

PARTICIPANT GUIDE

BLENDED INTENSIVE PROGRAMME

TEACHING SKILLS FOR EDUCATORS IN A DIGITALIZED ENVIRONMENT

JUNE 16 - 20, 2025

CAMPUS SAINT JEAN D'ANGÉLY
5 RUE DU 22ÈME BCA 06300 NICE FRANCE.



ABOUT THIS EVENT

Welcome to the BIP - Teaching skills for educators in a digitalized environment

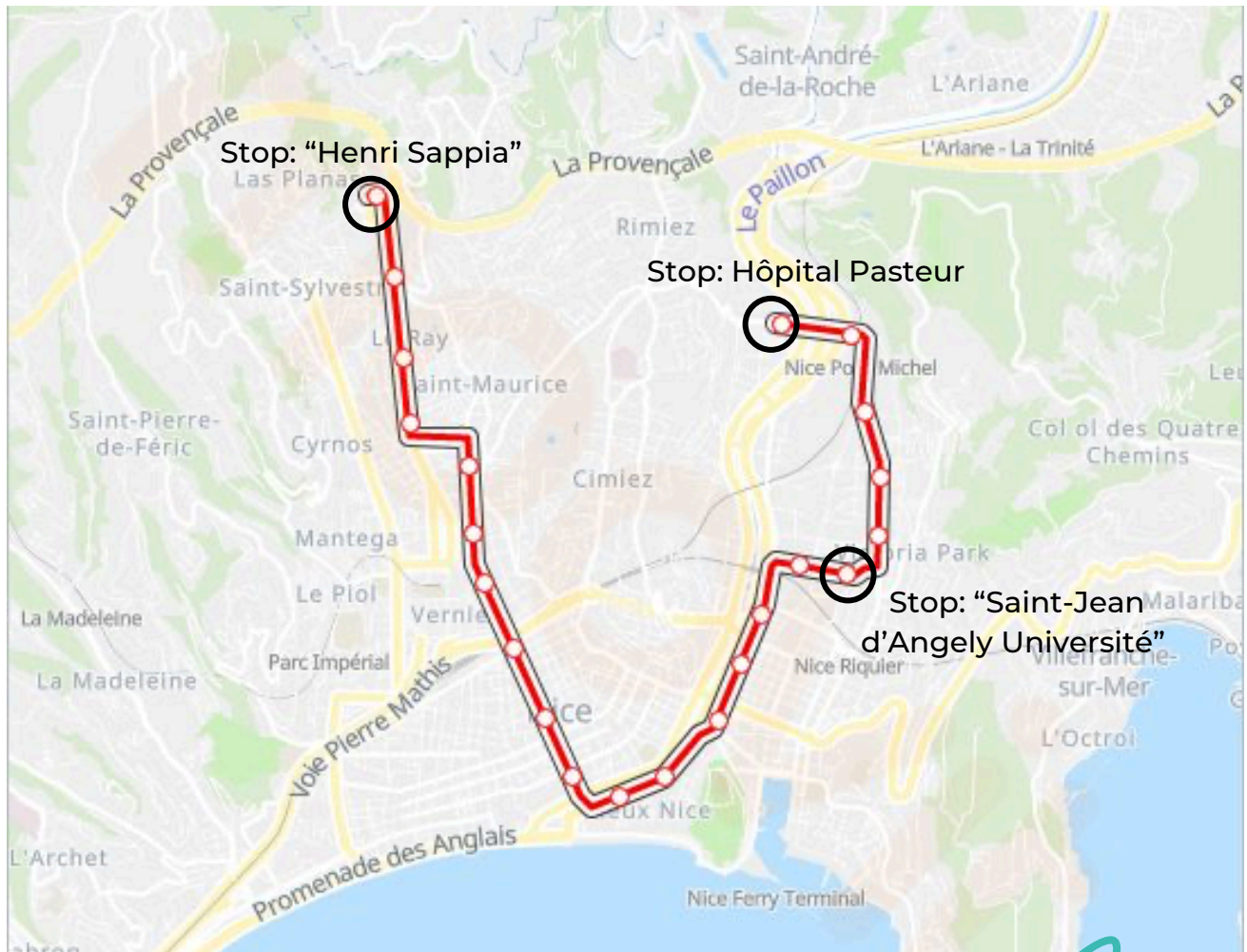
Participants will engage in a webinar, a MOOC, and on-site activities. Throughout the program, educators will follow activities that tackle digital soft skills required to excel in today's interconnected world and how to apply them in their teaching practices.

