

T4EU in Motion #1

29 June 2026

Hello from our 11 universities across Europe!

Summer has finally arrived. European temperatures range from comfy 23°C in Tallinn to sizzling 27°C in Saint-Etienne. Whether you're cooling down with a Nitro Cold Brew in Katowice or rushing straight to the coasts of Trieste, one thing connects us all: we are all soaking up the very same European summer sky.

Some of us still reminisce about the T4EU Week in Lisbon, where we took over the entire city at the end of May. To get you in the mood for the Lisbon story, our colleague in Portugal recommends listening to ["Desfado" by Ana Moura on YouTube](#).

As always, a huge round of applause to our colleagues in the T4EU Community organising and hosting the event, this time bringing together almost 500 people from 36 countries.

What Lisbon Felt Like

It was so nice to be with others again. Have you been there, too? [Tell us your stories](#).

"For a week, this is your university," announced Isabel Cardoso Lopes, project manager from Universidade Católica Portuguesa. Even though just for a few days, we've got a lot to be excited about becoming students and staff members of the university in the heart of vibrant Lisbon.



Photo by UCP/Transform4Europe

We explored such iconic landmarks as Terreiro do Paço, broke down cultural barriers in collective Biodanza sessions, and got a taste of an authentic village festival at the "Festa de Santo António". By the time the Católica Big Band played the closing notes, we were genuinely heartbroken to leave. **"It proved that community isn't just something we inherit. It's a skill we actively cultivate".**

When Masha Farrokhi, an international student at UCP, said, **"I arrived seeking education; I found belonging,"** she captured exactly what we're trying to create. Her experience [echoes through the pages](#) of the book [Community, Communities: Engage to Transform](#). Published by UCP Press (and co-authored by 55 voices), it was launched during the Lisbon Book Fair, one of the oldest cultural festivals held in the capital of Portugal.

The Moment the Room Fell Silent

We wish you could have been right there with us in Lisbon when Pedro and Miguel Ferreira Pinto – better known as the Iron Brothers –

took the stage. We sat in absolute awe as they shared how Pedro has spent years pushing, pulling, and carrying his brother Miguel, who lives with cerebral palsy, through triathlons and extreme Ironman races, so they can conquer the toughest athletic challenges on earth as one team.



Photo by UCP/Transform4Europe

One of the highlights of the T4EU Week was the Global Partnership Forum 2026 'A Choreography for Transformative Knowledge'. **And while it sounds official on paper, the energy in the room was anything but dry.**

For us, it is more like constantly checking, if an alliance like ours really is **"at its best, a studio on a global scale: a space for shared experimentation, where knowledge is co-created across borders, disciplines and traditions"**, as emphasised Isabel Capelo Gil, the President of the Universidade Católica Portuguesa.

The sense of closeness and unity was more real for us, especially when Tetyana Marena, Acting Rector of Mariupol State University in Ukraine shared that **“thanks to Transform4Europe, we can experience what it means to be part of a great European family”**.

And speaking of our family, ours just got a little bit bigger. Right before lunch, we signed new partnerships with Oregon State University (**USA**), the University of São Paulo (**Brazil**), Moi University (**Kenya**), and O.P. Jindal Global University (**India**). We just casually welcomed new partners across both Americas, Africa, and Asia. It may take us some time to explore our new horizons but one thing is for sure: as soon as we figure it out, we'll let you know right here in the newsletter.

There's something special about experiencing what being part of T4EU actually gives us. Anyone who has taken part in those initiatives even once wants to do it all over again.

“It has been a real surprise, and I just want more – it is breaking my heart that it is going to end and that it went by so quickly, but it was so much fun that I cannot stop thinking about the next one” said Catarina Pimenta Sousa, a Communication Student at Católica, who chose the Digital Transformation course during the T4EU Week.

Read what other people had to say about their experiences.

- [T4EU Week in Lisbon summary](#)
- [Global Partnership Forum summary](#)
- [T4EU Week in Lisbon recap video \(YouTube\)](#)
- [T4EU Week photos \(Flickr\)](#)



Photo by UCP/Transform4Europe

[ACTIVITY HUB](#)

To stay up to date with what's happening next, as always, you can check out our [Activity Hub](#) with the T4EU events calendar.

Late June and July 2026

[FOR STUDENTS]

29 June – 3 July 2026 | University of Primorska, Slovenia

[T4EU Green Transformer Summer School and Student Challenge](#)

A hands-on summer school where you'll team up with experts to turn agricultural wool waste into innovative, sustainable solutions for industries like construction and agriculture.

[FOR STUDENTS]

20–30 July 2026 | Online

[Intensive courses in English and French](#)

Boost your language skills this summer by practicing English or French online alongside motivated peers from all over Europe.

[OPEN CALLS](#)

[FOR RESEARCHERS]

Applications open until 30 June 2026 (Event: 19–23 October 2026)

[T4EU Early-stage researchers' academy "Cooperation Toward Scientific Excellence"](#)

A unique training ground for PhD students and early-stage researchers to master international scientific cooperation, science diplomacy, and sustainable development.

[FOR STUDENTS]

Applications open until 1 July 2026 (Event: 28 September – 2 October 2026 | Vytautas Magnus University, Lithuania)

[T4EU Sustainable Heritage Workshop](#)

Join an intensive workshop in Kaunas to collaborate with museum experts and explore how European culture and heritage can become powerful tools of resistance against war.

[FOR ACADEMIC STAFF]

Applications open until 12 July 2026

[Seed Funding Programme](#)

Access seed funding to kickstart your own collaborative, co-creative projects and training initiatives with partner universities across the alliance.

[FOR MASTER STUDENTS]

Applications for master students open until 31 July 2026 (Event: 23–27 November 2026 | Jean Monnet University, France)

[Third T4EU Festival of European Culture and Languages](#)

Join the T4EU Festival in Saint-Étienne this November to explore migration and heritage through hands-on archival work, compete in international student teams, and earn 3 ECTS credits.

[FOR ACADEMIC STAFF]

Applications open until 31 July 2026

[Visiting Professors at UCP and UA](#)

Apply for a visiting professorship in Portugal and Spain to teach, expand your network, and shape collaborative research in neuroscience, education, or the blue economy.

[FOR PHD & POSTDOC RESEARCHERS]

Applications open until 31 July 2026 (Event: 22 September 2026 | Saarland University, Germany)

[Chemistry – Related Sciences in the T4EU Alliance Matchmaking](#)

Present your research, connect with potential international partners in chemistry-related fields, and discover new European funding opportunities on-site at Saarland University.

[FOR BACHELOR STUDENTS]

Bachelor Track 2026/2027

[Registration for T4EU Bachelor Tracks](#)

Registration for T4EU Bachelor Tracks is officially open! As each university sets its own application deadlines, make sure to check all available options and track updates directly on Metacampus.

[FOR ALL]

Continuous

[T4EU Metacampus](#)

Your go-to digital hub where you can find a constantly updated list of all open courses and training opportunities for students, PhDs, and staff across the entire alliance.

Talk soon,

The T4EU Team

(Just regular humans trying to make collaboration simpler)