

CALL N°09/2025

Selection for T4EU 2025

T4EU Green Transformer Student Challenge 2025

Considering the participation of Universidade Católica Portuguesa as one of the 10 members of the Transform4Europe Alliance, in an agreement signed on November 1, 2023.

Bearing in mind the provisions of the Transform4Europe Alliance regarding the implementation of activities to be conducted by the Universidade Católica Portuguesa, namely the **T4EU Green Campus Life, Inclusion and Wellbeing, WP6 of the Alliance**.

Considering the activities planned under the Transform4Europe project, particularly the **Green Transformer Student Challenge**, organized by Estonian Academy of Arts.

Contemplating the participation of at least **two (2) Bachelor's or Master's students from Universidade Católica Portuguesa**, as per the Alliance's work program.

The following conditions are established for the participation and funding of selected students:

I - EVENT DETAILS

Name: Green Transformer Student Challenge

Date: 11th -15th of August 2025 (in person) and 22nd August (online)

Location: Tallinn, Estonia

Organization: Estonian Academy of Arts

Abstract:

Design plays a crucial role in shaping sustainable futures, offering creative pathways to address environmental challenges through innovation and collaboration. The Green Transformer Student Challenge engages students in exploring practical, low-impact design strategies that support sustainable development and circular thinking.

Through guided visits to leading design studios, participants gain insight into real-world design processes and methodologies while drawing inspiration from industry professionals. This immersive experience empowers students to co-create innovative solutions that merge functionality with ecological responsibility.

By integrating creativity, teamwork, and sustainability, the challenge fosters critical thinking and hands-on learning. Outstanding projects will be recognized with monetary awards, encouraging excellence in sustainable design practice.

II – DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS

- Applications deadline: 18th May 2025
- Validation and selection: 19th -23rd May 2025
- Disclosure of results: 26th May 2025

III – VACANCIES

Two (2) positions are available for **BA** and **MA** students from UCP.

IV – CONDITIONS OF ACCESS

The following criteria apply:

- Be a BA or MA student at UCP.
- Demonstrate strong communication and comprehension skills in English.
- Fulfill all application requirements (detailed below).

V - CANDIDACY

The application is managed by the Executive Board of the T4EU Alliance at UCP through the Internet, on the Portal: <https://www.ucp.pt/pt-pt/internacional/transform4europe>.

1. The application must include the following:
 1. Fill out the application form at the following link before 11:59 PM, May 18th, 2025:
[Application Form](#)
 2. Write a letter of motivation, in English, justifying your participation in the event (Maximum 500 words), addressing the following questions:
 - a) Why did you choose to attend this event?
 - b) What do you hope to gain from participating in the T4EU Green Transformer Student Challenge for your academic/professional life?
 - c) What added value will you bring to UCP and the students who did not attend, based on your experience (e.g., round table discussion, bibliography exchange, presentation in class, etc.)?

To be eligible, the application must meet all the criteria listed above.

VI - EVENT PROGRAM

Over five days, August 11-15, 2025, students will engage in various in person activities and designed to inspire innovation and practical solutions for sustainability.

On the 22nd of August 2025 there'll be an online session that focuses on assessing and providing constructive feedback on the solutions developed by students.

At the conclusion of the project, the best teams are recognized, with winning teams receiving cash prizes from a total prize fund of 5000 EUR.

Additionally, winning teams will have the opportunity to advance their ideas through the **Student Initiative competition**, providing a pathway to further develop their concepts and bring them to real-world implementation.

The **Green Transformer Student Challenge 2025** is closely connected to **Recrafted: A Workshop for Shoe & Bag Upcycling**, with both initiatives forming an integrated event: while the workshop provides hands-on experience in upcycling techniques, the challenge offers a platform for students to apply those skills in interdisciplinary teams, developing innovative solutions to real-world sustainability challenges.

VII - SELECTION

1. The conduct of the admission process and selection of candidates is the responsibility of a jury appointed by the Executive Board of the T4EU Alliance of the Universidade Católica Portuguesa.
 1. The jury is invariably composed of:
 1. 2 (two) representatives of the T4EU Executive Board of the Universidade Católica Portuguesa:
 2. 1 (one) representative of the Vice-Rector of Research and Doctoral Education.
2. The ranking criteria to be considered are as follows, not in this order:
 1. Fulfillment of all application requirements - excluding.
 2. Content of the Motivation Letter presented in the act of application and level of English in it - excluding.
 3. Student level and year hierarchy (within the enrolled program).
 4. Gender representation.
 5. UCP's Campus representation.

VIII - SCHOLARSHIP

The scholarship offered contains the value of travel, accommodation, and insurance for the selected students, to be considered 6 days and 6 nights of the **T4EU Green Transformer Student Challenge**. Travel and lodging expenses must be in accordance with the Universidade Católica Portuguesa Travel, Stay and Meal Regulation.

1. There is no course fee for UCP students due to UCP's T4EU membership.
2. The remaining expenses must be covered by the selected candidate.

IX - EXCLUSION

Applications that are not accompanied by all the elements indicated, as well as those submitted after the application deadlines, are excluded outright.

X - DISSEMINATION OF RESULTS

1. The list of selected candidates will be published on the Transform4Europe page of the Universidade Católica Portuguesa: <https://www.ucp.pt/pt-pt/internacionaltransform4europe/anuncio-de-resultados>.
2. Results will be available until May 26th, 2025.

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