

POLI International Fest
Draft Agenda

March 5th, 2025
10:00 – 16:00

Day 1 - Wednesday

10:00 – 11:15 **Opening Ceremony and Flags Parade** *Aula Magna Auditorium*

Speakers:

Maria-Iuliana DASCĂLU – Dean, Faculty of Engineering in Foreign Languages

Mihnea COSTOIU – Rector, National University of Science and Technology POLITEHNICA Bucharest

Nicolas WARNERY - France Ambassador in Romania

Hassan ABOUYOUB – President of the Group of Francophone Embassies, Delegations and Institutions (GADIF), Ambassador of the Kingdom of Morocco in Romania

Peer GEBAUER – German Ambassador in Romania

Artistic Moment:

- **Launch of the French Film Festival 2025**
- **Music performance:** *Anamaria Picurici & Ioana Șandru (students of Faculty of Theology, Letters, History and Arts – Pitesti Center)*

Speakers:

Eric POPPE - Représentant de l'Organisation internationale de la Francophonie pour l'Europe centrale et orientale

Laure CASTIN – Director, Agence Universitaire de la Francophonie Europe Centrale et Orientale

Adriana RECORD – Executive Director, French Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture in Romania (CCIFER)

Iulia SURUGIU – CEO, SII Romania

Artistic Moment:

- **Dance performance:** *Diana Ioana Nedelcu & Andrei Pitic (students of Faculty of Engineering in Foreign Languages)*

10:00 – 16:00 **Exhibition & Regional Scientific Poster Competition for Students in**

French (organized with AUF-ECO) & Awards Ceremony

Rectorate

Short description of the event:

The Regional Scientific Poster Competition highlights francophone research by showcasing scientific posters on emerging technologies for sustainable development, where participants propose solutions aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Evaluation is

conducted by a scientific jury and through a public vote via QR code, awarding three main prizes and a popularity award.

Details: <https://mfr.upb.ro/nos-evenements/concours-regional>.

The Awards Ceremony will take place at 14:30 in front of the exhibition.

10:00 – 16:00 **Cultural Exhibition: “Centenary of the French Institute in Romania“** *Rectorate*

Short description of the event:

The "Centenary of the French Institute in Romania" Exhibition celebrates 100 years of Franco-Romanian collaboration through historical archives, art, and multimedia, reflecting France's values of diplomacy and knowledge.

10:00 – 16:00 **Cultural Exhibition: “Images in Science” (Max Planck Research Association, Goethe Institute)** *Rectorate*

Guide: Elisabeth Lazarou, Department of Engineering in Foreign Languages, FILS

Short description of the event:

The Cultural Exhibition "Images in Science", by the Max Planck Research Association and the Goethe Institute, highlights the beauty of science through images, reflecting German values of precision, innovation and curiosity.

10:00 – 16:00 **Cultural Exhibition - Embassy of Sweden: “Research and Innovation”** *Rectorate*

Short description of the event:

The Cultural Exhibition "Research and Innovation", presents discoveries and technologies, showing Sweden's commitment to creativity, sustainability and progress.

11:15– 13:00 **Guided Tours for Exhibitions** *Rectorate*

Short description of the event:

Students will be present next to their scientific posters to answer questions, exchange ideas with visitors and encourage them to vote for their poster.

Participants will have the opportunity to receive explanations related to each cultural exhibition, to visit the booths of companies, embassies and cultural institutes, exploring networking and collaboration opportunities.

13:00 – 14:00 **Language Boost: 15-Minutes of French** *Rectorate*

Trainers: Romain Chrétien, French Institute in Romania

Short description of the event:

These sessions are designed to provide participants with a quick and engaging French immersion, whether they want to practice their skills or learn from scratch, focusing on key expressions to boost confidence in a dynamic and multicultural setting. Four short sessions will be offered, from 15 to 15 minutes.

14:00 – 15:00 Language Boost: 15-Minutes of German

Rectorate

Trainer: *Andrea Cornelissen, DAAD Lecturer*

Short description of the event:

These sessions are designed to provide participants with a quick and engaging German immersion, whether they want to practice their skills or learn from scratch, focusing on key expressions to boost confidence in a dynamic and multicultural setting. Four short sessions will be offered, from 15 to 15 minutes.

15:00 – 16:00 Language Boost: 15-Minutes of Japanese

Rectorate

Trainer: *Mihaela Ivan, Department of Communication in Modern Languages, FILS*

Short description of the event:

These sessions are designed to provide participants with a quick and engaging Japanese immersion, whether they want to practice their skills or learn from scratch, focusing on key expressions to boost confidence in a dynamic and multicultural setting. Four short sessions will be offered, from 15 to 15 minutes.

10:00 – 16:00 Exhibition (Embassies, cultural institutes, companies, faculties, associations)

Rectorate

Short description of the event:

This exhibition shows technological innovations, cultural discoveries, educational and professional opportunities. Participants will explore cutting-edge solutions, engage with industry leaders and connect with institutions promoting research, collaboration, and career development, while visiting the participating stands.

