

# NEWSLETTER TRANSFORM4EUROPE

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Dear Readers, we bring you the third edition of the T4EU newsletter. If you would like to express your opinion, ask a question, or suggest changes, please contact us at [transform4europe@us.edu.pl](mailto:transform4europe@us.edu.pl).

### UPCOMING EVENTS AND INITIATIVES

#### → **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING**

#### **OCTOBER. FOR ACADEMIC AND NON-ACADEMIC STAFF**

The T4EU Alliance invites academic and non-academic staff of T4EU universities to participate in [professional development training](#) (webinars) from October to November 2024. The webinars will cater to and foster various skills, including those that may be of use for every academic or/and non-academic staff member from across the Alliance.

#### → **T4EU CHAIR PROGRAMME – FIRST CALL FOR APPLICATIONS**

#### **FROM 20 SEPTEMBER 2024. FOR STAFF**

The [Transform4Europe Chair Programme Initiative](#) will contribute to an enhanced and more structured teaching staff mobility. A T4EU Chair is a teaching position on a topic relevant to the Alliance priority areas. The application process is open from 20 September 2024 onwards. Please check the specific conditions sections of each Alliance University for the concrete deadlines.



Saarland University  
Germany



University of Alicante  
Spain

EKA

Estonian Academy of Arts  
Estonia



University of Silesia in Katowice  
Poland



Sofia University  
"St. Kliment Ohridski"  
Bulgaria



University of Trieste  
Italy



Vytautas Magnus  
University  
Lithuania



Universidade Católica  
Portuguesa  
Portugal



University of Primorska  
Slovenia



Jean Monnet University  
France



Mariupol State University  
Ukraine (associated partner)

→ **T4EU IN KATOWICE AND CIESZYN**

**21-25 OCTOBER. FOR ALL**

T4EU students, employees, and friends will meet once again in October 2024 at the University of Silesia in Katowice to enjoy a week full of incredible events in the company of one another. The activities will be centred around the idea of Communication for a Better Future. [Find more about the event.](#)

→ **FIRST T4EU MATCHMAKING EVENT AT JMU**

**13-14 NOVEMBER. FOR RESEARCHERS. YOUNG RESEARCHERS. AND PHD STUDENTS**

Jean Monnet University is pleased to organized the first Matchmaking Event (T4.4) and PhD Conference (T4.2) in Saint-Etienne, France, on 13 and 14 November. The topic of this event will be: 'AI and Society: Researchers' Commitment to Positive Transformation'. [Find out more about the event.](#)

## **ONGOING ALLIANCE ACTIVITIES**

→ **NEW STUDIES IN ART WITHIN ERASMUS MUNDUS JOINT MASTERS**

The degree programme is addressed to candidates whose artistic creativity is not limited to contemporary professions but may go beyond the all-known limits of the arts in terms of creating audio-visual content. The Erasmus Mundus programme provides a monthly scholarship of €1,400 throughout the entire course of studies for an average of 75% of students. The two-year degree programme covering a total of 120 ECTS credits will be implemented at the following partner institutes: Jean Monnet University, Universidade Católica Portuguesa, and the University of Silesia. [Find out more.](#)

→ **ECOLOGY AND SUSTAINABILITY OF GLOBAL CHANGES WITHIN ERASMUS MUNDUS JOINT MASTERS**

The 15-month project is to design a joint Master's degree programme in protection and management to be offered by a consortium formed by three universities of the Transform4Europe Alliance: the University of Silesia (the project leader), the University of Trieste, and Vytautas Magnus University. The total budget for the project is €60,000. [Find out more about the project.](#)

→ **T4EU SENTENCES**

The T4EU Alliance is a vibrant community speaking eleven different languages. To celebrate this diversity and to satisfy our curiosity, we asked a question of how different sentences describing the areas and purposes of the Alliance sound in different languages, not only in English. [Here are the answers.](#)

## PAST EVENTS AND INITIATIVES

### → **A VISION FOR EUROPE: 3RD PRIZE FOR STUDENT OF UP**

Saarland University, together with Friedrich Foundation, organised an ideas competition on 'A Vision for Europe'. We are pleased to announce that the 3rd prize (€1,000) has been awarded to a student from the University of Primorska – Petra Arih – for an outstanding essay. Visit the [T4EU website](#) to learn more and read the competition essays.

### → **BEST OF THE BEST – WE KNOW THE WINNERS OF EUCYS 2024!**

The finals of the European Union Contest for Young Scientists (EUCYS) bringing together promising young scientists from around the world have officially concluded. Among awards presented were Transform4Europe prizes. We would like to sincerely congratulate all the winners and wish you continued success in your scientific careers! [Find out more.](#)

### → **T4EU BOOTCAMP: SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT & ENVIRONMENTAL TRANSFORMATION**

The [first Bootcamp organised by T4EU](#) was officially launched on 10 September 2024 in the city of Burgas. The initiative was part of the T4EU Transformation Laboratory aimed at engaging young researchers and graduate students in the Alliance's outreach, stimulating interdisciplinary research, and fostering cooperation with key stakeholders.

