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Morning Session: Vision & European Funding

09:30 – 10:00 | Registration & Welcome Coffee

Arrival of participants, networking, and informal introductions.

10:00 – 10:20 | Official Opening Session

Welcome remarks by the OCEAN Network coordination team and presentation of the network's vision, mission, and strategic objectives.

Speaker: Artur Pinto – European Project Manager, Municipality of Lousada

10:20 – 11:00 | Why OCEAN? Building Stronger European Collaboration Ecosystems

A keynote discussion on the importance of cross-sector cooperation between universities, schools, training centres, public bodies, NGOs and other civil society organisations to tackle emerging European challenges.

Speaker: Diana Borges – Network Coordinator & Project Manager, RightChallenge

11:00 – 11:30 | Networking Coffee Break – Informal networking and stakeholder connections.

11:30 – 12:30 | Roundtable Discussion: "Funding the Future: A Conversation with European Programme Representatives"

An interactive panel with representatives from key European funding programmes to discuss strategic priorities, upcoming opportunities, and successful partnership building. Moderation by Ana Lopes – Project Manager, RightChallenge

Speakers:

- Sara Machado – Head of Culture and Media News, Creative Europe Information Centre
- Sandra Pereira – Senior Technician, Directorate-General for Justice Policy – CERV National Contact Point
- Suzana Araújo – Technical Expert at the Project Management and Monitoring Unit, Erasmus+ National Agency (Higher Education Department)

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Afternoon Session: Co-Creation & Matchmaking

12:30 – 14:00 | Networking Lunch – A collaborative lunch space designed to foster new partnerships and project ideas.

14:00 – 15:15 | OCEAN Collaboration Labs: Co-creation Sessions

Participants will join thematic working groups to explore joint concepts under:

- Youth & Education – moderation by Filipa Baptista
- Sustainability & Green Transition – moderation by Catarina Nunes
- Digital Innovation – moderation by Diana Borges
- Social Inclusion & Community Development – moderation by Sara Lopes

15:15 – 15:30 | Coffee Break

15:30 – 17:00 | Future Partnerships & Project Ideas Forum

A dynamic matchmaking and co-creation session designed for organisations to present project ideas, identify future collaborators, and explore opportunities for joint European initiatives.

Activities:

- Pitching ideas for future European projects (Erasmus+, Horizon Europe, CERV, AMIF, etc.)
- Finding partners with complementary expertise
- Building transnational partnerships for future consortium development

17:00 – 17:30 | Closing Session & Community Photo

Final remarks, acknowledgements, and the official launch celebration of the OCEAN Network.

Speaker: Andreia Nunes – Team Leader & Project Manager, RightChallenge

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