

**CALL N°08/2025****Selection for T4EU 2025****T4EU Summer Course *Recrafted: A Workshop for Shoe & Bag Upcycling***

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 Summer Course, WP2 of the Alliance**.

Considering the activities planned under the Transform4Europe project, particularly the **Summer Course *Recrafted: A Workshop for Shoe & Bag Upcycling***, 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:** Summer Course Recrafted: A Workshop for Shoe & Bag Upcycling

**Date:** 8<sup>th</sup> of August 2025 (online) and 11<sup>th</sup> -15<sup>th</sup> of August 2025 (in person)

**Location:** Tallinn, Estonia

**Organization:** Estonian Academy of Arts

*Abstract:*

The fashion and textile industries are among the most resource-intensive sectors, contributing significantly to environmental challenges and excessive waste generation. The process of repurposing discarded materials into functional and aesthetically appealing products aligns with principles of circular economy and sustainable design, offering innovative solutions to the growing concerns regarding responsible production and consumption.

This summer course provides students with a direct opportunity to explore upcycling techniques, guided by experienced shoemakers Kelian Luisk and Marika Jylhä, as well as bag designers Merle Visak and Sirle Rohusaar. By combining artistic craftsmanship with sustainability principles, the summer course encourages innovation in material reuse while fostering a deeper understanding of ethical fashion practices.

This initiative seeks to inspire creative solutions that bridge environmental consciousness with contemporary design, demonstrating the transformative potential of discarded resources in shaping a more responsible and forward-thinking fashion industry.

## II – DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS

- Applications deadline: 18<sup>th</sup> May 2025
- Validation and selection: 19<sup>th</sup> -23<sup>rd</sup> May 2025
- Disclosure of results: 26<sup>h</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup>, 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 Summer Course Recrafted: A Workshop for Shoe & Bag Upcycling 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

The **Recrafted: A Workshop for Shoe & Bag Upcycling** is closely connected to **Green Transformer Student Challenge 2025**, 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.

### **Programme:**

#### **08<sup>th</sup> of August 2025 (online):**

The virtual component features a lecture by Silke Lieser on “*Co-creating Sustainable Brand Identities and Conscious Consumption*” setting the thematic foundation for the in-person activities.

#### **11<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> of August 2025 (in person):**

The in-person component is divided into two parallel practical workshops with students divided into two groups:

##### **Group 1 - \*Shoemaking Group:**

- Day 1: Introduction by Reet Aus; preparation of materials and beginning of shoe assembly (please note: specific shoe sizes may not be available).
- Day 2: Stitching and beginning the lasting process.
- Day 3: Continued lasting of the shoes.
- Day 4: Adding outsoles and additional stitching.
- Day 5: Final touches and presentations.

##### **Group 2- \*Bag Making Group:**

- Day 1: Introduction by Reet Aus; preparation of materials and start of assembly.
- Day 2: Weaving the materials.
- Day 3: Stitching.
- Day 4: Finishing the bags.
- Day 5: Final presentations.

\*Students will be divided into the groups on a first come first serve basis and availability of shoe soles in their size.

### **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 Innovation.
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 Summer Course Recrafted: A Workshop for Shoe & Bag Upcycling**

1. Travel and lodging expenses must be in accordance with the Universidade Católica Portuguesa Travel, Stay and Meal Regulation.
2. There is no course fee for UCP students due to UCP's T4EU membership.
3. 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

2. 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>.
1. Results will be available until May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

Lisbon, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025

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