An overview of digital skills for educators will be given to participants through an introductory MOOC which covers the basics of the main topic.

After completing the MOOC, participants should be well prepared to move on to the on-site contents.



GUIDE: TO THE EVENT



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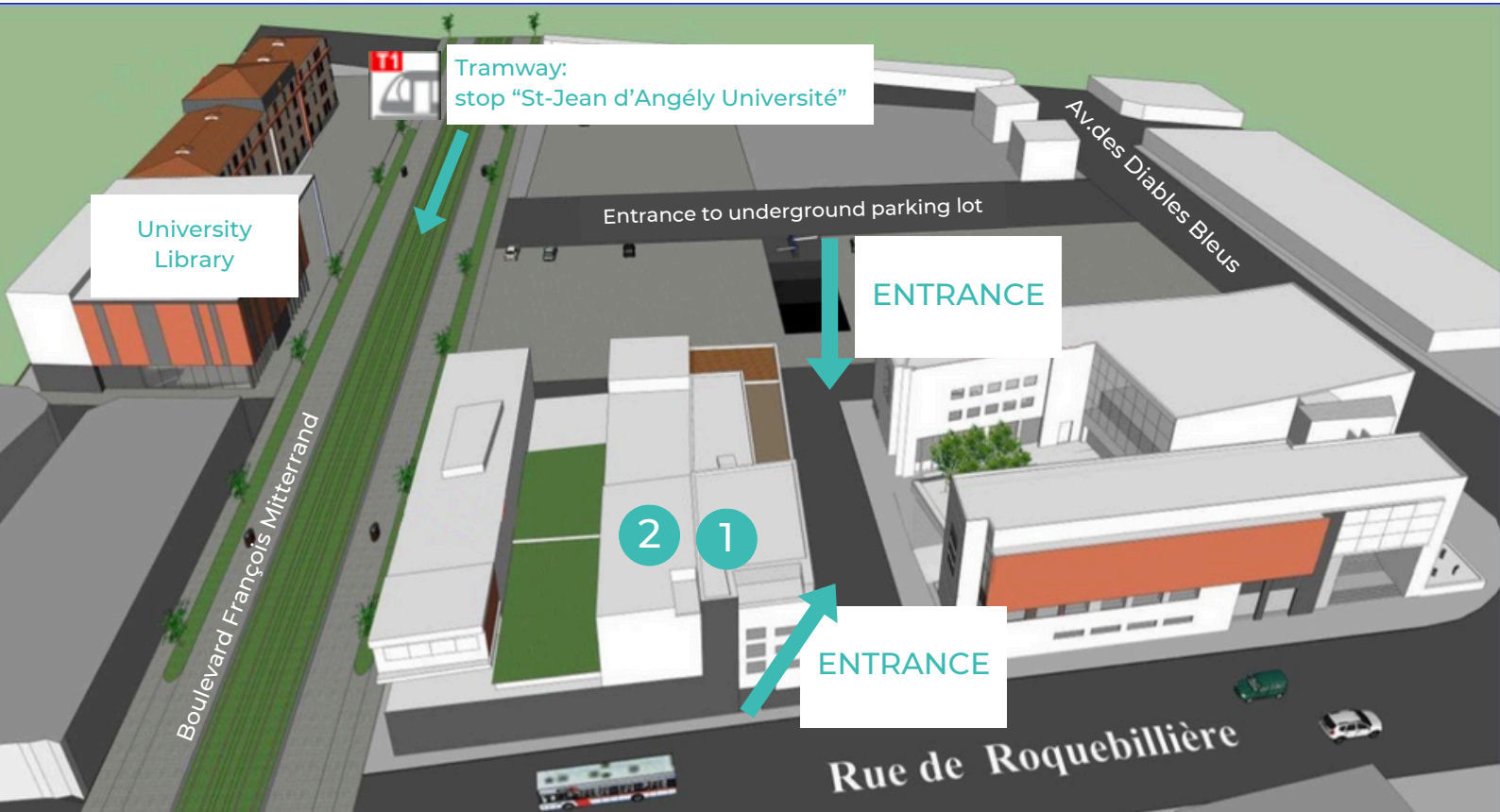
How to get to campus Saint-Jean?

