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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.

T4EU FOCAL POINTS

For us, the end of the year is always an excellent opportunity for some summaries. Here we are with some extra news about what the T4EU Team achieved in all fields in 2024, including:

- Management, Governance, and Joint Infrastructure,
- Mobility4All,
- Transforming Curricula,
- Doctoral Education and Innovative Ecosystem,
- Academy for Professional Excellence,
- Green Campus, Life Inclusion and Wellbeing,



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)

- Common Heritage and Multilingualism,
- Outreach,
- Communication, Dissemination and Sustainability.

It is also a perfect opportunity to discover T4EU offers and see how you can get involved. Dive into the T4EU world at: transform4europe.eu/t4eu-focal-points.

LOGO AND THE VISUAL IDENTITY SYSTEM

The Visual Identity System of Transform4europe (CVI T4EU) has been developed to determine a transparent and coherent visual identity for the Alliance. For more information regarding the CVI and to download all the necessary graphic materials, [visit the T4EU website](#).

OUR INITIATIVES

→ REACH OUT PODCAST

The Transform4Europe podcast series brings together the voices of 11 universities across Europe. In each episode, we'll dive into key topics shaping the future. Here are the two latest episodes: ['The New World Order? America, Europe, China'](#) featuring a discussion on the shifting geopolitical landscape, and ['Transforming Universities: The Future of Education in Europe'](#) focusing on the evolving role of universities and the expectations of today's students and academics.

→ T4EU TEACHING QUALIFICATION CERTIFICATE

We are delighted to announce the nominees for the T4EU Teaching Qualification Certificate, recognising outstanding teaching and pedagogical innovation across the Transform4Europe Alliance! [Visit the T4EU website and read the list of nominees](#).

→ T4EU CHAIR PROGRAMME

The Transform4Europe Chair Programme Initiative's aims to contribute to an enhanced and more structured teaching staff mobility. A Transform4Europe Chair is a teaching position on a topic relevant to the Alliance priority areas. [Read more about the initiative and find out who are going to be the first T4EU Chairs](#).

→ BACHELOR TRACKS

The Transform4Europe Alliance offers students the opportunity to attend European-oriented courses from a shared course catalogue at Bachelor's level and integrate them into their studies. Students may choose to attend a single course or multiple courses on such topics as knowledge entrepreneurship, languages & intercultural competencies and European history, politics, culture, law, economy, and many more. [Find out more about T4EU Bachelor Tracks](#).

→ PROGRAMMES FOR A EUROPEAN DEGREE

The T4EU partner universities are collaborating during workshops lead by UJM to develop at least 10 new joint programmes by the end of the project in 2027. Workshops focus on designing joint programmes with the goal of obtaining a European label (a European certificate in addition to national diplomas) or a European degree (a new qualification embedded in national legislation). [Find out more about the initiative.](#)

→ TRANSFORM4EUROPE STATEMENT ON RUSSIA'S INVASION OF UKRAINE

Three years ago, Russia started its full-scale war on Ukraine, in blatant violation of international law. We stand with all people of Ukraine and we express solidarity with academic communities affected by Russia's military aggression. [Read the full statement.](#)

HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?

→ T4EU WEEK IN SAINT-ETIENNE

19-23 MAY. FOR STUDENTS. PHD STUDENTS. MANAGEMENT AND RESEARCH EMPLOYEES

Jean Monnet University in Saint-Étienne, France, is hosting its Transform4Europe Week under the title: DESIGN IN ALL ITS FORMS. The event features a variety of activities divided into the following streams: Student Stream, PhD Stream, Management Stream, Research Stream, and Recreational, Cultural & Social Stream. The main themes include: Design & Innovation, Ecology & Sustainable Development, Heritage & History of Design, Legal Aspects. [Find out more about the event.](#)

→ MATCHMAKING FOR JOINT STUDIES

31 MARCH-1 APRIL. FOR ACADEMICS

This event, hosted by Jean Monnet University, is designed for academic staff involved in existing or proposed joint projects within the T4EU Alliance. It aims to foster discussions and collaborations on key topics, including: joint programmes, joint microcredentials, and seamless and vertical mobility. [Find out more about the event.](#)

→ T4EU PHD CONFERENCE 2025: SOCIETIES ON THE MOVE

1-2 APRIL. FOR PHD STUDENTS

The Annual PhD Conference 'Societies on the Move: Challenges of Today, Prospects for the Future', hosted by Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski at the UNiTe Center of Excellence, will address key societal issues, including political and economic crises, climate change, and the impact of artificial intelligence. [Find out more about the conference.](#)

→ **INTERNATIONAL T4EU CONFERENCE 'PROF-SYNERGY'**

9-10 APRIL. FOR STAFF. STUDENTS. STAKEHOLDERS

The conference will take place at Vytautas Magnus University as part of the Transform4Europe Alliance's conference series and will focus on innovative teaching and learning methods in higher education. This year's conference marks a significant evolution as it brings academic and non-academic staff together, aiming to foster a more profound synergy between these groups. [Find out more.](#)

→ **ERASMUS BIP BEYOND BORDERS**

21-25 JULY. FOR STUDENTS

The [Beyond Borders Blended Intensive Programme \(BIP\) 2025](#) offers students the opportunity to explore migration, identity, and language in an international context. Hosted by the University of Turin in collaboration with Saarland University and the T4EU & UNITA Alliances, this interdisciplinary programme takes place on-site from 21 to 25 July 2025, with additional online sessions on 18 and 28 July.

