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Transform4Europe Chair Programme Call for applications

The **Transform4Europe Alliance** comprises 10 universities from different regions in Europe:

- Saarland University (Germany)
- The University of Alicante (Spain)
- The Estonian Academy of Arts (Estonia)
- The University of Silesia in Katowice (Poland)
- Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski (Bulgaria)
- The University of Trieste (Italy)
- Vytautas Magnus University (Lithuania)
- Jean Monnet University (France)
- University of Primorska (Slovenia)
- Universidade Católica Portuguesa (Portugal)

Under the European Universities Initiative of the European Commission the Transform4Europe partners have set themselves the ambitious aim to forge a new type of transnational inter-university collaboration and contribute to the development of the European Education Area.

Learn more about the Alliance:

<https://transform4europe.eu/>

<https://www.facebook.com/Transform4Europe/>

<https://www.instagram.com/transform4europe/>

The **Transform4Europe Chair Programme Initiative** will 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:

- Societal transformation, community building and inclusion
- Digital transformation and smart regions
- Environmental Transformation and sustainability

The T4EU Chair Programme is based on a **competitive independent application process** by lecturers from the Alliance universities active in the Transform4Europe priority areas.

The exchange envisages teaching and extra-curricular activities, which are specified by each host university. These activities will be based on employing innovative teaching methods, they will bring variety and flexibility to the study processes and will initiate collaboration in research areas of mutual interest to the sending and the host institution as well as to the Alliance as a whole.

Eligible candidates have to

- be on a teaching/research contract at one of the Transform4Europe universities, holding at least a PhD degree, or currently pursuing their PhD degree at the University
- demonstrate relevant teaching and research experience in the Transform4Europe priority areas announced by the host university
- demonstrate relevant experience in intercultural communication
- have a working proficiency in English and/or other language(s) as included in the detailed terms of the respective host university
- have overall digital literacy and specific digital skills as included in the detailed terms of the respective host university

- possess knowledge-entrepreneurial mind-set characterized by specific competences that enable them to identify and seize opportunities and ideas, and transform them into social, cultural, or productive value (an asset).

The selected Chairs will be required to deliver

- ✓ A minimum of teaching hours at the host university as detailed in the Specific conditions of each host university.
- ✓ A minimum of teaching hours of extra-curricular activities, i.e. public lectures / consultations with students and PhD students / co-supervision of master theses / meetings with stakeholders / contribution to research / participation in workshops / conferences, etc., as detailed in the Specific conditions of the respective host university.

Chairs will receive an Erasmus+ KA1 teaching mobility grant covering travel and subsistence from their own university provided they comply with the requirements of their home university.

Chairs are eligible for receiving additional funding provided by the host university to complement the above up to the teaching and research workload specified by the host university according to the outlined specific conditions.

The academics applying for a Transform4Europe Chair position have to submit an online Application form. The applications are submitted at the host university where they are evaluated for eligibility as per the conditions and requirements announced in the respective Call.

The selection is done on the basis of the specified evaluation criteria by a Joint Selection Board. The Joint Selection Board is presided by each university in turn.

That potential applicants and academics from each host university may seek to establish contact prior to the application through the many activities and events such as

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T4ERI Partnering Tool (<https://web.ogpi.es/t4eri/tutorial>), T4EU Weeks and Summer Schools, joint webinars, conferences, etc.

The names of the outgoing and incoming Chairs are announced on the Transform4Europe website and the dedicated web-spaces of each Alliance member.

Award Criteria

Quality 30 points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Innovative and interdisciplinary approach ✓ Goals of the proposed teaching project ✓ Potential to involve other senior and early-career researchers
Contribution to Transform4Europe goals 30 points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Capacity to contribute to the deepening and expanding cooperation between Transform4Europe universities in the long run
Impact 20 points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Capacity to outreach a variety of learners ✓ Engagement in joint research in the Transform4Europe priority areas ✓ Involvement of external stakeholders ✓ Capacity to attract external funding
Implementation 20 points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quality of the working plan • Integration into the host institution academic environment
Up to 5 bonus points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential to implement a one-to-one exchange (i.e. when a lecturer from the host university and a lecturer from the sending university agree to a simultaneous exchange in the same field of study).