The event will take place at the Saint Jean d'Angély Campus.
The address is: 5 rue du 22e B.C.A 06300 Nice

The campus is very easy to reach by taking the tramway Line 1,
direction Hôpital Pasteur to the stop SAINT-JEAN D'ANGELY
UNIVERSITE.

EVENT MAP

UNIVERSITÉ CÔTE D'AZUR
CAMPUS SAINT JEAN D'ANGÉLY - 5 RUE DU 22ÈME BCA. 06300 NICE



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AMPHITHEATRE 4

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ROOM 1B35

The on-site component of this Blended Intensive Programme will take place from Monday, June 16 to Friday, 20 June, 2025, at Campus Saint Jean d'Angély - 5 rue du 22ème BCA. 06300 Nice.

BIP PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

MONDAY- JUNE 16

10:00 - 10:15

Welcome Address: Philippe Lahire, Vice-President for Digital Transformation at Université Côte d'Azur, and Cécile Sabourault, Vice-President for International Affairs at Université Côte d'Azur.

10:15 - 10:45

A view on advancing International Higher Education through digital transformation (Ida Velthoven, EUF)

10:55 - 11:25

Cultivating collaboration for strategic change using Jisc's framework and maturity model for digital transformation (Sarah Knight & Simon Birkett, Jisc)

11:25 - 11:35

Coffee break & Group Photo

11:35 - 12:05

Building Digital Bridges: From Possibility to Partnership (Julie Lindsay)

12:05 - 13h15

Poster Session: 6 poster presentations

13:15 - 14:00

Lunch break

14:00 - 14:15

Launch of the BIP: Agenda & Ice breaker

14:15 - 15:15

Digital Identity & Safety (Lyuba Stafeyeva, MCI)

15:20 - 16:00

Stimulating Metacognition and Reflexivity through Digital Tools in Higher Education (Fabrizio Bracco & Micaela Rossi, UniGE)

TUESDAY - JUNE 17

10:00 - 11:30

How to Engage Students in Virtual Learning - Insights from Ulysseus European University (Mirjam Gamrasni & Jean-Loic Cavazza, UniCA)

11:30 - 13:00

Design & Future Thinking (David Mauffret & Katya Danska, Haaga Helia)

13:00 - 14:00

Free Time

14:00 - 15:00

Virtual Collaboration and Ethics in the Age of AI: Learning, Challenges and Opportunities (Robin Couture-Matte)

15:00 - 16:00

GenAI (Nigel Francis, Cardiff University)

WEDNESDAY - JUNE 18

10:00 - 11:00

AI Tools for Educators (Djibril Dieng, UniCA)

11:00 - 13:00

AI and its Application in Education (Ludmila Bartokova & Manuela Raisova, TUKE)

13:00 - 14:00

Free Time

14:00 - 16:00

Think Smart: Critical Thinking in the Digital Space (Natalia Timus, UniCA)

THURSDAY - JUNE 19

10:00 - 10:30

Poster Session: 4 poster presentations

10h30 - 13:00

Digital Bridges: Co-Creating the Future of Global Education | A Global Innovation Workshop (Julie Lindsay, University of Southern Queensland) *Part 1*

13:00 - 14:00

Free Time

14:00 - 15:30

Digital Bridges: Co-Creating the Future of Global Education | A Global Innovation Workshop (Julie Lindsay, University of Southern Queensland) *Part 2*

15:45 - 17:00

Closing plenary proceedings

FRIDAY - JUNE 20

10:00 - 13:00

Multiplier events

13:00 - 14:00

Closure session

14:00 - 16:00

Collaborative Cultural Activity

PROGRAM DETAILS

JUNE 16 - MONDAY - MORNING

WELCOME SESSION

Time | 10:00 - 10:15 CET time

Place | Amphitheatre 4

Host | Université Côte d'Azur

The Blended Intensive Program will begin with welcoming remarks from Philippe Lahire, Vice-President for Digital Transformation at Université Côte d'Azur, and Cécile Sabourault, Vice-President for International Affairs at Université Côte d'Azur.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Time | 10:15 - 12:05 CET time

Place | Amphitheatre 4

Speaker | Ida Velthoven, Policy and Research Officer at the European University Foundation (EUF)

In her presentation, "A View on Advancing International Higher Education through Digital Transformation," Ms. Velthoven will provide an evidence-based perspective from the European University Foundation on how digital transformation is reconfiguring the structures, practices, and ambitions of international higher education.

