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SYSTEMEU SUMMIT '26 TUZLA CANTON

PROGRAMME AGENDA

22th-25th June 2026

Tuzla, Bosnia and Herzegovina





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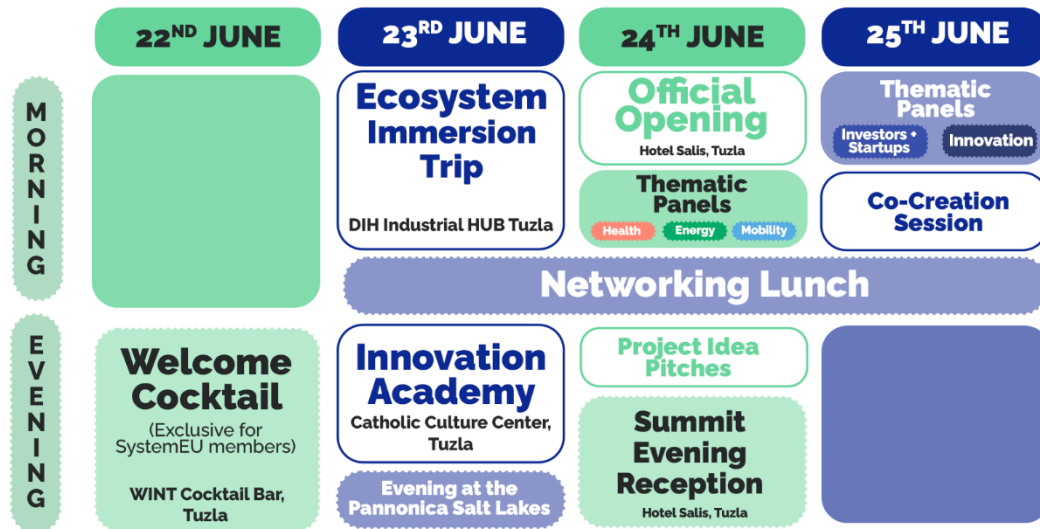


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Pocket Agenda

SystemEU Summit Tuzla Canton 2026



The Summit unfolds across several iconic locations in and around Tuzla – from WINT Cocktail Bar and the DIH Industrial HUB to the modern Hotel Salis and Pannonica Salt Lakes.

Below is the venue for every block of the official programme. For the full sessions schedule please refer to the following **4-Day Programme**.

Days & locations:

- **June 22:** Welcome Cocktail (night) · [WINT – Cocktail Bar](#)
- **June 23 AM:** Ecosystem Immersion · [DIH Industrial HUB Tuzla](#)
- **June 23 Lunch:** Networking Lunch · [Don Papa](#)
- **June 23 PM:** Innovation Academy · [Catholic Culture Center](#)
- **June 23 Eve:** Dinner party on the salt lakes · [Pannonica Salt Lakes](#)
- **June 24:** Opening, panels & pitches · [Hotel Salis Tuzla](#)
- **June 24 Lunch:** Summit lunch · [Hotel Salis](#)
- **June 24 Eve:** Special dinner & evening reception · [Hotel Salis Tuzla](#)
- **June 25:** Thematic panels, co-creation & closing lunch · [Hotel Salis Tuzla](#)
- **June 25 Lunch:** Closing lunch · [Hotel Salis](#)

Main Summit venue Hotel Salis:

- **Programme:** Opening Ceremony, thematic panels, project pitches, evening reception & closing lunch (June 24–25)
- **Meals (24–25)** Lunch and special dinner on 24 Jun · closing lunch on 25 Jun – all at Hotel Salis
- **Address:** Soli 4, 75000 Tuzla, Bosnia & Herzegovina
- **Phone:** +387 35 560 000
- **Website:** hotelsalis.ba
- **Google Maps:** [Open in Maps](#)



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SystemEU Summit Tuzla Canton 2026

2ND EUROPEAN INNOVATION SUMMIT – SYSTEMEU PROJECT

TUZLA CANTON Bosnia & Herzegovina

22 JUNE · MONDAY

Welcome Dinner – Only for SYSTEMEU Delegates

**Starting at
19:00**

WELCOME DINNER & COCKTAIL RECEPTION

WINT Cocktail Bar, Tuzla – [Google maps](#)

Informal welcome reception for SYSTEMEU delegates at WINT Cocktail Bar, offering a relaxed and vibrant setting for networking, informal exchange, and the first connections of the Summit.