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Meeting the needs of the host university specified in the Call |
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The application process is open from 20 September 2024 onwards. Please check the specific conditions sections of each Alliance University for the concrete deadlines.

Contacts:

In case of queries, please contact:

- Saarland University – Sina Vogel: welcome@uni-saarland.de
- The University of Alicante – Gloria Lillo: gloria.lillo@ua.es
- The University of Silesia in Katowice –
- Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski – Tsvetan Bogdanov tsvetan@admin.uni-sofia.bg
- The University of Trieste (Italy) – t4eu@units.it, erasmus.staff@amm.units.it
- Vytautas Magnus University (Lithuania) – Tomas Mickevicius, tomas.mickevicius@vdu.lt
- Jean Monnet University (France) - T4EU@univ-st-etienne.fr
- University of Primorska (Slovenia) - international@upr.si
- Universidade Católica Portuguesa - Aline Villas Boas, avvboas@ucp.pt, t4eu@ucp.pt

Read more about the Transform4Europe Chair positions at:

- Saarland University – <https://www.uni-saarland.de/global/transform4europe/aktuelle-ausschreibungen-und-angebote.html>
- The University of Silesia in Katowice – <https://us.edu.pl/t4e/tag/chair-exchange/>
- Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski –
- The University of Trieste (Italy) – [Transform4Europe \(units.it\)](https://www.units.it)
- Vytautas Magnus University (Lithuania) – <https://www.vdu.lt/en/international-cooperation/european-university-transform4europe/>
- Jean Monnet University (France)

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- University of Primorska (Slovenia) – <https://www.upr.si/en/about-university/t4eu-/t4eu-opportunities/for-staff/>
- Universidade Católica Portuguesa

Specific conditions:

➤ Saarland University

- **Duration of the exchange:** The winter semester runs from October 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025. Lectures will take place from October 14, 2024, to February 7, 2025, or in summer semester from April 1, 2025 to September 30, 2025. Lectures will take place from April 22, 2025 to July 26, 2025
- **Mode of delivery:** The lectures can take place fully in presence or combined with online lectures. The actual ratio between physical and online workload will be determined on an individual basis. It is also possible to give the physical lectures as a bloc in Saarbrücken and the online lectures from your home country
- **Main teaching load:** preferred in Transform4Europe priority areas: digital transformation and smart regions, environmental transformation and sustainability, societal transformation and inclusion.
- **Language requirements** English
- **What does Saarland university provide?** Accommodation: apartment in the university guest house. Arrangements for families can be made. Book as early in advance as possible. Please note: the reservations for the apartments have to be made 4–6 months in advance (for families 6–9 months)
- **Salary:** Possibility to sign a contract for a remunerated teaching assignment
- **Additional information:** Office equipment and facilities (workstation, access to computer, internet, printer, library etc.) are made available to the guests.
- **Apply here:** <https://www.uni-saarland.de/en/global/welcome-center/chair-exchange.html>
- **Deadline for submission**
 - 30/09/2024 for the upcoming Winter Semester 24/25;
 - 31/01/2025 for the Summer Semester "25

- 31/07/2025 for the next Winter Semester 25/26.

➤ **The University of Alicante**

- **Duration of the exchange:** winter semester 24/25 (for incoming & outgoing): September to January
- **Mode of delivery:** Physical stay: within a limit of 14 days
- **Main teaching load** No special requirements. Minimum teaching hours: 8.
- **Language requirements** English or Spanish (for incoming & outgoing).
- **What does University of Alicante provide?** Work station: in the corresponding department/research institute
- **Salary:** no salary
- **Apply here: (for outgoing):** <https://sri.ua.es/es/movilidad/sta/estancias-docentes-erasmus-e-internacionalizacion-de-corta-duracion.html>
- **Additional information:** University of Alicante will only accept nominations from home university after previous selection by home university, and according to previously signed Interinstitutional Agreements.

➤ **The University of Silesia in Katowice**

- **Duration of the exchange:** The winter semester runs from 01/10/2024 till 17/02/2025 and spring semester runs from 24/02/2025 till 15/06/2024 except week 10/05/2025 till 17/05/2025
- **Mode of delivery:** 8 hours of contact classes, 52 hours of online classes
- **Main teaching load:** Digital transformation and smart regions, Environmental transformation and sustainability or Societal transformation and inclusion.
- **Language requirements** Languages:
 - English – at least B2
 - or Polish – at least B2.