Speakers | Sarah Knight, Director of digital transformation at Jisc.
Simon Birkett, Senior Consultant Digital Transformation (HE)

Through the lens of Jisc's framework and maturity model, Sarah and Simon will explore how institutions can foster a culture of collaboration across leadership, academic, and professional services teams to drive purposeful and sustainable change. Their talk will offer practical insights and tools that enable institutions to assess their current digital capabilities, identify areas for development, and implement change in alignment with institutional goals.

Speaker | Julie Lindsay, Senior Education Technology Advisor in the Learning and Teaching Futures Portfolio, University of Southern Queensland

Join global educator Julie Lindsay as she opens the Digital Bridges workshop with a powerful call to action. In a world shaped by AI and global change, she urges us to build real connections across cultures and classrooms. Discover how digital bridges can foster inclusive teaching, connected communities, and future-ready learning—moving from ideas to action, together.

POSTER SESSION ON INTERNATIONAL INITIATIVES

Time | 12:05 - 13:05 CET time

Place | Amphitheatre 4

Speakers | Multiple speakers

This session showcases a variety of international projects and collaborations led by participants and institutions across Europe. You'll explore innovative practices, ongoing research, and strategic partnerships that are contributing to the evolution of higher education.

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PROGRAM DETAILS

JUNE 16 - MONDAY - AFTERNOON

ONLINE / ON-SITE COMPONENT RECAP

Time | 14:00 - 14:15 CET time

Place | Room 1B35

Host | Eleftherios Kartas, Djibril Dieng, Jonathan Reyes. *Université Côte d'Azur*

We will kick off the afternoon session on Teaching Skills for Educators in a Digitalized Environment with a brief recap of the online component of the BIP. Following this, participants will engage in an interactive warm-up activity designed to energize the group and stimulate creative thinking about the challenges and opportunities of digital education.

The session will then transition into an overview of the on-site component activities, where we'll explore how these hands-on experiences complement the online learning journey. This introduction will set the tone for a dynamic and engaging day of collaboration, skill-building, and innovation.

DIGITAL IDENTITY & SAFETY (WORKSHOP)

Time | 14:15 - 15:15 CET time

Place | Room 1B35

Facilitator | Lyubov Stafyeyeva. *MCI Management Center Innsbruck*

In a world where your digital presence speaks louder than words, what story is your online identity telling? This interactive workshop invites educators to critically explore their own digital footprints and discover how identity, privacy, and safety intersect in the digital age. Building on the course "Developing Me – Digital Identity", this workshop invites participants to explore real-world scenarios, uncover hidden digital footprints, and engage with practical tools to take control of their online presence and professional identity. Together, we'll reflect on what it means to be a digitally responsible educator – and how to guide students in doing the same.

STIMULATING METACOGNITION AND REFLEXIVITY THROUGH DIGITAL TOOLS IN HIGHER EDUCATION (TALK)

Time | 15:20 - 16:00 CET time

Place | Room 1B35

Speakers | Fabrizio Bracco & Micaela Rossi. *University of Geneva*.

As higher education increasingly embraces digital tools for learning and teaching, it is essential to explore how these technologies can foster deeper cognitive engagement among students. This talk will examine the role of digital tools in stimulating metacognition and reflexivity in university settings. Metacognition, thinking about one's own thinking, plays a critical role in enhancing student learning, problem-solving, and critical thinking. Reflexivity, the ability to critically reflect on one's learning processes and perspectives, is equally crucial in developing independent and lifelong learners. In this session, we will discuss how digital tools, from instant poll apps to AI-based technologies, can be leveraged to promote self-awareness, reflection, and intentionality in learning. We will share insights on practical strategies for integrating these tools into course design, fostering environments that encourage students to engage in reflective practices, assess their learning strategies, and adjust their approaches for greater academic success.

PROGRAM DETAILS JUNE 17 - TUESDAY

HOW TO ENGAGE STUDENTS IN VIRTUAL LEARNING – INSIGHTS FROM ULYSSEUS (WORKSHOP)

Time | 10:05 - 11:30 CET time

Place | Room 1B35

Facilitators | Mirjam Gamrasni, *Haaga-Helia*. Jean-Loic Cavazza, *Université Côte d'Azur*.

