



Women of NeurotechEU: Empower, Lead, Innovate

9-10 March 2026, Cluj-Napoca, Romania

Provisional Program – The agenda may be subject to minor changes.

All times are in Romania time (EET, UTC +2), which is 1 hour ahead of Central European Time (CET, UTC +1), 2 hours ahead of Reykjavik time (GMT, UTC +0), and 1 hour behind Turkey (UTC+3).

Day 1 – Monday, 9 March

Online attendance link [here](#) (Meeting ID: 398 415 404 929 03 Passcode: U2Wq9mn2)

Location: UMF Cluj Rectorate building, Multimedia room, Victor Babeş Street no. 8, ground Floor

13:30-14:00 Registration & Welcome Coffee

14:00-15:00 Opening Session

The opening session will officially welcome you to the event, featuring greetings from representatives of the NTEU and the host university.

Invited speakers:

Anca-Dana Buzoianu (Rector UMF Cluj, Romania)

Cătălin Gheran (member of the Cabinet of Executive Vice-President Roxana Mînzatu at the European Commission)

Mari Carmen Lillo (Director of International Promotion within the Vice-rectorate for Internationalization and Cooperation at Miguel Hernandez University of Elche) - online

Arzu Celik (Head of Department of Molecular Biology and Genetics BOUN, Turkey)

Bryndís Björk Ásgeirsdóttir (Dean of School of Social Science – HR Iceland) - online

15:00–16:00 Keynote Lecture

Leading at the Intersection of Neuroscience, Technology and Society

Perspectives on Leadership and Innovation

The **keynote lectures** aim to highlight exemplary **senior leaders** by sharing their individual



experiences, insights, and learning journeys, offering a practical and inclusive approach to leadership. Speakers are encouraged to reflect on their own pathways - academia, administration, industry, or other professional backgrounds, to highlight the diversity of leadership within our alliance and beyond.

Invited speakers:

Kathleen O`Connor (Vice-president of International and European Networks ULille)- online

Cecilia Cristea (Professor UMF Cluj, Romania)

Bianca Muntean (IT Cluster Manager, Romania)

Ioana Pop (Vice-Rector USAMV, Romania)

Noora Pauliina Tuovinen (Researcher, MUI, Austria) - online

16:15–16:30 Discussion & Q&A

16:30-16:45 Coffee Break

16:45–18:15 Interactive Workshop

Transforming Leadership workshop for women - Leadership, Communication, and Well-being

The interactive workshop will provide a more structured approach to leadership through guided input, offering space for reflection and discussion, designed to equip female leaders with actionable strategies to broaden their impact in influential roles and expand their influence at the highest levels.

Invited speaker:

Professional with deep expertise in leadership and gender dynamics, which will offer access to transformative blend of academic stretch, personal and professional growth, and real-world application.

19:00–20:00 Welcome Reception & Networking Dinner - *based on individual invitation*

The welcome reception and dinner will take place at "Maimuta Plangatoare" restaurant and will provide an opportunity for informal conversations, networking, and meaningful exchange in a beautiful setting.

Day 2 – Tuesday, 10 March

Online attendance link [here](#) (Meeting ID: 313 464 045 701 81 Passcode: SF3Wc2qN)

10.00-11.00 Visit at the Museum of Cluj Medical School. (*onsite only*)

Emil Isac Street no. 13, 400000 Cluj-Napoca

11:00–11:15 Registration & Coffee

Location: UMF Cluj Rectorate building, Multimedia room, Victor Babeş Street no. 8, ground Floor

11:15–12:30 Round Table Discussion

From Inspiration to Impact: Leadership in a Complex World

A selected panel of 5–6 distinguished participants, selected to reflect a wide range of backgrounds, sectors, career stages, and perspectives, will be invited to share their experiences and insights, openly discuss challenges they have encountered, and offer their views on key topics through a moderated conversation. Topics will be shared with panelists in advance. Attendees will be encouraged to engage actively by posing questions and contributing reflections, fostering an inclusive and dynamic exchange.

Moderator: Irina Vlad (UMF Cluj)

Invited speakers:

Arzu Celik (Head of Department of Molecular Biology and Genetics BOUN, Turkey)

Claudia Gherman (Associated Partner, Director of Emergency Clinical Hospital Cluj)

Anca Roman (Associated Partner, ADRNV Romania)

Olivia Verișezan-Roșu (Associated Partner, RoNeuro Institute)

12:30–13:30 Lunch Break

13:30–15:45 Invited Talks

Insights from Experience: Challenges and Opportunities

This session will feature a series of **short invited talks** (10-15min) delivered by **individuals in leadership positions** across diverse sectors and disciplines. Speakers are encouraged to present their activity naturally reflecting on the leadership experiences embedded in their work. This approach allows participants to highlight their initiatives and achievements alongside the challenges and opportunities they have encountered, offering practical and authentic perspectives on leadership in action. By sharing both their initiatives and the challenges and

opportunities encountered along the way, the session will highlight varied leadership pathways, encourage cross-sector learning, and provide practical, experience-based insights.

Invited speakers:

Juana Gallar (Director, Institute of neuroscience UMH, Spain) - online

Francesca Mastropasqua (Researcher, KI, Sweden)

Doina Pîslă (Director of Doctoral School – UTCN, Romania)

Birgit Urlike Munch (Vice-Rector UBO, Germany) - online

Miriana Dorobantu (Student UMF Cluj, NTEU Student Council)

Alexandra van Huffelen (President of Executive Board RU, The Netherlands) - online

15:45–16:00

Closing Session

The closing session will bring together key reflections, summarize main outcomes, and outline future perspectives through concluding remarks.

Invited speaker: Mihaela Băciuț (Vice-Rector UMF Cluj, Romania)

Core Concept of the Event

A central component of the event is its focus on showcasing leadership in an interdisciplinary and inclusive manner. The program is designed to bring together leaders from a wide range of disciplines, sectors, and professional backgrounds, representing different career stages—from early-career to senior leadership—and spanning all partner institutions within the alliance as well as selected contributors from outside the alliance. By highlighting this diversity of perspectives and pathways, the event aims to empower participants, stimulate innovation, and strengthen their capacity to lead with confidence, creativity, and impact across academic, industrial, administrative, and societal contexts.