13:00 – 16:00 “First Real Steps in Virtual Reality” Workshop for High School Students

Room CJ101 - FILS

Trainer: *Iulia Stanica, Department of Engineering in Foreign Languages, FILS*

Short description of the event:

This workshop introduces high school students to the fundamentals of virtual reality (VR) through hands-on activities and interactive demonstrations. At the end of the session, participants will receive diplomas recognizing their involvement. The workshop is available only for high school students who received invitations.

13:00 – 16:00 “First Hands-On Experience in Augmented Reality” Workshop for High

School Students

Room CJ104 - FILS

Trainers:

Tudor Ursachi & Alexandru Mitrea, Department of Engineering in Foreign Languages, FILS

Short description of the event:

This workshop gives high school students a practical introduction to augmented reality (AR), allowing them to explore and experiment with AR technologies through interactive activities. At the end of the session, participants will receive diplomas recognizing their involvement. The workshop is available only for high school students who received invitations.

13:00 – 16:00 “Build Your First Arduino Project” Workshop for High School Students

Room CJ201- FILS

Trainer: *Iuliana Marin, Department of Engineering in Foreign Languages, FILS*

Short description of the event:

During this workshop, high school students will learn the basics of Arduino programming and electronics, experimenting with sensors and components to create their first functional project. At the end of the session, participants will receive diplomas recognizing their involvement. The workshop is available only for high school students who received invitations.

13:00 – 13:45 Soft Skills & Career Orientation Workshop for High School Students

AN010 Amphitheatre

Speakers:

Cristian Mustata & Elisabeth Lazarou, Department of Engineering in Foreign Languages, FILS

Short description of the event:

This workshop helps students develop essential soft skills and gain insights into career planning. Through interactive activities and guidance, participants will learn how to improve communication and teamwork to succeed in their future careers.

14:00 – 14:45 Speak with Confidence: Enhancing Your Communication Skills

Speakers:

Katherine Byrne, British Council

Short description of the event:

This workshop helps participants improve their communication skills and gain more confidence when speaking. Through expert guidance, they will learn how to express themselves more clearly and effectively in different situations.

14:00 – 15:45 **Visit to FILS research centers**

CSSNT Research center – Faculty of Engineering in Foreign Languages

Short description of the event:

Research is a key part of academic life, which is why participants will have the opportunity to visit the Center for Surface Science and Nanotechnology (CSSNT) - <https://cssnt-upb.ro/> at FILS. During the visit, they will learn about modern research, new technologies and how nanotechnology and surface science are used in real life.

13:00 – 13:45 **“IT careers in the AI-shaped landscape” Workshop**

Senate Room

Trainer/s: *Alina Ion - Senior Director, ADP Romania Center of Excellence*

Andrei Mihaescu – Senior Director Technical Teams, ADP Romania

Cristian Berdila - Manager Technical Team, France National Accounts, ADP Romania

Short description of the event:

This workshop explores how Artificial Intelligence is transforming the IT job market and what skills are needed to thrive in this evolving field. Experts from ADP Software will share insights with students, discussing emerging job opportunities, essential skills and industry trends to help them prepare for the future of technology.

14:00 – 14:45 **Company Presentation**

Senate Room

Speaker/s: *Infineon*

Short description of the event:

This session will introduce students to Infineon’s cutting-edge technologies and their impact on various industries. The presentation will offer insights into career opportunities and the future of technology.

15:00 – 15:45

Francophone Opportunities

Senate Room

Moderators: Rabie Ben Atitallah, Scientific and University Cooperation Attaché

Iosif Nemoianu, vicedean FILS

Speakers:

French Institute in Romania

Francophone University Agency (AUF)

Mohamed Ketata, School of Management of the Francophonie

Short description of the event:

Participants will discover exchange programs, partnerships and events that offer international collaborations and the benefits of studying in a Francophone environment. At POLITEHNICA Bucharest, the Francophone community is well represented, providing students with numerous academic, cultural and professional opportunities.

15:00 – 15:45

EELISA Alliance: Explore, Collaborate, Transform

AN010 Amphitheatre

Speaker: Diana Robescu, EELISA Responsible in POLITEHNICA Bucharest

Short description of the event:

The EELISA Alliance brings together 10 universities from eight European countries, uniting engineering and sciences for a more inclusive and digital society. During the workshop, students will discover mobility opportunities, grants and calls organized by the alliance, allowing them to benefit from cultural exchange and skill development.

16:00 – 16:30

Companies Feedback Session

AN010 Amphitheatre

Short description of the event:

is a chance to thank company representatives for joining and to hear their thoughts on what worked well and what could be improved in the event's organization, helping to make future editions better.

16:00 – 16:30

Gala Alumni FILS

Senate Room

Short description of the event:

The Gala Alumni FILS connects FILS graduates with companies and partners, creating a dynamic space for networking and career opportunities.

Short description of the event:

The occasion for all the participants to exchange ideas and possible collaborations while enjoying some snacks & drinks.