How can we better engage students in virtual learning environments—and keep them motivated through to course completion?

This session shares practical insights from Ulysseus European University, drawing on lessons learned from a diverse portfolio of online, hybrid, and blended courses offered across eight European partner institutions on one joint digital platform.

Participants will explore engagement strategies related to course design, marketing, and learner support, as well as hear honest reflections on what hasn't worked. Through interactive elements and shared discussion, we will also gather ideas and feedback from attendees to improve future course offerings. Whether you're a digital learning practitioner, educator, or education innovator, join us to exchange ideas and co-develop solutions that make virtual learning more engaging, inclusive, and effective.

DESIGN & FUTURE THINKING (WORKSHOP)

Time | 11:30 - 13:00 CET time

Place | Room 1B35

Facilitators | David Mauffret & Katja Danska. *Haaga-Helia*.

This session will introduce participants to the fundamentals of design thinking and future foresight. Attendees will learn to create innovative and user-centered solutions that anticipate and address emerging trends and needs. We will be using collaborative megatrends cards created by the Finnish Sitra fund and a method of future remembrance.

Objectives:

- Understand the basics of design thinking and future foresight.
- Develop skills to identify and analyze future trends.
- Learn to create innovative solutions for future scenarios
- Implementation of thinking and future foresight digitally

VIRTUAL COLLABORATION AND ETHICS IN THE AGE OF AI: LEARNING, CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES (WORKSHOP)

Time | 14:00 - 15:00 CET time

Place | Room 1B35

Facilitator | Robin Couture-Matte. *Université Teluq*.

This workshop examines the role of AI-driven tools in online collaborative learning spaces, emphasizing their impact on teamwork, communication, and shared knowledge creation. Through interactive discussions and case studies, participants will critically explore key ethical considerations, such as responsible AI integration, equitable access, bias mitigation, and the complexities of authorship in human-AI collaborations.

The session will also introduce strategies for fostering awareness of these ethical challenges.

By the end of the session, attendees will gain a deeper understanding of best ethical practices for virtual collaboration and leave with actionable strategies to promote transparency, accountability, and inclusivity in AI-enhanced educational environments.

GENAI (WORKSHOP)

Time | 15:00 - 16:00 CET time

Place | Room 1B35

Facilitator | Nigel Francis. *Cardiff University*.

Generative AI (GenAI) is an emergent technology that can be viewed as an enabler or a disruptor of education. In this hands-on workshop, we will explore some uses of GenAI, building from effective prompting strategies to more advanced use cases for reflective practice and student tutoring.

No prior knowledge of GenAI will be assumed. However, it would be helpful for attendees to have access to a device that can access one of the large language models, e.g. ChatGPT, Gemini, Claude, and to have created an account with a tool of choice.

PROGRAM DETAILS JUNE 18 - WEDNESDAY

AI TOOLS FOR EDUCATORS (TALK)

Time | 10:00 - 11:00 CET time

Place | Room 1B35

Facilitator | Djibril Dieng. *Université Côte d'Azur.*

As AI becomes more common in education, teachers are discovering new opportunities but also facing important challenges. This presentation explores how educators can leverage AI tools to enhance teaching, learning, and student engagement. It highlights key applications, ethical considerations, and emerging trends to promote responsible and impactful use of AI in education.

AI AND ITS APPLICATION IN EDUCATION (WORKSHOP)

Time | 10:00 - 12:00 CET time

Place | Room 1B35

Facilitator | Ludmila Bartokova & Manuela Raisova. *Technical University of Košice.*

This workshop explores the strategic integration of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in academia. The first part focuses on designing student assignments that require the use of AI tools, fostering critical engagement and future-ready skills. The second part demonstrates practical AI applications in academic research, including project call identification and platform utilization, streamlining workflows and expanding research possibilities. Participants will gain actionable strategies for effectively incorporating AI into teaching and research practices.

CRITICAL THINKING IN THE DIGITAL SPACE (WORKSHOP)


Time | 14:00 - 16:00 CET time

Place | Room 1B35

Facilitator | Natalia Timuş . *Université Côte d'Azur.*

This workshop invites participants interested in developing a culture of inquiry and debate for developing critical thinking in the digital space – a key competence for university graduates. It addresses the need of preparing students for tackling complex real-world challenges by developing diverse perspectives and critical analysis, problem-solving and civic engagement.

