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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.

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→ ARE UNIVERSITIES TRANSFORMATIVE SOCIAL ACTORS?

For the eighth episode of the Transform4Europe podcast “Reach Out” series, Nina Tsvetkova, professor from the Faculty of Philosophy at Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski, and Viktoria Lekova, PhD candidate, explore universities’ soft power in the modern world. [Take a listen!](#)

→ T4EU GREEN CAMPUS HANDBOOK

Universities are more than places of education and research; they are vibrant communities with significant environmental footprints. Focused on sustainability for the individual and institution, the T4EU Green Campus Handbook was prepared to serve as a practical guide to support an environmentally friendly approach to campus life in everyday life. [Find out more and dive into the Green Campus Handbook!](#)



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)

→ T4EU CAMPUS LIFE MANUAL: LEARN HOW TO NAVIGATE UNIVERSITY LIFE

Prepared in collaboration with various experts from student support offices, experts in psychology and mental health and educational staff, the T4EU Campus Life Manual is designed to be a practical and supportive guide to help students navigate the challenges of university life beyond academic success. [Take a read and learn how to navigate university life!](#)

→ FIRST T4EU ALLIANCE CHAMPION SELECTED

The [Alliance Champions Award](#) is a new initiative which is set up to acknowledge the results and impact of the work of the T4EU Chairs. All participants have been evaluated based on the impact of their teaching mobility and the first T4EU Alliance Champion has been selected. The name of the winner will be announced officially during the T4EU Strategic Assembly which will take place on 20-24 October 2025 at Vytautas Magnus University in Kaunas, Lithuania.

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→ T4EU CHAIR PROGRAMME

deadline by 17 October

The deadline for the second call for applications for T4EU Chair Programme in the 2025/2026 academic year has been extended. For detailed information on the call and the initiative, visit the [T4EU website](#).

→ SCIENCE COMMUNICATION PROGRAMME

13–14 October

The Transform4Europe Alliance invites scientists and researchers to apply for Science Communication Programme – a series of workshops conducted by science communication experts at the University of Silesia in Katowice. This initiative will support academics in presenting their work more effectively, engaging diverse audiences, and integrating science communication into their research activities. [Find out more](#).

→ INVITATION TO THE ROUND TABLE: ARTISTIC RESEARCH

14 October

What does artistic research mean today—for artists, universities, and society at large? What kind of knowledge emerges through artistic practice? Join artists Apolonija Šušteršič and Tanja Verlak for an engaging round table discussion together with experts from the cultural and educational association PINA, the Faculty of Education (UP), and leading gallery directors. [Read more about the event](#).

→ T4EU WEEK IN KAUNAS

20-24 October

What if university was less about answers and more about asking better questions? Rooted in the Liberal Arts tradition, Vytautas Magnus University offers a space where curiosity thrives, transform4europe.eu

ideas collide, and learning becomes a journey. Over five days, you'll explore themes where tradition meets innovation. No final exams — just deeper questions to take home and grow as a thinker and a human being. Join us at the [T4EU Week in Kaunas](#) and expect thoughtful reading, sharp thinking, and meaningful debates.

→ T4EU STRATEGIC POLICY CONFERENCE

21-22 October

We are pleased to invite you to register for the upcoming Strategic Policy Conference taking place at Vytautas Magnus University in Kaunas, marking the conclusion of VMU's presidency of the T4EU Alliance. Leaders from academia, politics, and beyond will explore how universities drive resilience through innovation, democracy, and societal renewal. [Find out more.](#)

→ MATCHMAKING EVENT AT JEAN MONNET UNIVERSITY, SAINT-ÉTIENNE

25-27 November

Jean Monnet University is pleased to invite you to the “Matchmaking for Joint Studies and Research Collaboration” event, which will take place in Saint-Etienne. The event is open to both researchers and PhD students. [Find out more.](#)

→ DIGITAL ARCHAEOLOGY IN SEARCH OF EPHEMERAL

26–30 January 2026

We'd like to invite final-year bachelor's, master's, and doctoral students to participate in the course 'Digital Archaeology in Search of the Ephemeral | Creative Research Capacities' (BIP), which will take place at the Estonian Academy of Arts. [Find out more.](#)

PAST EVENTS AND INITIATIVES

→ T4EU AT EAIE GOTHENBURG 2025

From 9 to 12 September 2025, Transform4Europe was present at the annual conference and exhibition organised by the European Association for International Education (EAIE). This is one of the most significant events in European higher education, and this year it was held in Gothenburg. The organisers have prepared a special space for European university alliances, where T4EU representatives will present the consortium's achievements, including the joint educational offer and flagship events of the Alliance. Read the [summary](#), [first hand insights](#), and [key takeaways](#) from the conference.

→ 1ST CALL FOR COMMON CULTURAL ACTIVITIES – WINNING PROJECTS

After careful consideration and attentive evaluation, the Common Cultural Activities Selection Board is pleased to [announce the results of the 1st Bi-annual Call](#). The selected activities are: Garden of the Invisibles, Garden of Shared Memories, Lost in Migration, A Touch of Three Cultures. We would like to thank all participants for their contribution – the selection process was very competitive with many high-quality proposals.

→ ENVIRONMENTAL HERITAGE AND GENERATIONS – WINNERS

The First T4EU Sustainable Heritage Student Competition was held in Trieste, Italy, from 7 to 11 July 2025, bringing together students from across the alliance for a week of collaborative learning and innovation. Participants worked in international teams to design innovative, locally grounded, and globally relevant projects. [Read more about the submitted proposals and find out who won.](#)

→ T4EU SUMMER SCHOOL 2025: UPCYCLING DENIM INTO NEW DESIGNS

From 11–15 August 2025, the Estonian Academy of Arts (EKA) hosted the summer school workshop ‘Recrafted: A Workshop for Shoe & Bag Upcycling.’ 23 students from eight countries took part, giving discarded denim a new life as unique shoes and bags. [Read more about the event and view the photo gallery.](#)

→ SUMMER SCHOOL 2025: CREATIVE CIRCULARITY

In August 2025, 24 students from 8 universities came to the Estonian Academy of Arts (EKA) for the Green Transformer Student Challenge, a five-day programme organised by the T4EU alliance with EKA. During the week, participants explored how creativity and teamwork can tackle sustainability issues through lectures, workshops, field trips and hands-on prototyping. Interdisciplinary teams—mixing engineers, anthropologists, designers and others—brought a wide range of ideas and expertise. [Find out more.](#)

→ SCIENCE CAFÉ | CHANGING ROLES OF RELIGIOUS AND INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS

On 4 September, from 1 to 3 p.m., the Estonian Academy of Arts hosted a T4EU Science Café ‘Keep the Church in the Village’ at the Narva Art Residency (NART), as part of the Station Narva festival. The discussion explored how the roles of religious and industrial buildings are evolving in contemporary Europe. [Watch the video recording of the event.](#)

→ SCIENCE CAFÉ & MATCHMAKING EVENT AT UP | CRITICAL HERITAGE

Between September 4 and 5, numerous doctoral students and young researchers gathered at the UP FHŠ for a T4EU networking event, where they exchanged their experiences, working methods and, in mutual dialogue, explored ideas for future cooperation. The first day of the event was particularly colorful, as the networking event coincided with the T4EU science café on the topic of critical heritage. Doc. Dr. Neža Čebren Lipovec from UP FHŠ, together with Prof. Dr. Daniela Koleva, a guest from the University of Sofia, led an interesting discussion on views of heritage in the post-socialist era. The discussion was moderated by Prof. Dr. Irena Lazar, UNESCO Chair at UP. [Find out more.](#)