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ABOUT TRANSFORM4EUROPE

Eleven European universities have joined forces to educate people responsible for their environments, equipped with the state-of-the-art knowledge, which enables them to face the most important civilisation challenges. T4EU aims at becoming one integrated European University based on shared European values, a diverse and inclusive alliance deeply rooted in the respective regional ecosystems, educating and training knowledge-entrepreneurs as drivers of transformation for the benefit of sustainable and resilient European societies. We present you the first newsletter to bring closer the idea and initiatives of our Alliance and partner universities. Follow our social sciences media channels on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) and subscribe to [our YouTube Channel](#)



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Portugal



University of Primorska
Slovenia



Jean Monnet University
France



Mariupol State University
Ukraine (associated partner)

T4EU PRESIDENCY AND SECRETARY GENERAL

T4EU aims to further develop its joint governance structure by implementing a [rotating presidency](#), nominating a Secretary General as a critical figure for the T4EU Alliance, and creating a joint T4EU legal entity. The current Secretary General is Sven Idarand, whereas the presidency is held by the University of Silesia.

A FOREWORD BY THE RECTOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF SILESIA. T4EU PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

Dear Members of the academic communities of the universities within the Transform4Europe Alliance,

Together, we are making a big dream come true! Eleven European universities have taken up the challenge of creating one multilingual campus, which contributes to better access to knowledge, increasing mobility of students, PhD students and employees, as well as creating strong bonds and networks between scientists. I am extremely proud of what we have achieved so far, thanks to our joint efforts to disseminate the ideals of academic collaboration.

The University of Silesia has been leading the Alliance since November, as the first presidency implemented in Transform4Europe. The trust our Partners have given us fills us with pride. Nevertheless, it is a great motivation as well, a driving force behind our actions for European universities. The primary objectives of the University of Silesia within the leadership are:

- building the Alliance's legal personality,
- tightening cooperation with the Mariupol State University,
- including the T4EU in the actions of the European City of Science Katowice 2024.

Nonetheless, there is another even greater task we have: we must be driven to build good relationships and therefore get to know each other better so that we are able to understand each other's needs and accept the differences between us. We can achieve this only through efficient communication and a proper level of consideration for each other. Thus, we are handing over the first edition of the Transform4Europe Newsletter to all associated with the universities within the Alliance. It includes the essential content concerning implemented activities, future challenges, as well as opportunities to establish valuable relationships. This edition of the Newsletter also contains a detailed summary of the tasks faced by the current Transform4Europe presidency.

Feel free to read the Newsletter at your earliest convenience and take advantage of the wide array of opportunities offered by our European University.

Prof. Ryszard Koziółek
Rector of the University of Silesia in Katowice
President of the Transform4Europe Alliance

RECENT ALLIANCE ACTIVITIES

This section includes information on events and initiatives implemented by the Alliance within the Transform4Europe project.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND INITIATIVES

→ 'A VISION FOR EUROPE' COMPETITION AT USAAR

DEADLINE: 31 MARCH 2024

Saarland University and the Friedrich Foundation has organised a competition for all students of the T4EU member universities. Their goal was to create an original work about their vision of Europe. Detailed information at transform4Europe.eu, and on [Facebook](#).

→ TRAINING & EXPERIENCES SHARING SESSION

15 APRIL 2024

We invite academic staff, researchers and PhD students of T4EU universities to participate in the online session 'How to make science more engaging and sociable?'. [Detailed information about the event.](#)

→ JOB SHADOWING EVENT

14–15 MAY 2024

Jean Monnet University is pleased to organise its very first [job shadowing event](#) dedicated to Human Resources staff.

→ T4EU WEEK BEGINS!

20–24 MAY 2024

The University of Primorska and the University of Trieste organise [together the T4EU Week](#), taking place on 20–24 May 2024 in Trieste and Koper. The programme involves fascinating events within several streams: student stream; PhD stream; management stream; research stream; recreational, cultural & social stream.

→ EUROPEAN SUMMER COURSE

29 JULY – 7 AUGUST 2024

Students may participate in a summer course [#TacklingCurrent-WorldChallenges](#), organised by the Europa-Institut of Saarland University in cooperation with the European Academy Otzenhausen, the ASKO Europa-Stiftung and the Transform4Europe Alliance. [Detailed information about the event.](#)

PAST EVENTS AND INITIATIVES

JANUARY

→ **T4EU SENTENCE**

In January 2024, we launched the T4EU monthly sentences. We are showing that the T4EU Alliance is a colourful community speaking in eleven different languages. We have decided to start with the T4EU Alliance slogan – Boost the European Spirit! More info: [T4EU Sentences](#).