The workshop has a two-fold goal. Firstly, the participants will be able to identify evidence-based educational practices fostering critical analysis and debate. Secondly, the participants will explore and engage in hands-on activities with digital tools that promote critical thinking. At the end of the workshop, a debriefing session will collect participants feedback and invite them to identify ways in which they could promote critical thinking within their higher education institutions.



PROGRAM DETAILS JUNE 19 - THURSDAY

POSTER SESSION ON INTERNATIONAL INITIATIVES - SECOND PART

Time | 10:00 - 10:40 CET time

Place | Amphitheatre 4

Speakers | Multiple speakers

This session is the continuation of the showcase of a variety of international projects and collaborations led by participants and institutions across Europe. You'll explore innovative practices, ongoing research, and strategic partnerships that are contributing to the evolution of higher education.

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DIGITAL BRIDGES: CO-CREATING THE FUTURE OF GLOBAL EDUCATION A GLOBAL INNOVATION WORKSHOP



Time | 10:40 - 13:00 CET time

Place | Amphitheatre 4

Facilitator | Julie Lindsay, *Senior Education Technology Advisor in the Learning and Teaching Futures Portfolio, University of Southern Queensland*

This intensive one-day workshop brings together educators, administrators, and digital innovators from around the world to explore and co-create solutions for the future of global education. Through hands-on activities, expert-led sessions, and collaborative design thinking exercises, participants will work together to bridge digital divides, enhance teaching capabilities, and strengthen international academic partnerships.

Being a part of this workshop offers a unique opportunity for you to:

- Connect with fellow innovators from diverse cultural and academic backgrounds
- Develop practical strategies for implementing digital tools in your teaching
- Contribute to building sustainable international educational partnerships
- Learn from real-world success stories and lessons learned

After a brief workshop thematic overview and purpose, participants will be grouped in a way that each group of six people includes one representative from each of the BIPs, ensuring balanced input across the key focus areas: Digital Transformation, Teaching Skills for Educators in a Digitalized Environment, and Enhancing Internationalization through Digitalization.

More information on the next page.

DIGITAL BRIDGES: CO-CREATING THE FUTURE OF GLOBAL EDUCATION

A GLOBAL INNOVATION WORKSHOP

Digital Bridges



Co-Creating the Future of Global Education

WORKSHOP STAGES

1. What? - Ideate and Explore, Draft 'Moonshot' Pitch: 11:30 - 12:30

- Small group brainstorming
- Challenge statement development
- Ideation for possible solutions
- Prepare pitch using template provided

2. So What? - Create and Share "Moonshot Pitch": 12:30 - 13:00

- Activity: Group 'moonshot pitch' (rotation)
- Rework ideas based on feedback to pitch
- Identification of potential collaboration opportunities (cross-institution, cross-country)

Lunch - 13:00 - 14:00

3. Afternoon Session: Refine, Promote and Commit

Project development: 14:00 - 15:30

[Afternoon tea - when you are ready to grab a coffee as needed]

- Update 'moonshot' ideas based on pitch feedback
- Gather resources / create artefacts
- Further refine the 'So What' - why is this collaboration important?
- Determine tangible and expected outcomes

! IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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Please access the following Padlet link to upload your work and check what other groups have done.



<https://padlet.com/ddieteamcanva/digital-bridges-collaborative-space-rsa474hov5vtk25m>

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Your group is marked on your badge with the name of a city

PROGRAM DETAILS JUNE 20 - FRIDAY

MULTIPLIER EVENTS

Time | 10:00 - 11:30 CET time

Place | Amphitheatre 4

Host | Université Côte d'Azur

These multiplier events are designed to amplify the impact of a project by engaging a wider audience. The goal is to "multiply" the reach and influence of the projects' outcomes, to make sure their benefits are shared with more people and organisations.

DIGITAL WEEK CLOSURE

Time | 11:30 - 13:00 CET time

Place | Amphitheatre 4

Host | Université Côte d'Azur

We invite you to join us for the closure of the event dedicated to reflection and to share your thoughts, insights, and feedback on the sessions, activities, and overall experience of the BIPs. Your input is invaluable in helping us shape future initiatives and ensure they meet your needs and expectations.

