



3rd Summer School

Career and Personal Growth for Human-Centric Leadership in the European Research Area (ERA)

Agenda

5–9 October 2026

University of Malta (Valletta Campus)

St Paul Street, Valletta, Malta



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Day 1: Collaboration for Career Development, Career Resilience, and Sustainable Skill Management

5 Oct 2026

08:30–09:00 Registration

09:00–09:30 **Navigating the Human Layer: Human
Resourcefulness and Career Sustainability
Above the Tech Frontier**
Lecturer: Prof. G. Baldacchino



09:30–10:45 **Developing Competitive Grant Proposals
in the Age of AI: What to Know and What
to Do**
**Lecturers: Rebecca Zammit & Alexander
Camilleri**



10:45–11:00 Coffee break

11:00–12:45 **Developing Competitive Grant Proposals
in the Age of AI: What to Know and What
to Do – Hands-on Exercise**
**Lecturers: Rebecca Zammit & Alexander
Camilleri**



12:45–13:30 Lunch break

Day 1: Collaboration for Career Development, Career Resilience, and Sustainable Skill Management

5 Oct 2026

13:30–14:00 The EARMA Academy: Shaping
Career Pathways and Professional
Development for RMAs and
Researchers
Lecturer: Zuzana Cernakova



14:00–14:30 Featured Project: EmpowerAid
Erasmus and Teacher Academy
Project
Lecturer: Dr. Diane Vassallo



14:30–15:30 AI Literacy Beyond the Toolbox:
From Researcher Competencies to
Civic Readiness
Lecturer: Dr. Diane Vassallo



15:30–15:45 Coffee break

15:45–16:30 Round Table discussion
**Lecturers: Dr. Diane Vassallo, Dr. Judy
Mielke, Prof. Gordon Pace**



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Day 2: Morning Session – From Practical Tools to Strategic Orchestration & Regulation: Generative AI in Higher Education

6 Oct 2026

08:30–09:00 Registration & Sign up for AI Certificate

09:00–09:15 Opening speech with: Dr. Claudio Rivera

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**Ready or Not, AI is Here: Building the
Rules for Education as We Go
– Panel Discussion**

09:15–10:00

**Pannellists: Prof. Matthew Montebello, UM,
Prof. Lampros Stergioulas, THUAS
Evita Milan, Steinbeis Transfer-Hub Berlin,
Elina Lidere, IZM, Republic of Latvia
Andri Ioannou, CYENS
Moderator – Claudio Rivera, RTU Riga**

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10:00–10:30 Coffee break

**Parallel Group Work Session:
Ethical Principles and Frameworks for
AI in Universities**

Lecturer: RAISE-UP Team

10:30–12:30

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**Parallel Group Work Session:
AI Guidelines for Universities**

Lecturer: RAISE-UP Team

10:30–12:30

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**Parallel Group Work Session:
AI Toolkit for Educators**

Lecturer: RAIS- UP Team

10:30–12:30

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Parallel Group Work Session:
10:30–12:45 AI Sandboxes for Universities – Online
Lecturer: RAISE-UP Team



12:45–13:30 Lunch break / Afternoon registration

Day 2: Afternoon Session – Use of LLMs (Beginner & Advanced): Sharpen Your Research Decisions

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12:45–13:30 Lunch break / Afternoon registration

13:30–15:30 Which LLM Assistants Do you Need, How Do
They Compare, and How to Use and How Not
to Use Them: Sharpen Your Research
Decisions
Lecturer: Daniel Mertens

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15:30–15:45 Coffee break

15:45–17:00 From Literature Review to Scientific (Grant)
Writing and Reviewing: LLM Assistants can
Raise the Quality of Every Stage in the
Research Process
Lecturer: Daniel Mertens

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Day 3: Morning Session – Use of LLMs (Beginner & Advanced) Under Data Protection With Local Solutions & Under the EU AI Act & Ethical Principles

7 Oct 2026

09:00–09:30 Registration

09:30–10:30 **Project Management, Academic
Interpersonal Communication and Career
Development Can Gain New Depth with
LLM Assistants**

Lecturer: Daniel Mertens

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10:30–10:50 Coffee break

10:50–12:45 **Going Local and Agentic: How to Work
Data-Safely and How to Build LLM
Pipelines**

Lecturer: Daniel Mertens

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12:45–13:30 Lunch break/ Afternoon registration

Day 3: Afternoon Session – The EU AI Act and Responsible Use of AI in Research

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12:45–13:30 Lunch break/ Afternoon registration

13:30–14:45 The EU AI Act and Responsible Use of AI in Research
Lecturer: Evita Milan

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14:45–15:30 Ethical Principles of AI Implementation
Lecturer: Evita Milan

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15:30–15:45 Coffee break

15:45–16:30 Round-table discussion & Closure
Lecturers: Evita Milan, Daniel Mertens

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Day 4: Morning Session – From Mobility to Impact: Lessons From ERA Talent Projects

8 Oct 2026

08:30–09:00 Registration

Session I – Opening & ERA Project Showcases – Presentations of the ERA Talent 2022 and ERA Talent 2024 Projects
Presenter: Marina Coricciati
Speakers: Andreja Jagnjić, Janika Leoste, Marija Radosavljević, Lukáš Daubner, Tăchiță Vlad-Bubulac

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Session II – Panel Discussion: The Secondee Journey – Exploring Secondment Methodologies, Effective Capacity-Building Approaches & More with Focus on Lessons Learned and Institutional Best Practices
Moderator: Marina Coricciati
Speakers: Andreja Jagnjić, Janika Leoste, Marija Radosavljević, Lukáš Daubner, Tăchiță Vlad-Bubulac

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10:50–11:00 Coffee break

Session III – Panel Discussion: Institutional Impact & Barriers + Closure – Addressing Administrative Barriers and Driving Lasting Structural Change in Widening Countries
Moderator: Marina Coricciati
Speakers: Andreja Jagnjić, Janika Leoste, Marija Radosavljević, Lukáš Daubner, Tăchiță Vlad-Bubulac

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12:00–12:45 Lunch break/ Afternoon registration

Day 4: Afternoon Session – Serious Game

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12:00–12:45 Lunch break/ Afternoon registration

**Serious Game for Technology Transfer:
Interactive Business Simulation Created
12:45–16:30 by House of Knowledge, Norway**

Presenter: Håvard Almås

Coffee break between session

 HOUSE OF KNOWLEDGE

Day 5: Knowledge Transfer and Valorisation Strategies

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08:30–09:00 Registration

09:00–10:30 **Fundamentals of Knowledge and
Technology Transfer**
Lecturer: Bernard Denis



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Transfer

10:30–11:00 Coffee break

11:00–11:45 **Fundamentals of Entrepreneurship**
Lecturer: David Gardiner



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11:45–12:45 **Entrepreneurial Spin-Off Skills & Avoiding
Common Pitfalls**
Lecturer: David Gardiner



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12:45–13:30 Lunch break

13:30–15:30 **Practical Exercise on Commercialisation
and IP Strategy**
Lecturer: Angela Zennaro



15:30–15:45 Coffee break

15:45–16:30 Certificate Awarding Ceremony & Closing
Remarks

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