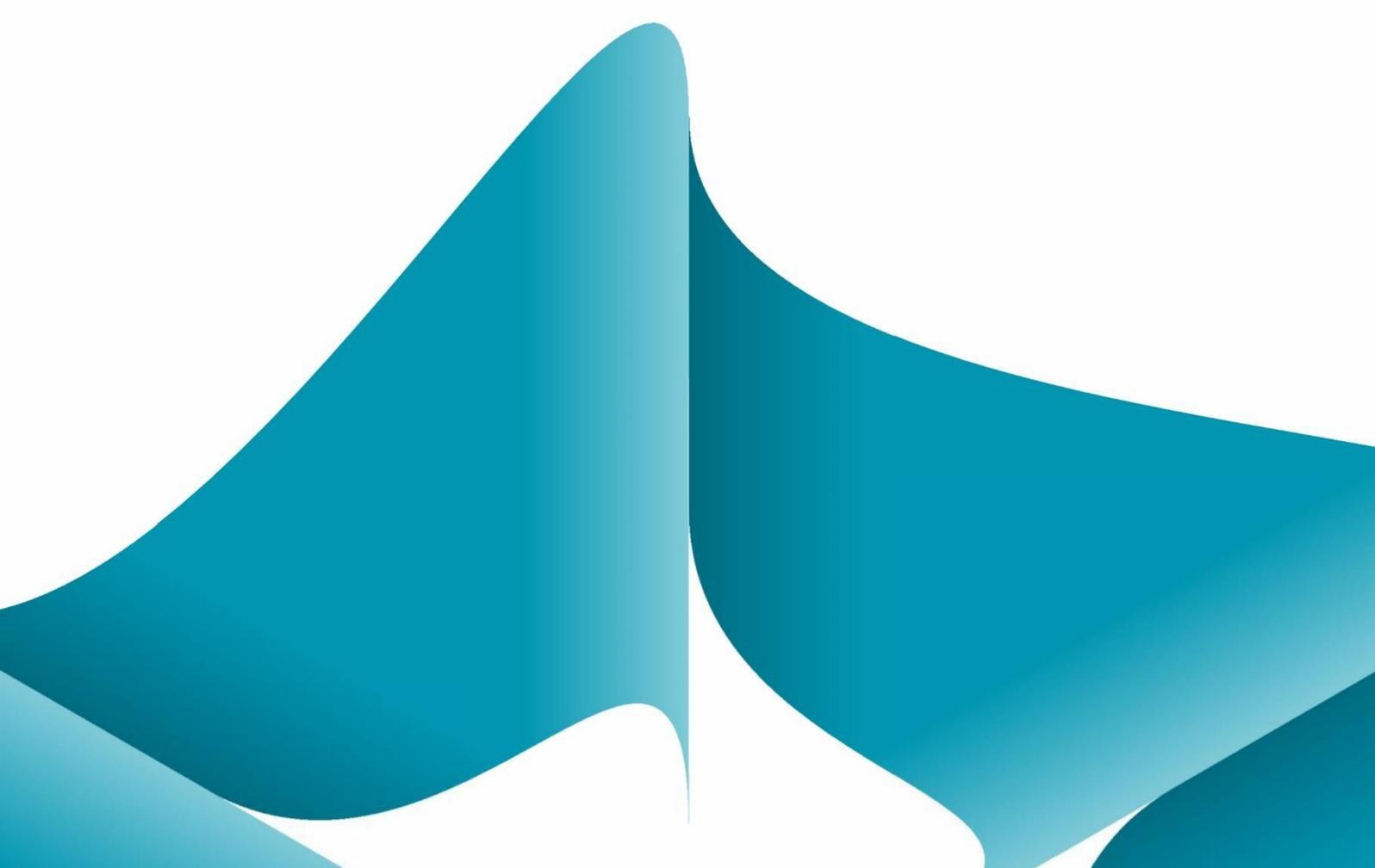


# Meeting of the Directors of Training Institutions from the Western Balkans and Moldova

(back to back with DISPA meeting)

6 May 2026, Nicosia, Cyprus

Provisional Agenda



## Background

Networks play a crucial role in strengthening cooperation, facilitating peer learning, and supporting institutional development across public administrations. In the context of EU enlargement and the renewed momentum for progressive integration, Western Balkan and Eastern Partnership administrations are increasingly encouraged to actively engage in EU-level platforms, frameworks, and professional networks. Such engagement enables alignment with EU standards, promotes exchange of knowledge and practices, and enhances institutional capacities in key reform areas.

One of the most prominent networks at the EU level is the Network of Directors of Institutes and Schools of Public Administration (DISPA), which brings together leaders of national training institutions responsible for the professional development of civil servants. Participation in DISPA provides a valuable opportunity for Western Balkan and Eastern Partnership institutions to connect with EU Member States, gain insights into emerging trends, and contribute to shaping the future of public sector learning and development.

In this context, ReSPA will facilitate the participation of Directors and Heads of institutes and schools of public administration from the Western Balkans and Moldova in the DISPA meeting “The strategic learning function – L&D as a driver of reform and innovation”, held on 7 - 8 May 2026, Filoxenia Conference Centre, Nicosia, Cyprus and organise a dedicated back-to-back meeting to enable a focused regional exchange. This meeting complements the main DISPA agenda by providing space for open dialogue among regional peers, allowing participants to reflect on their institutional progress, share experiences, and discuss common priorities and challenges.

The meeting will place particular emphasis on identifying key challenges faced by training institutions in their day-to-day work, including issues related to capacity development, digital transformation, talent management, and the evolving role of learning and development in supporting public administration reform. In addition, it will showcase innovative training practices, including the use of new learning methodologies, such as beyond-the-classroom training.

Finally, the meeting aims to strengthen regional cooperation and foster partnerships among training institutions in the Western Balkans and Moldova, while also reinforcing their connection with EU counterparts.

## Wednesday, 6 May 2026

17:00 – 17:10	Opening remarks <b>Jelena Mrdak</b> , Programme Manager, ReSPA
17:10 – 18:00	<b>Exchange on Current Developments and Priorities</b> Short interventions by each participant (up to 10 minutes each)
18:00 – 18:40	<b>Innovative Training Practices: Rethinking the Role of Training Institutions in Developing Leadership Culture</b> Moderated discussion with contributions from participants
18:40 – 18:55	<b>Future Cooperation and Networking Opportunities</b> Identification of joint activities
18:55 – 19:00	<b>Wrap-up and Closing</b> Key takeaways and next steps