→ **MEETING OF T4EU AND T4ERI MANAGEMENT BOARDS**

In January 2024, the University of Alicante hosted T4EU and T4ERI Management Boards meetings. It was also an opportunity to participate in numerous events, including 'A perfect pitch for T4EU' workshops. More info: [T4EU Management Board, T4ERI Management Board](#).

→ **T4EU PROMOTION BY STUDENTS**

The USil Faculty of Law and Administration hosted a meeting promoting the Transform4Europe Alliance among students. [See the photo report of the event](#).

→ **BACHELOR TRACKS UPDATE**

In mid-January, we have opened the course registration for undergraduate students as part of Bachelor Tracks. The offer includes, among others, courses in foreign languages, programming, marketing, entrepreneurship, and environment. [Visit the courses webpage](#)

FEBRUARY

→ **T4EU REPRESENTATIVES IN BRUSSELS**

The T4EU Alliance met on 21–22 February 2024 in Brussels. Our representatives took part in, among other things, the round-table meeting featuring a report on Outreach Strategies for Universities. They also had the opportunity to listen to a presentation delivered by Prof. Tomasz Pietrzykowski (University of Silesia) and a keynote speech by Alexandra Hemprich, PhD (Saarland University). Check out the visit summary at transform4europe.eu and on [Facebook](#).

→ **CROSS-DISCIPLINARY ACADEMIC OFFER: CROCODILE**

An international project Cross-Disciplinary Academic Offer: Crocodile – initiated by T4EU partners – has just been concluded. Its main aim was to prepare a modern, international, elective academic offer that can be successfully implemented at different universities, especially the ones forming T4EU alliance. [Find out more about the project](#).

→ **VYTAUTAS MAGNUS VIDEO CLIPS**

Vytautas Magnus University prepared a video presenting the Transform4Europe Alliance. [We encourage you to check it out](#).

HAPPENING AT

This section includes information on events and initiatives by T4EU partner universities.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND INITIATIVES

→ **MASTERCLASS IN MEDICINE ONLINE**

APRIL 2024

It is an international course aimed at European medical students and teaches intensive care topics in an online format. Saarland University is the course organiser. Detailed information at transform4Europe.eu, and on [Facebook](#).

→ **TOWARDS A RESPONSIBLE DEVELOPMENT OF THE METAVERSE**

13–14 JUNE 2024

The University of Alicante is organising a Metaverse congress. The topics covered include: the European Digital Acts, Virtual Worlds as Markets, Cybersecurity in the Metaverse. [Detailed information about the event](#)

→ **SUMMER SCHOOL**

19–30 AUGUST 2024

University of Primorska invites you to Summer School: Wood for Sustainable Built Environment. The event is intended for students and doctoral students. The registration will remain open until 30 April 2024. [Find out more about the event.](#)

→ **HEALTH OF WORKING-AGE AND OLDER ADULTS CONFERENCE**

19–20 SEPTEMBER 2024

The University of Primorska is organising a conference on the health problems of working-age and older adults. [Detailed information about the event](#)

PAST EVENTS AND INITIATIVES

→ **M'ILLUMINO DI MENO**

16 FEBRUARY 2024

The University of Trieste took part in the M'illumino di Meno initiative on 16 February. Its aim was to promote energy saving and sustainable lifestyle. [Detailed information about the event.](#)

→ **INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON HERITAGE INTERPRETATION**

21–23 MARCH 2024

The University of Primorska organised a conference entitled ‘Sustainability – challenging mindsets through heritage interpretation’, held in Koper. [Detailed information about the event.](#)

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→ **STUDENT LOVE STORY**

Check out [the love story](#) of a student from Bulgaria and a student from Poland who met during T4EU Week in April 2023 in Katowice.

T4ERI

This section includes information on the T4ERI project.

→ **AN ONLINE PLATFORM FOR RESEARCHERS**

The T4ERI UA Team has developed an [online platform for researchers](#) to identify potential cooperation partners among hundreds of researchers in the T4EU Alliance. The tool allows you to look for project coordinators, partners, research collaborators, mobility, and mentors. A new component to request access to the alliance’s research infrastructure is being tested.

→ **OPEN SCIENCE SNACKS**

[The Open Science Snacks](#) offer something for everyone, from those who are new to Open Science practices and curious to learn more, to those who already have some experience with Open Science. In six short episodes, the topics will range from ‘Open and FAIR data’ to ‘Myths about Open Science’ and ‘Preregistration 101’.

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