

## The WISDOM panel session on networking at EURO 2024

(Based on the report "Learn how to network at" by Martina Fischetti)

The panel "Networking as a tool for career progression" at EURO 2024 was organized by Paula Carroll and Annunziata Esposito Amideo and hosted the talks Prof. Anna Nagurney and leadership coach Margaret Collins. Over 40 participants engaged in this session.

Prof. Nagurney, a female role-model in OR, emphasized the importance of networking as fundamental to build our own confidence and expertise, and enrich ourselves through our common intellectual curiosity. Through some examples in her career, she showed how a network (with colleagues but also in general in our life) can unveil new unexpected opportunities. She also underlined the importance of the mentor-student relationship, which can help both to grow their network and provide role models. The main recommendation that Prof. Nagurney left was promoting our work outside of the research community, through social media and journalists to have one's research make a greater impact.

The second part of the panel session was given by Margaret Collins, a life coach, who provided the audience with some practical tips and advices on how to grow and maintain a network, and set the participants a challenge to grow their networks at EURO 2024.



*Some photos from the WISDOM workshop on Networking*