PROGRAMME

FutureX Summit

What does it mean to be future-ready?



19 November 2026
Europe House Skopje, St. Cyril and Methodius 32-b, Skopje

11:00 – 11:15

Welcome and Opening

Welcome remarks and a brief introduction to the FutureLit project, the Future Readiness Academy, and the purpose of the Summit.

Zaneta Trajkoska, Director of the Institute of Communication Studies
Prof. Vesna Janevska, Minister of Education and Science
Prof. Tatjana Horvat, Dean, Faculty of Management, University of Primorska (Slovenia)

11:15 – 11:35

Future talk

How can we navigate futures we cannot predict?

Ramila Kafaji Zadeh, Futures Literacy expert, Hanze University of Applied Sciences, Groningen, the Netherlands

11:35 – 12:35

FutureX dialogue

Panel discussion: How can future-ready competencies help us make better decisions today when the future cannot be fully predicted?

Moderator: **Jordanka Cherepnalkova-Trajkoska** (ICS)

> *What should education prepare young people for if we do not know what kind of world they will live and work in?*
> **Panellist:** **Prof. Kiril Barbareev**, Faculty of Educational Sciences, Goce Delčev University, Štip

> *Is it better to have a clear career plan or to remain open to opportunities we cannot yet foresee?*
> **Panellist:** **Dancho Dimkov**, BizzBee solutions, Skopje

> *Which assumptions about the future most often limit organisations and make it difficult for them to change?*
> **Panellist:** **Tomaž Pavlica**, Director and Consultant, Palok d.o.o., Slovenia

> *What capabilities should young people begin developing today in order to remain active and responsible participants in the digital society of the future?*
> **Panellist:** **Dr Aleksandra Dedinec**, FCSE / the Vezilka Project Team

12:35 – 12:55

Future Readiness Academy Showcase

Ideas from the Next Generation

Selected participants from North Macedonia, Slovenia and Austria will present projects, ideas and perspectives developed through the Future Readiness Academy.

12:55 – 13:10

Students' voice

Panel discussion: What would we change today?

Moderator: **Monika Aksentievska** (ICS)

> *Brief reactions to the Summit discussions: What would you say to the panellists and why?*
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> **Panellists:** **Future Readiness Academy students**

> *Reflections: What is one thing we should start doing differently today in order to be better prepared for tomorrow?*
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> **Panellists:** **Future Readiness Academy students**

13:10 – 13:20

From project to practice

FutureLit beyond the project: Resources for students, educators, universities and organisations

13:20 – 13:25

Closing

Looking ahead: Key messages from the Summit and closing remarks

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Speakers

Speaker



Ramila Kafaji Zadeh

Futures Literacy trainer and designer helping people and organisations navigate uncertainty through Futures Literacy.

Speaker



Prof. Kiril Barbareev

Education researcher and professor exploring how learning can prepare young people for an uncertain future.

Speaker



Tomaz Pavlica

Business innovation and strategy expert helping organisations transform, innovate and thrive in times of change.

Speaker



Dancho Dimkov

Entrepreneur, consultant and author sharing lessons on adaptability, careers and the future of work.

Speaker



Aleksandra Dedinec

AI researcher and university professor exploring how people and organisations can navigate artificial intelligence, digital transformation and rapidly changing information environments.