- **What does Uni Silesia provide?** 1. Accommodation in a university residence apartment during your physical stay in Katowice. 2. Work station at the hosting Faculty.
- **Salary: For full professors and associate professors** at their universities we can offer for one semester the contract of the visiting professor. The visiting professor must teach **60 hours of classes** (45 minutes each). For every hour (45 minutes) we offer 200 PLN (official average euro rate 05.01.2024: 1 euro= 4,34 PLN). The contract establishes this amount in Polish currency. but at the professor's request, the remuneration is paid in the indicated currency. 52 hours of classes should be offered online through the MS Teams system and 8 hours in contact way in Katowice. After signing the contract, USil creates the Teams account in the university system. 60h of classes are the only obligations of the contract.
- **Additional extracurricular activities:** 1. One public lecture for the academic community 2. One workshop on joint research opportunities 3. One workshop for PhD students
- **Apply and additional information:** <https://us.edu.pl/t4e/tag/chair-exchange/>

➤ **Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski**

- **Duration of the exchange:** The Winter Semester starts on 01 October 2024 and ends on 17 January 2025, the exam period is from 20 January 2025 to 14 February 2025. The Spring Semester starts on 17 February 2025 and ends on 06 June 2025, the exam period is from 09 June 2025 to 04 July 2025
- **Mode of delivery:** A minimum of 14 days onsite at Sofia University. The actual ratio between physical and online workload will be determined on an individual basis. It is also possible to give the physical lectures as a bloc in Sofia and the online lectures from your home country.
- **Main teaching load:** A minimum of 20 teaching hours in the framework of the Transform4Europe priority areas

- **Additional extracurricular activities:** a minimum of 12 hours of additional activities, i.e. delivering public lectures, participating in workshops/conferences, initiating joint research, etc.)
- **What Sofia University provides for incoming Chairs:** Accommodation, subsistence and remuneration (fee) for the delivered hours of teaching and additional activities exceeding the teaching hours stipulated in the Erasmus+ KA1 agreement signed by the Chair at their home institution.
- **Apply here:** <https://forms.office.com/e/ra59juJZZW>

➤ **The University of Trieste (Italy)**

- **Period of the exchange: INCOMING** – The Winter Semester starts on 23/09/2024 and ends on 20/12/2024, The exam period is from 7/01/2025 to 28/02/2025 The Spring Semester starts on 3/03/2025 and ends on 30/05/2025 (06/06/2025), The exam period is from 3/06/2025 to 31/07/2025 and from 25/08/2025 19/09/2025.
OUTGOING – Please refer to ERASMUS+ internal Call for Teaching Staff mobility and according to the indication of the host institution
- **Duration: INCOMING** – will be agreed between the applicant and the professor involved. **OUTGOING** – Maximum duration of 7 calendar days, including 2 days for travel and 5 days for educational activities.
- **Mode of delivery:** The mobility in person can be combined with online lectures. The ratio of each component will be determined on a case-by-case basis. **OUTGOING:** At least 8 hours of contact activity, as agreed in advance with the host university
- **Main teaching load** preferred in Transform4Europe priority areas: digital transformation and smart regions, environmental transformation and sustainability, societal transformation and inclusion.
- **Language requirements** English

- **What does Uni Trieste provide:** Guests will be provided by:
 - a workstation in the host facility;
 - access to computer resources and libraries of the University;
 - information about insurance coverage related to the activities to be conducted (eg. third party liability, access to laboratories, use of equipment, etc. ...);
 - support for accommodation. Trieste University has no university facilities for accommodation of its guests. It will therefore try to facilitate incoming teacher' search by indicating hotels or other accommodation facilities;
 - information about specific risks in the workplace and preventive measures taken in relation to the activity, as well as opening times of University buildings.
- **Salary:** Outgoing Chairs will receive an Erasmus+ KA1 teaching mobility grant covering travel and subsistence, provided they comply with the requirements of their home university. The University of Trieste will cover expenses **for a maximum of 3 outgoing Chairs** on the basis of the ERASMUS+ internal Call for Teaching Staff mobility, ([Bando_Erasmus_docenti_2023-24_nuova_call_fondi_residui_23.pdf \(units.it\)](#)) according to the following scheme:
 - Duration: 5 days maximum + 1- or 2-days travel
 - Travel will be recognised on the basis of the ERASMUS+ distance calculator
 - Individual support based on reimbursement of eligible expenses
- **Additional information:** mobilities will take place on the basis of signed interuniversity ERASMUS agreements between the University of Trieste and hosting Institution.
- **Apply here:** <https://web.units.it/page/forms/it/content/application-transform4europe-chair-exchange-20242025>

