communities**
Focusing on population and global health challenges, prevention, health inequalities, environmental health, health systems, preparedness, policy and implementation.
 - **Provisional Track 4 – AI, Education & Future Skills**
- **Living Labs As Cross-Cutting Bridge From Research Ideas In The Tracks To Real-World Implementation.**
Living Labs for Research, Innovation & Societal Impact: Co-creation; real-world experimentation; citizen/patient engagement; testing interventions and technologies; translation of research into practice

Key Event Objectives

- Connect researchers across NEOLAIa institutions and facilitate targeted introductions based on complementary expertise and research needs.
- Identify concrete opportunities for joint research projects, grant applications, publications, student projects, internships and researcher mobility.
- Increase awareness and use of research capacities, datasets, infrastructure, Living Labs and expertise mapped through NEOLAIa.
- Ensure that promising ideas leave the event with named collaborators, a lead person, a potential output or funding route, and agreed next steps.

Overall Workshop Principle

Less “tell us about your research” and more “what can we build together?”

The programme aims to maximise structured interaction, interdisciplinary matching and protected time for participants to develop ideas. The two-day event will therefore progress deliberately from introductions and discovery on Day 1 to project development, commitments and follow-up planning on Day 2.

Format of Workshop: In person with potential hybrid participation

The event is primarily designed as an in-person, highly interactive research matchmaking workshop. Depending on the level of interest and available capacity, a hybrid participation option may be considered, particularly if the maximum number of in-person registrations is exceeded (e.g., first 35 registrations).

Registration and Deadline

Interested participants are requested to complete the **Registration Form** available at – [NEOLAIA WP5 Research Networking Event – Fill out form](#) – by **Friday, 30 October 2026**.

Participation Costs

Participants are expected to cover the full cost of participating in the event (i.e. travel, accommodation, daily allowance and an 80 Euro registration fee) and are encouraged to utilize their institutions Seed Funding for this purpose.

Information on registration fee payment will be provided following the completion of the Registration Form.

Contact Details

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