

CALL N°01/2026**Selection for T4EU 2026****Common European Heritage Week 2026: Heritage future(s) / future heritage(s): on the threshold of change**

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 carried out by Universidade Católica Portuguesa, namely the **T4EU Sustainable Heritage Program, WP 7 of the Alliance**.

Considering the activities planned under the Transform4Europe project, particularly the **Common European Heritage Week 2026**, organized by Universidade Católica Portuguesa;

Considering the participation of at least **ten (10 Bachelor, Masters or PhD students from Universidade Católica Portuguesa**, as per the Alliance's work program;

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

I - EVENT DETAILS

Name: Common European Heritage Week 2026: Heritage future(s) / future heritage(s): on the threshold of change

Date: 16th -20th March 2026

Location: Porto, Portugal

Organization: Universidade Católica Portuguesa, in collaboration with Porto GLAM sector stakeholders

Abstract:

In March 2026, from the 16th to the 20th, the T4EU Common European Heritage Week will take place in Porto, Portugal, hosted by Universidade Católica Portuguesa (UCP). Under the theme **HERITAGE FUTURE(S) / FUTURE HERITAGE(S): ON THE THRESHOLD OF CHANGE**, the week will bring together scholars, practitioners, and students for an intensive programme of formative activities, including workshops, public lectures, a roundtable, and a scientific conference.

As part of this week, from the 18th to the 20th, the **Annual T4EU Sustainable Heritage Conference** will be organized jointly with **EPoCH2026** - the third edition of the international annual conference of the Heritage and Conservation-Restoration research area of CITAR (EA-UCP), offering a unique platform to explore critical reflections and experimental practices in conservation-restoration and heritage studies within the European context.

The theme invites us to consider the future(s) of heritage and the heritage(s) of the future: How will our actions today shape our shared tomorrow? What new responsibilities arise as we face rapid ecological, technological, and

social transformations? Are our decisions ensuring the sustainability of heritage ecosystems? From material care to digital memory, from endangered traditions to emerging sustainable solutions and cultural forms, we will be challenged to critically reflect on the evolving landscapes and to imagine new configurations of practice, ethics, and responsibility – on the threshold of change.

II - DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS

- Application open Jan 26th
- Applications deadline Feb 20th
- Validation and selection until: Feb 26th
- Disclosure of results until: Feb 27th

III - EVENT PROGRAMME

- Workshops:
 - 1# Transforming Volumetric Heritage | Transient Scene Dimensions*
T4EU Transformative Heritage Workshop
By Tutors: Paco-Ernest Ulman, Martin Melioranski | 3DL EKA
 - 2# Heritage Risk Planning- tragic choices _T4EU Regional Sustainable Workshop*
By Patricia Moreira, Maria Aguiar, Maria João Revez, Laura Castro | UCP Heritage and Conservation-Restoration Department)
 - 3# Countering the touristic gaze and representing authenticity in Porto _T4EU Regional Sustainable Workshop*
by Alfredo Brant and Amadea Kovic | UCP Faculty of Human Sciences)
- EPoCH 2026 | T4EU Sustainable Heritage Conference
 - HERITAGE FUTURE(S) / FUTURE HERITAGE(S):
ON THE THRESHOLD OF CHANGE
 - Keynotes:
 - Cornelius Holtorf, Linnaeus University (UNESCO)
 - Paulo Lourenço, University of Minho
 - Round table
 - Roberta Altin, University of Trieste
 - Rui Oliveira Lopes, Museu das Convergências
- Artist Talk: [Art + Tech x Cosmos](#)
- Garden of Invisibilities Exhibition_ T4EU Common Cultural Activities
- Public Events with Stakeholders
- Social and Cultural Programme (dinner with regional stakeholders, city tours, museum guided visits)
- Collaborations with Museu das Convergências; Câmara Municipal do Porto - Casa do Infante, Ordem Terceira de São Francisco, Fundação Livraria Lello

- More information about the programme will be available here: [Common European Heritage Week 2026 - Transform4Europe](#)

IV - VACANCIES

Ten (10) positions are available for **BA, MA and PhD students** from UCP.

V - CONDITIONS OF ACCESS

The following criteria apply:

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

VI - APPLICATION

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, Feb 20th, 2026:
[Application form](#)
 2. Write a letter of motivation, in English, justifying your participation in the event (maximum 500 words), addressing the following questions:
 - i. Why did you choose to attend this event?
 - ii. What do you hope to gain from participating in the T4EU Common European Heritage Week for your academic/professional life?
 - iii. What added value will you bring to UCP and your fellow students who will 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.

VII - SELECTION

1. The admission process and the selection of candidates shall be conducted by a jury appointed by the Executive Board of the T4EU Alliance of 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.
 3. 1 (one) representative of Escola das Artes
 4. 1 (one) representative of Faculdade de Ciências Humanas
2. The ranking criteria to be considered are as follows:
1. Fulfillment of all application requirements - excluding;
 2. Contents and English level of the Motivation Letter submitted with the application;
 3. Student level and year hierarchy (within the enrolled program);
 4. Gender representation;
 5. UCP's Campus representation;

VIII - SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarships, including the value of travel, accommodation, and insurance – considering the 5 days and 4 nights of the **T4EU Common European Heritage Week 2026** – **will be offered to the selected students from all campi of Universidade Católica Portuguesa, except those from the Porto Campus.**

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 the EPoCH scientific conference 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 deadline, 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/internacional/transform4europe>.
2. Results will be announced by February 27th, 2026 at the latest.

Lisbon, January 20th, 2026

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