➤ **Vytautas Magnus University (Lithuania)**

- **Duration of the exchange:** The autumn semester runs from August 26, 2024 to January 31, 2025. Lectures will take place from August 26, 2024 to November 29, 2024, or in summer semester from February 1, 2025 to June 30, 2025. Lectures will take place from February 3, 2025 to May 23, 2025. Specific duration of the visit should be determined on individual basis.
- **Mode of delivery:** The lectures can take place fully in presence or in hybrid mode (combined with online lectures). The actual ratio between physical and online workload will be determined on an individual basis but amount of physical workload cannot be less than 8 hours. Only online teaching is not acceptable.
- **Main teaching load:** Preferred teaching load is one course (preferably master/ PhD level) and consultations, plus an additional public lecture to the academic community on a relevant research topic. Preferred in Transform4Europe priority areas: digital transformation and smart regions, environmental transformation and sustainability, societal transformation, and inclusion. But the teaching load shall be agreed upon on individual basis.
- **Language requirements** English proficiency level not lower than B2.
- **What does VMU university provide?** Accommodation in case a physical mobility is longer than 14 days, office space, access to libraries and other infrastructure.
- **Salary:** Possibility to sign a contract for a remunerated teaching assignment.
 - **Additional requirements:** Good proficiency in English language, holder of a PhD diploma.
 - **Apply here:**
https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=iRNwEFtPeEC66iCeOcYhDpgyeIAL85BChvxM1Ch_EopUNjZHOTJVUEE5NzhLVTBCUEpKSU9EVEpSRS4u
- **Deadlines for submission for different academic periods, as follows:**
 - 30 November 2024 for Spring semester 2024/25
 - 31 May 2025 for Autumn semester 2025/26
 - 30 November 2025 for Spring semester 2025/26\

- 31 May 2026 for Autumn semester 2026/27
- 30 November 2026 for Spring semester 2026/27

➤ **Jean Monnet University (France)**



- **Duration of the exchange:** We highly recommend choosing shorter stays, ideally 3 weeks to 1 month. However, the minimum stay is one week, and you have the option to stay for up to six months. The duration can be determined between the sending and hosting institution.
- **Mode of delivery:** The mode of lectures will be determined with the hosting lab. Read more about the labs at Jean Monnet University: <https://www.univ-st-etienne.fr/en/research.html>
- **Main teaching load.** The teaching load will be determined with the hosting lab. Preferred in Transform4Europe priority areas: digital transformation and smart regions, environmental transformation and sustainability, societal transformation and inclusion
- **Language requirements :** English
- **What does UJM university provide?** Jean Monnet University can help to arrange an accomodation. Contact us as early in advance as possible on research-mob@univ-st-etienne.fr
- **Salary:** To be determined
- **Additional information:**
- **Apply here:** Contact t4eu@univ-st-etienne.fr

➤ **University of Primorska (Slovenia)**

- **Duration of the exchange:** One semester, with a minimum 3-month physical stay.
First semester: October to mid-February (including exams); second semester: mid-February to end September (including exams). Minimum 3-

month exchange aligns with a single semester. This call covers academic year 2024/2025, 2025/2026 and 2026/2027.

Exact dates will be determined between applicant Chair and UP Course lecturer.

- **Mode of delivery:** The lectures are primarily conducted in-person at UP in Slovenia, but there is flexibility for a virtual component if most of the program is delivered physically.
- **Main teaching load:** A minimum of **45 teaching hours at UP** as a contact class per semester. One teaching hour is 45 minutes.

