

32nd BETA Annual International Conference 2025
“ELT Horizons: Trends, Challenges, and Opportunities”

PROGRAMME

Day 1: Saturday 27th September 2025

Time	Room 1	Room 2	Room 3	Room 4	Room 5
8.30 – 9.30	Foyer: On-site registration				
9.30 – 10.00	Room 1/Hall: Opening ceremony				
10.00 – 10.50	Plenary: Rob Howard, IATEFL Poland THE 'Y' IN HYPE: AI vs. A-why				
Concurrent sessions 11.00 – 11.30	Sanela Šabović ELTA Serbia Workshop: Brain-Friendly Tools & Activities for Young Language Learners	Barbara Hanjilec HUPE Croatia Emotions and Art - Recognise and Visualise	Kubra Salmanova STEP Azerbaijan Azerbaijan Technology University Teaching for Independence: Roadmap to Learner Autonomy	Alla Juriavichene LAKMA Lithuania Workshop: Bringing Stories to Life: The Power of Read Aloud	Tsvetelena Taralova National High School in Finance and Business Using AI and Music to Enhance English Language Teaching
11.30 – 11.50	Foyer: Coffee break				
Concurrent sessions 11.50 – 12.20	Daniela Koch-Kozhuharova UNWE Intercultural Communication and Language in the Age of Alexander the Great	Aslı Yılmaz Ercan TESOL Türkiye, Ali Ceylan Manisa Celal Bayar University Building Resilient Classrooms, Shaping a Collaborative Future: Empowering ELT	Valentina Kikerkova Republic of North Macedonia Workshop: Drama Activities for All	Ben Dobbs The Distance Cert IBET Best Practice in Teaching Military English	Dilyan Gatev UNWE Compiling a Bilingual Terminological Thematic Learner's Dictionary with Definitions
Concurrent sessions 12.30 – 13.00	Jurgita Bertulienė LAKMA Lithuania Workshop: Which Era of Education Are We in?	Gergana Gerova K. Preslavsky University of Shumen Who is Writing in the English Classroom?	Nataliya Kritskaya Self-Employed Researcher Beyond the Gap-Fill: Recognizing and Activating Chunks for Real-Life Communication	Rob Howard IATEFL Poland Workshop: The Power of Intelligent Instruction Workshop	Ralitsa Lyutskanova SU “St. Kliment Ohridski” Workshop: Teaching Walkthrus: How Techniques Improve Practices
13.00 – 13.45	Lunch break				
13.45 – 14.35	Plenary: Aleksandra Jevtovic, University of Novi Sad Is There Room for Poetry in the AI-Powered Classroom?				

Concurrent sessions 14.40 –15.10	Mariya Neykova NBU Applied Foreign Languages for Administration and Management: Challenges and Perspectives	Peter Hudson Freelance ESL Teacher New Chapters: Mid and Late Career Transition to English Teaching	Vicky Kaperoni Teaching Brightly Workshop: Playful Grammar for Neurodifferent students	Shalala Mammadli STEP Azerbaijan Workshop: From Passive to Proactive: Practical Ways to Foster Critical Thinking	Bobby Zlatkov Zlatkovi Language Centre TENDER-LY (or Teaching BE in the Age of AI)
15.20 –16.10	Plenary: Sylvia Velikova, University of Veliko Tarnovo Small questions of great impact: Teacher research for CPD				
16.10 –16.30	Foyer: Coffee break				
Concurrent sessions 16.30 –17.00	Violena Nencheva Autonomous University of Queretaro, Mexico AI in English Teaching at Mexican Universities: Opportunities and Challenges	Blagovesta Troeva-Chalakova NBU Where They Stumble: English Language Challenges for Young Adults with Dyslexia	Aleksandra Jevtovic University of Novi Sad Workshop: Outside the Box – Activities to Encourage Critical Thinking and Creativity	Ayşe Kizilirmak A. Şerife Sanlı Secondary School Reading Clubs: Where Minds Evolve	Mariyana Mircheva UNWE "AI as Leverage in English Language Instruction"
17.10 –18.00 Room 1	Plenary: Aleksandra Popovski, Express Publishing Mediation for Real-World Communication				
18.00 –19.00	Room 1: BETA AGM				
19.00 –20.30	Foyer: Conference cocktail Raffle draw				

Day 2: Sunday 28th September 2025

Time	Room 1	Room 2	Room 3	Room 4	Room 5
8.00 – 9.00	Foyer: On-site registration				
9.00 – 9.50 Hall	Plenary: Svetlana Dimitrova-Gyuzeleva, New Bulgarian University Aligning our Teaching and Assessment Practices with the Multimodal Dimensions of Language Behaviour				
Concurrent sessions 10.00-10.30	Milena Grudeva British Council Workshop: Clear Voices, Confident Learners: Teaching Interactive Pronunciation	Ivana Devčić Primary School Čazma Workshop: Classroom Management That Works: Practical Strategies for Primary Teachers	Sanja Conjagic SOL Think Globally, Act Locally and Cooperate Regionally	Galina Koteva University of Chemical Technology and Metallurgy Innovating ELT: Digital Tools, Roles, and Relevance	Nikolay Todorov Secondary School "Episkop K. Preslavski" Agentic AI in Education: From Futuristic Fantasy or Everyday Teaching Ally
10.30-10.50	Foyer: Coffee break				
Concurrent sessions 10.50-11.20	Kalina Bratanova UNWE Integrating AI tools for ESP: benefits and challenges	Ben Dobbs The Distance Cert IBET What does it take to be a Business English trainer?	Alla Lytvynenko Municipal Educational Institution, Ukraine Using Digital Tools for Engaging Learners in Productive Cooperation	Albena Dencheva-Nikolova Alissa Language School Testing Foreign Language Acquisition Based on the Principle of Differentiation	
11.30-12.20 Room 1	Plenary: Keneward Hill, British Council Modern Eclecticism				
Concurrent sessions 12.30-13.00	Boryana Ruzhekova-Rogozherova T.Kableshkov University of Transport Flipped Business ESP Teaching at University: Students' Language Awareness Enhancement	Lina Yanbastieva-Petrova Y. E. Balgarski Secondary School Motivating EFL Learners through Extensive Reading Activities	Nilia Alrifai Private High School "Asen Yordanov" The Five Stages of Grieve and AI	Evgenia Nikulina UNWE Challenge-based approach to teaching English as a foreign language	
13.00-13.10	Room 1: Closing ceremony & presentation of certificates				
13.10-13.30	Lunch break				
13.30-14.30	Free Tour of Sofia: meeting at UNWE main entrance (approx. 1h 30m)				

MATERIALS EXHIBITION: FOYER, both conference days

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