COLLABORATIVE CULTURAL ACTIVITY (LIMITED SPOTS)

Guided visit of Old Nice. Mandatory registration.

PERSONAL DATA AND IMAGES WILL BE USED EXCLUSIVELY FOR EVENT ORGANIZATION,
IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE GDPR, AND NOT FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES.



WELCOME TO NICE :

1. About Nice
2. Accommodation
3. Transportation

ABOUT NICE

Between sea and mountains, Nice is the capital of the French Riviera, the city's charm comes from its exceptional landscapes, climate as well the cultural facilities, shops and architectural heritage.

THE MUST-SEE

- **The Old Town** ("Vieille Ville"): Historical site, with authentic architecture and restaurants.
- **Place Masséna**: City's main square, with seafront, shopping streets and Albert I Garden surrounding it.
- **Promenade des Anglais**: It runs along the shore of Nice's beachfront, featuring Hotel Negresco and Casinos.
- **Cours Saleya Flower Market**: Located in the Old Town, the Flower Market is full of colourful and aromatic experiences.
- **Castel Hill**: From its peak, it offers a pretty panorama of Nice, the Bay of Angels and the Old town (elevator free of charge).
- **The port**: Artist and bohemians' neighbourhood close to the Garibaldi square.
- **Cimiez's Arenas**: Amphitheatre, monument of spectacle of the ancient city of Cemenelum.
- **Museums**: Nice has many popular museums. Visit the following website for more information: <https://www.nice.fr/fr/culture/musees-et-galleries>
- **Outside Nice**: Different beautiful cities and small villages close to Nice by bus or train: Antibes, Eze, Grasse, Menton.

Tourist information offices:

5, Promenade des Anglais, Nice
Avenue Thiers, Nice – In front of train station
Tel: +33 492144614
<https://www.explorenicecotedazur.com/en/>



ACCOMMODATION

Here are some hotel recommendations, close to the Campus Saint Jean d'Angély for all preferences and budgets.

- [Best Western](#)
- [Ibis Centre Notre-Dame](#)
- [Hôtel NH Nice](#)
- [Hôtel 64](#)
- [Nice Excelsior](#)

You can also explore more options on the Nice Tourist Office website:

<https://www.meet-in-nicecotedazur.com/en/destination-nice-cote-dazur/your-accommodation/hotels/>



EMERGENCY AND ESSENTIAL SERVICES

Police: 17
Medical Emergency (SAMU): 15
Fire Department: 18
European Emergency Number: 112

TRANSPORTATION

FROM THE AIRPORT TO THE CITY CENTER



To get from Nice Côte d'Azur Airport to the city center of Nice, you have several options:

1. Tram

Tram Line 2 (Direction Port Lympia) from Terminal 1 or Terminal 2 to city center (e.g., Jean Médecin or Alsace-Lorraine station)

Duration: ~25 minutes

Cost: €1.70 (single ticket)

Buy the tickets at the machines at trams stops. Or download the Lignes d'Azur application in your mobile phone.

1 ticket allow for connections with other public lines within a period of 74 minutes (buses and tramways). You need to validate the ticket each time you board, even for connections.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: You don't have to buy the Airport Ticket which is 10 euros. You can simply buy the 1,70 euros ticket via the application, even though you come from the airport.

2. Bus

Airport Express Bus #12 or #620 to Nice city center

Duration: ~30 minutes

Cost: Around €2.50

3. Taxi

Duration: ~15–20 minutes (depends on traffic)

Cost: ~€35–€40 (fixed rate)

Updated information about the transports from the airport:

<https://www.lignesdazur.com/en/aeroport>

Price-range for Lignes d'Azur (bus & tramways):

Single and Multi-Trip Tickets:

- Solo Ticket: €1.70 per person. Valid for a single journey with connections up to 74 minutes.
- Multi-Trip Ticket: €1.70 per trip. Allows loading of 1 to 100 trips, each with connections up to 74 minutes. Can be used by multiple passengers simultaneously; each passenger must validate their own trip.

Day Passes:

- 1-Day Pass: €7. Unlimited travel for 24 hours from the first validation.
- 2-Day Pass: €13. Unlimited travel for 48 hours from the first validation.
- 7-Day Pass: €20. Unlimited travel for 7 days from the first validation.

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