Day 2 - Thursday

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Rectorate

Trainer: Alexandra Burghelea-Arabu, Department of Communication in Modern Languages, FILS

Short description of the event:

These sessions are designed to provide participants with a quick and engaging Spanish immersion, whether they want to practice their skills or learn from scratch, focusing on key expressions to boost confidence in a dynamic and multicultural setting. Four short sessions will be offered, from 15 to 15 minutes.

11:00 – 12:00 **Language Boost: 15-Minutes of Italian** *Rectorate*

Trainer: *Ioana Mustata, Department of Communication in Modern Languages, FILS*

Short description of the event:

These sessions are designed to provide participants with a quick and engaging Italian immersion, whether they want to practice their skills or learn from scratch, focusing on key expressions to boost confidence in a dynamic and multicultural setting. Four short sessions will be offered, from 15 to 15 minutes.

10:00 – 16:00 **Exhibition** (*Embassies, companies, associations, partners etc.*) *Rectorate*

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10:00 – 16:00 **Hardcore Entrepreneur 5.0 – national mobile programming competition for High School Students & Awards Ceremony**

[AN010 Amphitheatre & Online](#)

Moderators: *FILS & Punctul IT*

Short description of the event:

Now in its 5th edition, Hardcore Entrepreneur <https://he.upb.ro/> – national mobile programming competition for gymnasium and high school students is dedicated to young minds passionate about mobile app development. In the final stage, the top teams will present their final projects to a jury, competing for the best innovation awards.

10:00 – 10:45 **Your Guide to ERASMUS+ & Double and Joint Degree Panel** *Senate Room*

Speakers:

Department of International Relations, POLITEHNICA Bucharest

Erasmus Office, POLITEHNICA Bucharest

Moderator: *Adriana Lungu, vicedean FILS*

Short description of the event:

This panel will provide detailed insights into ERASMUS+, Double and Joint Degree programs, explaining how students can benefit from these international study experiences. Participants will learn about mobility opportunities, academic advantages, cultural and career benefits, gaining understanding of the possibilities available to enhance their education through global collaboration. Testimonials for FILS students who went to France will be offered.

11:00 – 11:45 Study and Exchange Programs Panel

Senate Room

Speakers:

Luciana Mihai - Director, Department of International Relations, POLITEHNICA Bucharest

Anne Plaine - Campus France Paris

Delphine Chollat-Namy - Enseignante d'Anglais & Référente Relations Internationales, IUT2 Grenoble Alpes

Sophie Dupui-Chessa – Enseignante & Référente Relations Internationales, IUT2 Grenoble Alpes

Jean Caussanel - Maître de Conférences en Informatique & Directeur du département MIND de la FEG AMU, Aix-Marseille Université

Adrian Chifu - Maître de Conférences en Informatique & Responsable des parcours M2 MIAGE 2ID et de la communication MIAGE, Aix-Marseille Université

Moderator: *Camelia Stanciu, POLITEHNICA Bucharest*

Short description of the event:

Participants will discover study opportunities and exchange programs offered by francophone universities, exploring academic paths abroad. The panel will provide insights into admission processes, scholarships, student life and cultural differences, helping attendees compare international study experiences and find the best fit for their academic and professional growth.

12:00 – 12:45 Studying in Germany and DAAD Scholarships

Senate Room

Short description of the event:

A German-language session on study and research opportunities in Germany, providing perspectives into scholarships, application processes and academic life through DAAD programs.

13:00 – 13:45 “How AI is Changing the World?” Panel

Senate Room

Speakers:

Julien Chiappone-Lucchesi – Director, French Institute in Romania

Lavinia Neagoe - Director of Engineering, Bucharest Tech Site Lead, Google

Marius Peicu - Head Of Solution and Innovation, SII Romania

Victor Ionut Ionascu - R&D Director, Axway

Ciprian-Răzvan Hodorogea - Director Software Development, Amazon

Anca Giupană - Promos & Ads Manager, Glovo

Alex Neagu - Senior Manager Cloud Engineering CEE, Oracle

Moderator: *Maria-Iuliana Dascalu, Dean, Faculty of Engineering in Foreign Languages*

Short description of the event:

This panel explores the impact of Artificial Intelligence today. Experts will discuss technological advancements, ethical challenges, and future opportunities, providing insights into how AI is shaping our daily lives and the world of tomorrow.

14:00 – 14:45 “Facts and myths in the corporate environment” Workshop

Senate Room

Trainer/s: *Victor Ionut Ionascu - R&D Director, Axway*

Short description of the event:

This workshop will explore common facts and myths in the corporate environment, helping participants distinguish between reality and misconceptions. Experts will discuss key workplace dynamics, challenges, and best practices, providing valuable insights into how businesses operate and evolve.

15:00 – 15:45 “Sustainability Nowadays” Panel

Senate Room

Speakers:

Andrei Badea - Communication Manager Infineon Technologies Romania

Adrian Tudor – Project Manager, Engie

Moderator: *Laura Trifan, Department of Engineering in Foreign Languages, FILS*

Short description of the event:

Current challenges in sustainability and possibly solutions will be discussed by university members and industrial partners.