23 JUNE · TUESDAY

Ecosystem Immersion & Innovation Academy – Only for SYSTEMEU Delegates

10:00 – 12:00

ECOSYSTEM IMMERSION

DIH Industrial HUB (Bosne Srebrene bb, 75000 Tuzla) – [Google maps](#)

Presentation of key actors within the Tuzla Canton innovation ecosystem and their development, research and innovation capacities. The session will provide insight into the activities, projects and potential of relevant institutions and organisations, with consideration of future cooperation opportunities with European partners.

10:00 – 10:30

Welcome Coffee & Registration

Arrival and registration of participants, accompanied by informal networking and introductory exchanges among representatives of the participating regions and organisations, as well as media interviews and press statements with selected speakers and institutional representatives prior to the start of the programme.

10:30 – 10:40

Opening Welcome Speeches:

- Zijad Lugavić – Mayor of Tuzla
- Edin Duraković – Minister of Economy of Tuzla Canton
- Industrial HUB Tuzla – Maja Ibričić, Project Manager

10:40 – 10:50

Industrial HUB Tuzla Presentation

Presentation of Industrial HUB Tuzla, showcasing its role as a key regional innovation actor supporting digitalisation, innovation and competitiveness of SMEs. The session will highlight the Hub's services, ongoing initiatives, available infrastructure and opportunities for collaboration.

10:50 – 12:00

Ecosystem Showcase Presentations:

- Centre for Development and Support Tuzla – Edin Zahirović, Director
- BIT Centre Tuzla – Robert Martić, Director
- TRAG Tuzla Development Agency – Amra Hamzić, Director
- University of Tuzla – prof. dr. Damir Zenunović, Vice-Rector
- UKC University Clinical Centre Tuzla – *Representative, TBD*



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12:30 – 14:00

LUNCH & NETWORKING

Restoran Don Papa (Trg slobode, 75000 Tuzla) – [Google Maps](#)

Joint lunch for participants from Bavaria (Germany), Norte Region (Portugal), Castile and León (Spain), North-West Region (Romania) and Tuzla Canton (Bosnia & Herzegovina), dedicated to informal networking, exchange of experiences and establishing new professional contacts.

14:30 – 17:30

INNOVATION ACADEMY

Hrvatski kulturni centar Tuzla (Stari grad 4, 75000 Tuzla) – [Google Maps](#)

An interactive programme focused on knowledge exchange, presentation of good practices and the development of new ideas for interregional cooperation. Through joint activities, participants will have the opportunity to identify potential areas of collaboration and contribute to the further development of innovation ecosystems.

14:30 – 15:15

Open Call for Interregional Innovation Projects

Presentation of the upcoming SYSTEMEU Open Call for Interregional Innovation Projects, providing participants with an overview of the funding opportunity, application process, eligibility criteria and expected project outcomes. The session will also offer practical guidance for potential applicants and an opportunity to address questions related to consortium building and project preparation.

15:15 – 16:15

Regional Ecosystem Presentations: Understanding the Valleys

Interactive roundtable discussion bringing together representatives of the five SYSTEMEU regions to present and discuss their innovation ecosystems. The session will explore key stakeholders, support structures, strategic assets, funding opportunities, policy frameworks and market dynamics, while highlighting common challenges and opportunities for collaboration.

16:15 – 16:30

Coffee Break

Refreshments and informal networking opportunity for participants.

16:30 – 17:15

Collaborative Exercise

Facilitated thematic working sessions in the areas of Energy, Health and Mobility, bringing together participants from all regions to identify common strengths, challenges and opportunities. Through a collaborative SWOT exercise, participants will map ecosystem complementarities, explore potential synergies and identify areas for future cooperation and joint project development.

