



# APPLY FOR **TRANSFORM4EUROPE** PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING

The **Transform4Europe** Alliance invites academic and non-academic staff of T4EU and other universities, stakeholders and other interested persons to participate in professional development training (webinars), which will take place in June, 2026. The webinars will cater to and foster various skills, including various training topics – that may be of useful for every non-academic staff members from across the Alliance.

We encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity and register for the webinars to further develop your competencies. The programme times are Central European Summer Time (CEST). You can convert the times for your location [here](#). The list of available **webinars in June** and registration forms can be found below.

## Webinars for Academic and Non-Academic Staff in June:

Webinar title	Target Audience	Lecturer	Date/Time
T4EU Diverse and inclusive campus activity <b>"Inclusive Course Design and Assessment for Online and Hybrid Learning Environments"</b> . This webinar explores how to design inclusive online and hybrid courses by anticipating barriers to access, participation, and assessment. It introduces key principles of Universal Design for Learning (UDL) and offers practical strategies to support diverse learners in digital environments. Participants will gain concrete ideas to enhance inclusivity in their teaching practice.	Academic and Non-Academic Staff	<b>Rosabel Martínez Roig</b> is a Professor at the University of Alicante and researcher in the ITECDEI group. Her work focuses on educational technology, digital inclusion and innovation in online and hybrid learning environments. She has participated in national and international educational projects and has published research on teacher training, digital education and emerging technologies in teaching and learning processes.	June 2, 12.00–13.30 CEST, online, "StreamYard". <a href="#">Registration</a>
<b>"The importance of digital accessibility: how to create accessible digital content"</b> . The objective of this webinar is to highlight the importance of digital accessibility and provide participants with the necessary guidelines and standards to create accessible digital content. Specifically, the course covers the creation of accessible text documents, presentations, PDFs, and multimedia content, including the use of AI as a tool to achieve these goals.	Academic and Non-Academic Staff	<b>Pepi Parreño</b> is Associate Professor in the Department of Marketing at the University of Alicante. She holds a Degree in Economics and Business Administration and a European Doctorate in Economics and Business.	June 9, 10.30–13.30 CEST, MS TEAMS. <a href="#">Registration</a>
<b>"Generative AI for University Administration: Real Use Cases for Immediate Impact"</b> . This session offers a practical introduction to Generative AI for university administrative staff, focusing on real use cases with immediate value for daily work. Rather than presenting AI as a purely technical topic, the course is structured around common administrative tasks such as drafting responses to student queries, summarising regulations and procedures, and creating reusable assistants for recurrent workflows. It also introduces the emerging role of AI agents as a new step beyond standard chat-based interaction. Throughout the session, the emphasis is on practical impact, human oversight, and responsible use within the European university context.	Non-Academic Staff	Dr. <b>Cristina Cachero</b> is an Associate Professor at the University of Alicante specializing in Empirical Software Engineering. Her research focuses on software development methods and human factors in software engineering. Dr. David Tomás is a Full Professor at the University of Alicante. His primary research focus is the application of AI techniques to Natural Language Processing (NLP). He is dedicated science communicator, passionate about making AI concepts accessible to the general public.	June 11, 10.00–12.00 CEST, MS TEAMS. <a href="#">Registration</a>

<p><b>"Communication Skills for High Performing Teams"</b>. This interactive webinar explores practical communication approaches that help research and support staff work efficiently across roles, priorities and levels of responsibility. Participants will reflect on everyday communication challenges, such as unclear requests, managing multiple stakeholders, email overload, and speaking up for clarity, and identify strategies that reduce friction and improve coordination.</p> <p>The session is highly participatory and grounded in real workplace examples. Through guided discussion, short collaborative exercises, live polls and small-group work, participants will analyse what effective communication looks like in their own context and practise structuring clearer requests, updates and responses. Particular attention is given to communicating across power differences, managing expectations, and preventing unnecessary back-and-forth.</p>	<p>Academic and Non-Academic Staff</p>	<p>Lecturer <b>Suzanne Whitby</b> (Saarland University). She is a communication specialist with over 20 years of international experience. She is the founder of communication training and coaching company, "SciComm Success", where she works with scientists, researchers and research and education organisations to help clever people communicate complex messages to diverse audiences.</p>	<p>June 16, 9.30–12.30 CEST, MS TEAMS. <a href="#">Registration</a></p>
<p><b>"Frame VR for Everyone: Create Virtual Spaces Without Coding"</b>. Are you looking for new ways to engage Generation Z students who thrive on active participation in online learning? In this taster session, we will introduce Frame VR, a Metaverse platform, and demonstrate how it can enhance students' motivation for autonomous learning in a flipped classroom setting. Miss Carman Chu from the Hong Kong Polytechnic University will share her case of adopting this tool in her teaching. All are welcome. No coding experience is required — as long as you have a computer connected to the internet, you can create your own virtual space in Frame VR for free. Join us now!</p>	<p>Academic and Non-Academic Staff</p>	<p>Lecturer <b>Carman Chu</b>, (Saarland University). She teaches leadership and service-learning courses focused on supporting children and families with special needs. With a background in psychology, she previously worked as an associate lecturer and research associate specializing in positive youth development. She holds both a BSc and MSc in Psychology from University of Birmingham.</p>	<p>June 17, 10.00–11.30 CEST, MS TEAMS. <a href="#">Registration</a></p>
<p><b>"Human-Centred AI in Higher Education: From Tools to Trust"</b>. This interactive webinar explores how AI can support academic work without replacing the human dimension of higher education. Combining practical demonstrations, discussion, and reflective exercises, the session will examine how AI tools can assist with teaching preparation, feedback, academic writing, brainstorming, and research workflows. Rather than focusing only on tools, the webinar invites participants to reflect on broader questions of trust, critical thinking, authorship, and the evolving role of educators in an AI-driven academic environment. Participants will have an opportunity to experiment with selected AI applications, discuss real educational scenarios, and explore practical strategies for using AI thoughtfully, responsibly, and creatively in their own academic practice.</p>	<p>Academic and Non-Academic Staff</p>	<p>Prof. Dr. <b>Marta Mamet-Michalkiewicz</b> is Professor at the University of Silesia in Katowice, researcher, educator, and speaker specialising in human-centred approaches to AI, communication, and higher education. She combines academic expertise with extensive experience in teaching innovation, learning design, and professional training. Her current work explores the intersection of AI, critical thinking, communication, and academic teaching, with particular emphasis on trust, meaning-making, and the evolving role of educators in the age of AI.</p>	<p>June 25, 12.00–13.30 CEST, MS TEAMS. <a href="#">Registration</a></p>

Participants of the "Transform4Europe" Professional Development training/webinars will be awarded **certificates** recognized alliance-wide. The webinars will be delivered on the "MS Teams" platform and held in English.

If you have any questions, please contact us by email: [Transform4Europe@vdu.lt](mailto:Transform4Europe@vdu.lt)

We kindly ask you to share this invitation with the academic and non-academic staff of your university through all possible communication channels (email, university websites, social media, newsletters and so on). Thank you!



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