Additional extracurricular activities:

A minimum of 10 teaching hours of extra-curricular activities as:

- consultations with students and PhD students;
- co-supervision of master or PhD theses;
- advising and monitoring young researchers;
- monitoring and supervising research on the Transform4Europe priority areas;
- organising activities (conferences, workshops, public lectures, round tables and / or webinars);
- preparing joint applications for research and conducting joint research;
- preparing joint publications submitted to high-ranking academic journals referenced in renowned scientific databases such as Scopus and Web of Science or having a high impact factor;
- looking for and attracting additional funding;
- other activities by prior arrangements.

Type of the activities will be determined on an individual basis. The additional activities can take place face-to-face and / or online at the home university after the physical 3-month mobility has been completed (if the additional activity allows it).

All study fields at UP with accredited courses are priority areas, but specifically digital transformation and smart regions, environmental transformation, and

sustainability, societal transformation and inclusion. For program details, visit <https://www.upr.si/en/study--enrolment/>.

Emphasis on teaching mobility is on programs delivered in English at the University of Primorska.

- **Language requirements** English
- **What does Uni Primorska university provide?**
 - Necessary facilities and office equipment for visiting academic staff.
 - Basic utilities for work at the hosting faculty (workstation, computer access, internet, printer, library, etc.).
 - Free sports activities and recreation organized in Koper throughout the year. More details available at: <https://welcome.upr.si/researcher/live/sports-activities-and-recreation/>.
 - 24/7 access to the UP Library.
 - Complimentary Slovene language course from level A1, offered twice a year.
 - MixUP, a social space for UP students and staff located on the ground floor of the UP Lobby in Koper, facilitating socializing, short-term work, and informal meetings.
- **Salary:** Mobilities are carried out between alliance partners. For more info regarding the financing please contact the responsible person at home university.

The University of Primorska welcomes teaching mobilities within the Erasmus+ program and encourages candidates to explore additional funding options, such as MSCA Postdoctoral fellowships and the MSCA Staff Exchange Programme.
- **Additional information:** The University of Primorska does not provide on-campus accommodation for its guests. However, we are committed to assisting in the search for suitable lodging by offering recommendations for

accommodation facilities. Kindly refer to the following link for more information:

<https://welcome.upr.si/researcher/live/accommodation/>. Furthermore, there is available funding to contribute towards accommodation costs. The specific details regarding the allocation of this funding will be determined in consultation with the selected individual planning to visit.

- **Apply here:** <https://forms.office.com/e/KkJK3UKuG5>
- **Deadlines for submission for different academic periods, as follows:**
 - 30 November 2024 for Spring semester 2024/25
 - 31 May 2025 for Autumn semester 2025/26
 - 30 November 2025 for Spring semester 2025/26
 - 31 May 2026 for Autumn semester 2026/27
 - 30 November 2026 for Spring semester 2026/27

The consent or an invitation letter from the faculty/department of the host university must be included in the application.

➤ **Universidade Católica Portuguesa**

- **Duration of the exchange:** The duration will be determined on a case-by-case basis, but is normally for a short period (in person classes up to one week). The classes in the first semester run from September to December (the exam period is in January) and for the second semester from February to June (with exam period in July)
- **Mode of delivery:** The mobility in person can be combined with online lectures. The ratio of each component will be determined on a case-by-case basis.
- **Main teaching load:** The number of contact hours will be determined on a case-by-case basis. During the days of in person contact, there can be block courses, seminars or workshops, conferences, public lectures, etc. There is also the possibility of at least a module of a chair within the accredited structure of the

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undergraduate or graduate courses. An elective chair with extra ECTS might also be possible.

- **Language requirements** English
- **What does UCP university provide?** As for accommodation, it will depend on the specific campus/school where the incoming lecturer will be. The International Relations Office of each school/faculty can help in the search for suitable accommodation. There might be the possibility of accommodation in the building of the student dormitory (at least in the Lisbon campi, though only for women). The access to other services will also be dealt with in accordance with each campus/school and with the duration of the mobility, but normally includes the basic utilities for work at the hosting faculty (workstation, internet, printer, library, in some cases a computer, etc.).
- **Salary:** Normally, the funding is provided by the Erasmus program. Further financing will be determined on a case-by-case basis, but, in general, no grant is provided by the UCP for the visiting staff.
- **Additional information:** The mobility, even short-term, may include activities within undergraduate, graduate and post-graduate courses; and the integration into research activities. These activities may continue online.
 - **Apply here:** <https://www.ucp.pt/pt-pt/internacional/transform4europe>