17:15 – 17:30

Presentation of Key Findings & Wrap-Up and Closing Remarks

Each thematic group will present the main conclusions of the workshop, including identified collaboration opportunities, complementary capacities across regions and priority areas for future interregional initiatives. Summary of key insights and outcomes from the day, outlining next steps towards stronger ecosystem collaboration, consortium formation and participation in upcoming SYSTEMEU activities and funding opportunities.

**Starting at
19:00**

DINNER & SOCIAL AT PANNONIAN LAKES

Ljetna bašta Slapovi (Kompleks Panonskih jezera Tuzla) – [Google Maps](#)

An informal evening gathering for participants from all five partner regions, aimed at strengthening mutual connections, continuing conversations started during the day and showcasing the tourism potential of the city of Tuzla.



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24 JUNE · WEDNESDAY

Summit Opening Day

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9:45 – 10:30

OFFICIAL OPENING CEREMONY

High-level inauguration of the SystemEU Summit 2026, bringing together representatives of the five partner regions alongside European institutions, national and regional authorities, academia, startups, business support organisations and innovation ecosystem stakeholders.

9:45 – 10:15

Welcome & Registration:

Reception and registration of participants, as well as media interviews and press statements prior to the official opening of the Summit.

10:15 – 10:30

Opening Welcome Speeches:

- Moritz Hoffmann – SystemEU Project Manager
- Edin Duraković – Minister of Economy of Tuzla Canton
- Nataša Duka – Head of the European Union Regional Office
- Irfan Halilagić – Prime Minister of Tuzla Canton

10:30 – 12:55

THEMATIC PANEL SESSIONS

Interactive international panel discussions focused on health, energy and mobility, bringing together experts, policymakers, researchers and industry representatives to exchange experiences, showcase innovative solutions and discuss future trends shaping Europe's innovation ecosystems.

10:30 – 11:15

MOBILITY PANEL: SHAPING THE FUTURE OF MOBILITY: SMART, SUSTAINABLE AND CITIZEN-CENTRED SOLUTIONS

Panelists:

- Zijad Lugavić – Mayor, City of Tuzla (Bosnia and Herzegovina)
- Diego del Pozo – Engineer, Directorate-General for Industry, Castilla y León (Spain)
- Alexandru Mihai Bara – Research Engineer, EMARC – Electric Mobility Applied Research Center (Romania)
- Alexandre Nuno Rocha Pinto Lucas – Senior Researcher, INESC TEC (Portugal)
- Sophia Vögler – Co-Founder Business & Growth, Ampway GmbH (Germany)

Moderator: Michael Hauck – Project Manager at SCE Strascheg Center for Entrepreneurship /OpenHubs (Germany)

11:20 – 12:05

HEALTH PANEL: ADVANCING HEALTHCARE THROUGH INNOVATION AND DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION

Panelists:

- Denis Husić – CEO, Health Insurance Fund of Tuzla Canton (Bosnia and Herzegovina)
- David Cañadas – Founder of COBY (Germany), an AI companion startup for children.
- David Lucio – ITCL Technology Centre (Spain)
- João Carlos Sousa – Associate Professor, School of Medicine, University of Minho (Portugal)
- Bianca Iulia Simion – Chief Marketing Officer, Lumen (Romania)

Moderator: Erna Kusturica – Assistant Minister for Development, Ministry of Economy of Tuzla Canton



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12:10 – 12:55

ENERGY PANEL: ENERGY AS A DRIVER OF INDUSTRIAL COMPETITIVENESS, SUSTAINABILITY AND DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION

Panelists:

- Alan Topčić – Dean, Faculty of Mechanical Engineering, University of Tuzla (Bosnia and Herzegovina)
- Luis Ángel González Bueno – Head, Industrial Promotion Service, Junta de Castilla y León (Spain)
- Nivedita Mahida-Königsdörfer – Scientific Officer, Bavarian Research Alliance (Germany)
- Alexandre Nuno Rocha Pinto Lucas – Senior Researcher, INESC TEC (Portugal)
- Cristian Gheorghe – Business Development CEE, Digital Solutions, Prysmian (Romania)

Moderator: Oana Buzatu – Project coordinator, Cluster of Education (Romania)

13:00 – 14:30

NETWORKING LUNCH

Networking lunch bringing together speakers, panelists, project partners and Summit participants – an opportunity to continue discussions, exchange ideas and establish new connections.

