



Sustainable, Usable and Visible Digital Cultural Heritage: Twinning for Excellence (DIGHT-Net)

Creating Networks in Digital Cultural Heritage: Workshop on R&D Networking for Early-Stage Researchers

Tallinn University
10–11 September 2026

This free two-day workshop for early-career researchers focuses on research and development networking in the field of digital cultural heritage. The workshop addresses a key challenge for emerging scholars: how to build meaningful professional networks across disciplines, institutions, and sectors. It brings together expert lectures, workshop sessions, and discussions to explore how connections are formed and sustained within and beyond academia.

Participation and application

To apply, please register here: <https://forms.gle/dFEb4128PiXtzU6> by **30 June 2026**. Participation is free of charge. Coffee and lunches on both days will be provided.

Participants will be invited to prepare a short informal presentation (approx. 5 minutes) reflecting on the following question: *What possibilities do you see for connecting your research with other research fields, business sectors, or communities?* This may include reflections on potential collaborations, applications, or future directions of your work. Presentations and feedback rounds will be held in workshops on the second day.

ECTS requirements (optional)

Participants who wish to receive **1 ECTS credit** are expected to:

- Actively participate in the full workshop programme.
- Deliver the short presentation described above.
- Submit a short **networking and collaboration plan** (approx. 1,500–2,000 words) after the workshop. The assignment should reflect on insights gained during the workshop and outline how you envision connecting your research with broader R&D activities. This may include identifying potential collaborators (academic and non-academic), possible formats of collaboration, relevant funding opportunities, and concrete next steps.

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Day 1

Thursday, 10 September

Tallinn University, Astra building, room A-206

10:45–11:00 Welcome coffee

11:00–11:15 Hannu Salmi (University of Turku): “Welcome and opening remarks”

11:15–12:00 Xavier Frederic Dubois (Tallinn University): “EU proposal writing: common pitfalls and good practices”

12:00–12:15 Coffee break

12:15–13:00 Lauri Keskinen (University of Turku): “Apply for the MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowship!”

13:00–14:00 Lunch break

14:00–14:45 Mahendra Mahey (Tallinn University): “Building Bridges: Strategic Networking and Cross-Sector Collaboration in Experimenting with Digital Cultural Heritage. Research Data Analyst in Humanities”

15:00–17:30 Hembo Pagi (Archaeovision, Tallinn University): Site visit to St. Nicholas’ Church

19:00 Evening gathering

Day 2

Friday, 11 September

Tallinn University, Astra building, room A-206

10:00–10:15 Coffee

10:30–10:45 Workshop, part 1: How to collaborate and connect with research and development inside and outside of academia?

11:00–11:15 Coffee break

11:15–12:00 Workshop, part 2: How to collaborate and connect with research and development inside and outside of academia?

12:00–13:00 Lunch break

13:00–13:45 Outi Vesakoski (University of Turku): “Strategic planning and random chance in creating networks in Digital Cultural and Linguistic Heritage”

13:45–14:15 Closing and concluding group discussion