# 23 - 24 January 2025

**Hotel Bristol** Maršala Tita 108 51410 Opatija / Croatia







Venue: Hotel Bristol, Maršala Tita 108, 51410 Opatija, Croatia

Dates: 23 - 24 January 2025

#### Wednesday, January 22nd 2025

#### 18:30 - 21:30 - "Paint & Wine Night - The Art of Collaboration"

Join us for a relaxing and inspiring evening of creativity before the official start of the Dante Conference. This Paint & Wine session invites you to unwind, connect, and express your thoughts, emotions, and experiences through art. Whether you're a seasoned project manager or an active participant in EU projects, this informal gathering provides a unique opportunity to reflect on your work in a creative way.

With a glass of wine in hand and canvas in front of you, you'll be guided through a fun and easygoing painting experience, where no artistic experience is required. No matter your background, this is your chance to relax, share, and engage with fellow professionals in a creative setting.



19:30

**Networking Dinner** 

## Thursday, January 23rd 2025 - Day 1

Registration & Welcome Coffee  - Introduction to the goals and expectations of the event  - introduction of key speakers and facilitators
Plenary session - European Commission's Digital Education Action Plan Speaker: Raffaela Kihrer, Deputy Secretary General and Head of Policy (EAEA) - focus on the critical changes needed to integrate non-formal learning - address the digital skills gap - promote inclusivity for all learners
Q&A from participants
Coffee break & Informal Networking - Opportunity for participants to connect
Panel Discussion: "The Future of EU Projects - Where Are We Going?"  - Keynote speakers provide insights on new EU policies, upcoming funding priorities, and how these impact project proposals  - Topics include green transition, digital transformation, innovation funding, and international cooperation.  - Overcoming common challenges in EU project management.
Q&A from participants
Networking Lunch
Workshop: "Mastering EU Proposal Development"  - Interactive and collaborative matchmaking session on the crucial aspects of writing competitive proposal  Before the event, participants will share their project idea via Padlet where stating crucial aspects of their idea:  - key learning outcomes - understanding policy priorities - writing strong problem statements - key proposal sections and alignment with evaluation criteria  Each participant will have opportunity to select one idea/project that wants to be part of. Organizers of the event will preselect the working groups of this session based on the selected projects on Padlet.
<ul> <li>Follow up</li> <li>After this round, the facilitator will offer a short debriefing session. Participants can share initial impressions and exchange contact information with others they believe could be good partners for future projects</li> <li>Attendees are encouraged to connect with each other after the session via a dedicated platform where they can continue scheduling one-on-one meetings, share detailed project proposals, or join interest-based groups for collaboration</li> </ul>



# Friday, January 24th 2025 - Day 2

09:00 - 09:30	Participants gathering
9:30 – 9:45	Online presentation - The Pact for Skills and Blueprints for sectoral cooperation on skills Speaker: Felix Rohn (PACT FOR SKILLS, EC, DG EMPLOYMENT, SOCIAL AFFAIRS and INCLUSION) - perspective on how these initiatives can support EU institutions in driving digital transformation and empowering learners
9:45 – 10:00	Q&A from participants
10:00 - 11:30	Partner Matchmaking Session with coffee  - Speed-networking session where participants rotate between tables, introducing their projects and areas of interest in short, timed interactions  - Objective: meet potential collaborators for upcoming project calls
11:30 - 13:00	Best Practice Showcase: "Successful EU-Funded Projects"  - Presentation of successful EU projects by their coordinators, highlighting best practices in proposal writing, project implementation and dissemination strategies  - Discussion on lessons learned and transferrable tips
13:00 - 14:00	Networking Lunch
14:00 - 15:30	Parallel Breakout Sessions  Participants select one workshop based on their interest. Each session focuses on different aspects of project management and proposal development:  1. "Consortium Building and Partnership Development"  - Tips for finding the right partners, building a competitive consortium, and managing cross-cultural partnerships
	<ol> <li>"Project Management Best Practices: Real-Life Success Stories"         <ul> <li>Insights from successfully completed EU projects. Focus on effective planning, risk management, communication strategies, and budgeting</li> </ul> </li> <li>"Navigating EU Financial Regulations and Compliance"         <ul> <li>Dive deep into financial management, reporting obligations, and audits</li> </ul> </li> </ol>
	within EU-funded projects
15:30 - 16:00	Wrap-up & Next Steps - Event summary and takeaways - Final remarks by event hosts
16:00	Departure and closure of the event



**Dante Networking Event** Draft agenda

### Registration and fees

Please complete the registration form by November 30, 2024.

The participation fee is 250 euros, which covers only part of the total event costs.

Upon registration, we will send an invoice for the participation fee. Please note that accommodation and travel expenses are not covered by the participation fee.

We look forward to welcoming you to the 4th DANTE Networking Event and working together to shape the future of education and training evolution!