→ **EUROPEAN SUMMER COURSE 2025**

28 JULY-6 AUGUST. FOR STUDENTS

Are you ready to dive into the heart of Europe and expand your academic and cultural horizons? Join us for the [European Summer Course 2025](#) and explore the EU's role in global integration, equality, and engagement!

→ **T4EU SUMMER SCHOOL IN ESTONIA**

11-15 AUGUST. FOR STUDENTS

Experience an inspiring week of learning, creativity, and collaboration, with a strong focus on sustainability and upcycling in design. Grasp this excellent opportunity to engage with experts, develop new skills, and connect with students from across the Alliance. We look forward to seeing you in Estonia! [Find out more.](#)

→ **OPEN CALL FOR STUDENT INITIATIVES 2025**

ONGOING. FOR STUDENTS

Find like-minded students and together create an initiative that will improve collaboration, cooperation, and sustainability of T4EU, as well as benefit general well-being on the university level! International teams made up of students from three different T4EU universities will be competing to receive funding for their project. Apply by 1 July 2025. [Find out more about the initiative.](#)

→ **FIRST ROUND OF T4EU SUSTAINABLE HERITAGE STUDENT COMPETITIONS**

7-11 JULY. FOR STUDENTS

The [T4EU Sustainable Heritage Student Competitions](#), led by the University of Trieste (UNITS), invites students to explore innovative approaches to environmental

and intergenerational heritage. The event will be organized as a Blended Intensive Program (BIP), open to students of all partner universities.

T4EU PRESIDENCY

In line with the adopted idea of a joint governance structure T4EU operates on the basis of a rotating presidency. This year, the Presidency is the duty of our Lithuanian partner – Vytautas Magnus University. [Read more about VMU's vision for the Alliance, goals and priorities, and key initiatives and activities.](#)

T4EU REPOSITORY

The Repository subpage contains information on the fruits of our labour within the Transform4Europe, including strategies we have developed, descriptions of the implemented tasks and statements on the different areas of activity realised in partnership. Currently, it features the following:

- [Mobility Guidelines](#)
- [Diversity Strategy \(2024-2027\)](#)
- [Framework for Visiting Professorship](#)
- [Inventory of Innovative Teaching Methods](#)
- [T4EU Innovative Teaching Training Programme](#)
- [T4EU Professional Development Programme for Non-Academic Staff](#)

PAST EVENTS AND INITIATIVES

→ **INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC AND PRACTICAL CONFERENCE ACTA NON VERBA**

The conference focused on the role of higher education in promoting European values and integrating Ukraine into European educational frameworks. Key sessions addressed the impact of Erasmus+ projects and European university alliances as catalysts for change in Ukraine's higher education system. [Find out more about the conference.](#)

→ **T4EU WEBINAR 'FOSTERING PEOPLE'S ENGAGEMENT'**

The webinar was designed to equip participants with the tools to use argumentation as a motivating and empowering resource in leadership communication – through structured and effective messaging, leaders can reduce communication barriers and engage more meaningfully with their teams. [Read more about the webinar.](#)

→ **LETTERS. HERITAGE AND THE GLAGOLITIC ALPHABET**

Sofia University has recently completed a set of four events featuring a roundtable, workshop, matchmaking event, and stakeholder challenge. The events brought together young and experienced researchers dealing with matters related to

cultural, linguistic, supranational, national, and ethnic identities, the Glagolitic alphabet, and digitalisation of cultural heritage. [Read more about the events.](#)

→ **INTERNATIONAL MOTHER LANGUAGE DAY AT VMU**

Vytautas Magnus University celebrated linguistic diversity with an initiative under the theme 'My tongue is my uniqueness: dare not to disappear. VMU run a series of engaging events both online and on-site, culminating in a unique hybrid trans-alliance event designed for seamless participation from partner universities across Europe. [Read more about the event.](#)

→ **T4EU SCIENCE CAFÉ SESSION 'UNIVERSITIES AND HERITAGE'**

The event, took place at Sofia University 'St. Kliment Ohridski', and was designed to promote science beyond the university boundaries, exchange knowledge and maintain a culture of dialogue. Its goal was to present diverse research areas and modern technologies to the GLAM stakeholders and the wider public in the region in an attractive and engaging manner. [Find out more about the event.](#)

→ **T4EU TRANSFORMATIONAL LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME**

Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski ran an [Applied Leadership course](#) for academic staff holding top and middle managerial positions at T4EU universities. The course aimed to enable each participant to consider the potential for development and change in each management position and in each role with a view to achieving better results without regard to new resources.

→ **FIRST BI-ANNUAL CALL ON COMMON CULTURAL ACTIVITIES**

The 'First Bi-annual Calls on Common Cultural Activities' for T4EU culture and heritage, run by the University of Trieste, aimed at celebrating and promoting the rich tapestry of Sustainable Common European Heritage through engaging cultural and educational events. [Find out more about the call.](#)

→ **T4EU COMMON EUROPEAN HERITAGE WEEK**

The T4EU Common European Heritage Week, organized by the University of Trieste, in collaboration with GLAM stakeholders offered an immersive exploration of Common European Heritage, with a particular emphasis on border dynamics and shared cultural legacies. [Read more about the event.](#)