



# PROGRAMME

March 9 – 10, 2026

Biomedical Research Center of the Slovak Academy of Sciences

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## Community meeting 2026

### Monday, March 9, 2026

Time	Programme	Venue
8:30 – 9:00	<b>Arrivals / Registration</b>	BMC SAS
9:00 – 10:00	<b>Plenary: Opening Session</b> Welcome Address by the Host – Silvia Pastoreková (20 min) Welcome Address by the Alliance4Life President – Toivo Maimets (20 min) Achievements of A4L_BRIDGE and Future Outlook – Nikola Kostlánová (20 min)	BMC SAS, Institute of Virology, main lecture hall
10:00 – 10:30	<b>Coffee break</b>	BMC SAS, foyer
10:30 – 12:00	<b>Plenary: Updates from WP Leaders (10 min. each)</b> WP2: Advancing Research Culture, T2.1, T2.2, T2.3 WP3: E-learning Platform 3.5 WP7: Skills Academy, T7.1, T7.2, T7.3 WP8: Internships, T8.1, T8.2, T8.3 WP9: Open Collaboration, T9.1, T9.2 WP10: Unlocking Data Potential, T10.2 WP11: Technology Transfer Opportunities T11.2, T11.3 WP12: Industry Relationship Platform, T12.1, T12.2 WP14: CDE Plan for the 2nd RP, T14.1, T14.2, T14.3, T14.4	BMC SAS, Institute of Virology, main lecture hall
12:00 – 13:20	<b>Lunch</b>	BMC SAS, foyer
13:20 – 14:40	<b>Plenary: Keynote Session 1</b> Plamena Markova, Head of International Relations at EMBL Marta Agostinho, President of EU LIFE	BMC SAS, Institute of Virology, main lecture hall
14:40 – 15:00	<b>Coffee break</b>	BMC SAS, foyer

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15:00 – 16:30	<b>Meeting of the Strategy Board, Steering Committee, and main project contacts</b>	BMC SAS, Inst Virology, seminar room 1 <sup>st</sup> floor
16:30 – 17:30	<b>FG Meetings FG1 – FG8</b>	BMC SAS, seminar rooms*
19:00 – 21:00	<b>Networking Dinner</b>	PaB Eurovea**

*\*Maps for the location of seminar rooms in two buildings will be provided onsite. Participants of the plenary sessions will be accompanied to dedicated places by the Board and FG members from the BMC SAS. \*\* Map for the location of Networking Dinner will be provided onsite.*

## Tuesday, March 10, 2026

Time	Programme	Venue
8:30 – 9:00	<b>Registration</b>	BMC SAS, foyer
9:00 – 9:40	Address of the President of the Slovak Academy of Sciences Martin Venhart <b>Plenary: Keynote Session 2</b> Maria Ananchenkova, Senior International Relations Officer at EMBL	BMC SAS, Institute of Virology, main lecture hall
9:40 – 10:20	<b>Plenary: Summary of FG Meetings (5 min each)</b> Science Evaluation (FG1), Research Ethics and Integrity (FG2), Human Resources and Mobility (FG3), Grants and Research Funding (FG4), Core Facilities (FG5), Knowledge and Technology Transfer (FG6), Science Communication (FG7), Data (FG8)	BMC SAS, Institute of Virology, main lecture hall
10:20 – 11:00	<b>Joint photo of meeting participants</b> <b>Coffee Break</b>	BMC SAS
11:00 – 12:30	From HR Policies to Daily Practice: What Actually Changed in Central and Eastern European Research Institutions? Results of A4L HR Analysis – WP3 Eliška Handlířová (30 min) Growing the VRC Together – WP5 and WP6 Sergej Pirkmajer (30 min)  <b>Summary of Board Meeting</b> (Nikola Kostlánová) <b>Concluding Remarks</b> (Silvia Pastoreková, Toivo Maimets)	BMC SAS, Institute of Virology, main lecture hall
12:30 – 14:00	<b>Lunch and Departure</b>	BMC SAS, foyer



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