### → **T4EU AT EAIE 2024 IN TOULOUSE**

The [34th Annual European Association for International Education EAIE conference](#), held in Toulouse, France, from 17 to 20 September 2024, featured T4EU representatives. They hosted an individual booth to welcome partners and interested parties to discuss plans and possible cooperation, and participated in various sessions, roundtables, and panels covering such topics as academic international engagement and the vital role of European Universities.

### → **STAFF WEEK: MODERNIZING UNIVERSITIES WITHIN THE T4EU FRAMEWORK**

Jean Monnet University organised its very first [staff week event](#) dedicated to managing directors, deans, and senior administrator from T4EU universities. Together, they worked and exchange knowledge on such topics as: challenging our organisations regarding the European scale, organisational innovation: innovative structural models in higher education, and how to strengthen inter-departmental collaborations.

→ **DESIGNING A JOINT PROGRAMME: THE WORK CONTINUES**

On 17 June, a workshop led by Souheila Gassiot, Work Package Assistant from UJM's T4EU team, gathered over 50 participants interested in the implementation of joint or double degrees. They had the opportunity to exchange their practices and experiences. [Find out more about the workshop.](#)

→ **CULTURE. WAR. AND PEACE DEBATED AT 1ST T4EU SUMMER SCHOOL**

The relationship between Culture and War was under debate from June 24 to 29 at the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation and the UCP in Lisbon, Portugal. The event had more than 130 participants from 24 countries and 5 continents. [Detailed information about the event.](#)

→ **1ST T4EU SCIENCE CAFÉ: CAN WAR BE REPAIRED (BY CULTURE)?**

Can culture repair the effects of war? This was the key question under debate at the first edition of Transform4Europe's Science Café, organised by Universidade Católica Portuguesa (UCP) as a parallel event to the 1st Transform4Europe Summer School. [Find out more about the event.](#)

→ **HOW TO REFRAME MONUMENTS: CASE STUDIES FOR THINKING THROUGH DISSONANT HERITAGE**

Estonian Academy of Arts, together with Vytautas Magnus University and University of Trieste organised an international workshop for graduates in heritage studies and related fields, which lasted from 31 August to 6 September 2024. The workshop included numerous events open to the public: open lectures and a film screening at the Narva Art Residency, an open lecture at the Sillamäe Cultural Center, and presentations of students group work projects at the Estonian Academy of Arts. [Find out more.](#)

→ **BEYOND BOUNDARIES: VMU NURTURES INTERDISCIPLINARY LEARNING IN T4EU SUMMER SCHOOL**

T4EU has recently concluded a successful [three-day summer school](#), the (Co)happiness Lab, organised by Vytautas Magnus University from 27 to 29 August. The programme attracted 21 students representing nine partner universities, fostering a rich intercultural environment that allowed participants to experience diverse cultures and gain valuable skills in navigating interdisciplinary and intercultural programs.

## **T4ERI**

→ **T4ERI NATIONAL POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS**

Between 2021 and 2023, the T4ERI team launched a series of research-informed activities and initiatives, examining the staff of what were then seven, and now ten, universities within the Alliance. The results of these activities, conducted under Work Package 3, entitled 'The Best Careers for the Brightest Minds', resulted in recommendations for diversifying and increasing the flexibility of standards for scientific careers. The recommendations, outlined in the six key suggestions, may serve as a national policy framework. To read the policy recommendations, [visit the T4EU website](#).

→ **THE NEXT OPEN SCIENCE SNACKS**

T4EU prepared a few more science snacks on the following topics: Open Access, defined as 'the world-wide electronic distribution of the peer-reviewed journal literature and completely free and unrestricted access', Open Data, providing answers to the questions of what is, why, and how to Open Data, and Preregistration 101, exploring its history, the benefits it offers, and practical recommendations. [Visit the T4EU website and read more about Science Snacks](#).

→ **SCIENCE4ALL EXPERTS DISCUSS OPEN SCIENCE AND COMMUNICATION IN COALESCE PROJECT INTERVIEWS**

Filippo Nuccio, Associate Professor at Jean Monnet University, and Ana Slavec, Assistant Professor at the University of Primorska, both members of the Science4All group of the Transform4Europe Alliance, were interviewed by the COALESCE project, a virtual lab for the future European Competence Center for Science Communication. [Visit the T4EU website and check out the interviews](#).