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Dear T4EU People, we bring you the next 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.

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→ T4EU ALLIANCE ACHIEVES LEGAL PERSONALITY

On 4 February, the T4EU Alliance officially transitioned from a consortium of partners into a distinct legal entity. Registered in Saarland as an association under German law (eingetragener Verein – e.V.), the new entity is titled [“Transform4Europe: The European University for Knowledge Entrepreneurs e.V.”](#). The registration marks a pivotal shift in the Alliance’s architecture, moving beyond project-based cooperation toward a permanent, integrated structure.

→ REACH OUT PODCAST

Episodes 10–14 of the T4EU Reach Out podcast explore a range of timely topics: the local impact of European university alliances ([Episode 10](#)), the legal aspects of software protection ([Episode 11](#)), the role of art and photography in promoting digital awareness and sustainability ([Episode 12](#)), European values in the face of current challenges ([Episode 13](#)), and the growing issue of space debris and its implications ([Episode 14](#)).



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Spain



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Estonia



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Poland



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Bulgaria



University of Trieste
Italy



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University
Lithuania



Universidade Católica
Portuguesa
Portugal



University of Primorska
Slovenia



Jean Monnet University
France



Mariupol State University
Ukraine (associated partner)

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→ T4EU WEEK IN LISBON

[“Community, Communities: Engage to Transform”](#) is the topic of the next T4EU Week, taking place at Universidade Católica Portuguesa, in Lisbon, from 25 to 29 May. Students, professors and staff from the member universities of the Transform4Europe Alliance are invited to participate in this event dedicated to the idea of a community of communities, where different groups are united around a shared purpose.

→ 26M STEPS4EUROPE

Do you enjoy walking and want to take on a motivating challenge for your health and for the planet? T4EU invites you to join [26M Steps4Europe](#), a collective challenge bringing together universities from the T4EU alliance. Your shared goal: reach 26 million steps by 28 May 2026.

→ SCIENCE COMMUNICATION WORKSHOP

The [Science Communication Workshop: Personal Branding on LinkedIn for Researchers](#), promoted by the University of Alicante within the framework of the T4EU Alliance, will take place online on 28–29 April. The workshop has a total duration of 4 hours, delivered through two synchronous online sessions of two hours each.

→ T-LAB FAIR

The aim of the Fair is to provide opportunities for participants to gain theoretical and practical knowledge and skills when it comes to startup ecosystems and founding startups, as well as presenting the Saarbrücken ecosystem with regard to the topic. [More information.](#)

→ T4EU BOOTCAMP

The aim of the [Bootcamp](#) is to provide opportunities for participants to gain theoretical and practical knowledge and skills when it comes to startup ecosystems and founding startups. The programme itself is a fast track of a founding journey, where participants will gather in teams and – in theory – found their own startup, which at the end of the Bootcamp will be pitched in front of a jury.

→ OPEN SCIENCE COURSE SERIES

T4EU invites academic staff, researchers, PhD candidates, and students to join the [Open Science online course series.](#)

→ **EUROPEAN SUMMER COURSE**

The [European Summer Course 2026](#) is organised by the Europa-Institut of Saarland University in cooperation with the Europäische Akademie Otzenhausen, the ASKO Europa-Stiftung and the European University Alliance Transform4Europe.

→ **ENTREPRENEURIAL MINDS NEED ENTREPRENEURIAL EDUCATION**

At the [Science Café](#), Prof. Simone Kustec from the University of Primorska will represent the BIKE-HEI project, and Assoc. Prof. Stéphane Foliard from the University Jean Monnet will represent the B!KINETIC project. The Science Café will take place as part of the Bootcamp and T-Lab Fair on 29 April.

→ **T4EU MATCHMAKING EVENT IN KATOWICE**

The University of Silesia in Katowice invites all interested researchers and non-academic staff to join [T4EU Matchmaking Event in Katowice](#) titled: „Cooperating on Sustainable Future: from natural sciences to science diplomacy“, which will take place on 21–22 April.

→ **ALICANTE MODEL OF UNITED NATIONS**

The Alicante Model of United Nations (ALMUN 2026) invites students from the T4EU Alliance to take part in an exciting international diplomatic simulation hosted at the University of Alicante from 22 to 25 April.

→ **T4EU EARLY-STAGE RESEARCHERS' ACADEMY**

The University of Silesia in Katowice invites applications for the T4EU Summer School [“Cooperating on Sustainable Future: from natural sciences to science diplomacy”](#). The on-site part will take place in Katowice on 20–24 April.

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→ **HERITAGE AS A BRIDGE**

Universidade Católica Portuguesa organised the [Science Café “Heritage as a bridge: sustainability, education, and cross-cultural dialogue”](#), within the framework of the Common European Sustainable Heritage Week promoted by Transform4Europe, which took place on 17 March.

→ **WRAP-UP**

Service-Learning as an educational movement with an impact on institutional transformation was the central theme of the [workshops organised by the Universidade Católica Portuguesa](#) on 30 January. With the participation of Berta Paz, specialist and vice president of EASLHE, the workshops were organized in the context of the Transform4Europe Alliance.

→ **PROF. POPOVSKI VISITS SOFIA UNIVERSITY**

In January, Prof. Vesselin Popovski, Vice Dean of Jindal Global Law School and Executive Director of the Centre for the Study of the UN at O.P. Jindal Global University, [visited Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski](#) in his capacity as the recipient of the Transform4Europe Visiting Professorship.

→ **3RD MATCHMAKING EVENT**

From 25 to 27 November, Université Jean Monnet hosted a new [Matchmaking Event](#) for the T4EU alliance – a key gathering designed to bring academic staff together and spark the creation of new joint projects. Over three days, participants met at St-Etienne, France, to exchange ideas, explore opportunities, and lay the groundwork for future international collaborations.

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→ **LETSGROW TRAINING**

The [LETSGROW Training: Rapid Prototyping Workshop](#) is a two-day, practice-oriented program designed for university staff, scientists, researchers, and doctoral students who want to explore how ideas can be quickly transformed into tangible prototypes. The workshop offers participants an inspiring environment to learn, experiment, and collaborate.

→ **BIKE – TRAINING PROGRAMME**

[Several courses](#) within the BIKE project—developed in collaboration with multiple partners—are now open for enrolment, with spots still available.