14:30 – 16:30

FUTURE PROJECTS FORUM – PITCHES & FSTP OPEN CALL

Interactive session combining project idea pitches with the presentation of the upcoming SYSTEMEU Financial Support to Third Parties (FSTP) Open Call. Participants will have the opportunity to showcase innovative project concepts, connect with potential partners from across the SYSTEMEU regions and explore opportunities for future interregional collaboration in the fields of health, energy and mobility. Participants will present project concepts, receive feedback from peers and stakeholders, and explore opportunities for future consortium building and participation in the upcoming SYSTEMEU FSTP Open Call.

What to expect?

- Project idea pitches from organisations across the five SYSTEMEU regions
- Focus on innovation opportunities in health, energy and mobility
- Short presentations followed by audience Q&A
- Interactive evaluation of project ideas through a dedicated digital platform
- Identification of potential partners for future interregional projects
- Opportunities for consortium building and cross-regional collaboration
- Networking with innovation stakeholders, public authorities, researchers, companies and investors
- Expression of interest in partnerships, piloting activities and future investment opportunities

**Starting at
19:30**

SUMMIT EVENING RECEPTION

An exclusive evening gathering designed to foster networking, informal exchange and relationship-building among Summit participants, speakers and distinguished guests.



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25 JUNE · THURSDAY
Startups, Innovation & Matchmaking
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10:00 – 10:30	MORNING COFFEE & NETWORKING An informal networking session bringing together participants, speakers and guests ahead of the second day of the Summit, fostering new connections and collaboration opportunities across the SYSTEMEU community.
10:30 – 12:00	THEMATIC PANEL SESSIONS Discussion on startup ecosystems, investment trends, funding opportunities and cross-border growth strategies. Exploring innovation ecosystems, technology transfer, entrepreneurship support and collaborative innovation.
10:30 – 11:15	STARTUPS & INVESTORS PANEL: FROM IDEA TO SCALE: BUILDING INVESTMENT-READY STARTUPS IN EUROPE <i>Panelists:</i> • Mirela Omerović – Momentum Consulting Tuzla (Bosnia and Herzegovina) • Daniel Rasel – Investment Associate, SCE Freiraum Ventures (Germany) • Hugo López – Startup Rapture Games – VISSIONN (Spain) • Oana Buzatu – Project coordinator, Cluster of Education C-EDU (Romania) • TBD (Portugal) <i>Moderator:</i> Tanja Knöller – Ecosystem Lead, Munich Innovation Ecosystem GmbH (Germany)
11:15 – 12:00	INNOVATION PANEL: BUILDING STRONGER INNOVATION ECOSYSTEMS FOR EUROPE'S FUTURE <i>Panelists:</i> • Tanja Madžarević – Owner, Ingenia (Bosnia and Herzegovina) • Prof. Dr. Laura Bechthold – Technical University Ingolstadt / Bavarian Foresight Institute (Germany) • Alexandre Mendes – Startup Braga, Executive Director (Portugal) • Emilio Santiago Corchado Rodriguez – Full Professor, University Salamanca, CEO, Startup OLE (Spain) • Octaviana Marincas – Director Ministry of Economy Digitalization, Entrepreneurship and Tourism (Romania) <i>Moderator:</i> Natalie Fischer – Project Manager at SCE Strascheg Center for Entrepreneurship (Germany)
12:00 – 12:30	CO-CREATION SESSION: FROM PITCHES TO PARTNERSHIPS Interactive discussion bringing together project promoters, stakeholders and potential partners to explore collaboration opportunities, consortium building and future project development pathways. The session will conclude with the presentation of audience voting results and the announcement of the highest-rated project idea.
12:30 – 14:00	CLOSING LUNCH & SUMMIT CONCLUSION Networking lunch and formal closing of the Summit, celebrating dialogue, collaboration and innovation across European regions.