

CALL N°2/2026

Selection for T4EU Week courses, Lisbon, Portugal

Considering that Universidade Católica Portuguesa is one of the 10 members of the Transform4Europe Alliance.

Bearing in mind the provisions of the Transform4Europe Alliance (www.transform4europe.eu) regarding the implementation of activities to be carried out by the Universidade Católica Portuguesa, namely the T4EU Week.

In the context of the internal call for students, at least 15 students will be selected to participate in the Transform4Europe Week (T4EU Week), to be held from May 25 to 29, 2026, at Universidade Católica Portuguesa in Lisbon.

The following conditions are determined for the special scholarship for T4EU Week courses referring to Work Package 2 - Task 2.2 of the Alliance's Work program.

I - EVENT DETAILS

Name: Transform4Europe Week (T4EU Week) - Community. Communities: *Engage to Transform*

Date: from May 25th to 29th 2026

Place: Lisbon, Portugal

Organization: Universidade Católica Portuguesa

II - DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS

Applications: March 8th , 2026

Disclosure of Results: March 13th , 2026.

III - COURSES

I. The program offers 3 courses to choose from (full description on ANEX I):

Digital Transformation

This course, explores how digital technologies shape contemporary societies, economies, and communities. Students will critically engage with key drivers such as the internet and artificial intelligence, examining both opportunities and challenges. Through a mix of lectures, seminars and hands-on workshops, participants will work on real-world issues and collaborative solutions. By the end of the course, students will be able to understand the main drivers and dynamics of digital transformation in contemporary societies, critically assess the social, economic and ethical impacts of digital technologies, and apply interdisciplinary perspectives to real-world digital challenges. Participants will also develop the ability to

collaborate in international and multicultural learning environments while fostering a proactive and reflective digital mindset oriented towards positive societal impact. This course explores how digital technologies are reshaping contemporary societies, economies and communities. Students will critically examine key drivers such as the internet and artificial intelligence, as well as their social, economic and ethical implications. Through lectures, seminars and hands-on workshops, participants will engage with real-world challenges and collaborative problem-solving. The course promotes an interdisciplinary and practical approach, encouraging active participation during the T4EU Week.

Societal Transformation

This course examines the major societal changes shaping contemporary societies, with particular attention to the combined influence of environmental and digital transitions. Students will explore how current social structures are being reconfigured in response to demographic trends, economic volatility, geopolitical shifts and evolving forms of social belonging. Through a combination of lectures, seminars and participatory activities, the course encourages critical reflection on diversity, community dynamics, global interconnectedness and emerging social tensions. Participants will analyze how these processes affect both individual and collective experiences, while engaging with practical and conceptual approaches to addressing societal challenges. By the end of the course, students will be able to interpret key patterns of social transformation, evaluate their implications for communities and institutions, and develop creative, action-oriented responses grounded in interdisciplinary perspectives. The course fosters an entrepreneurial and collaborative mindset, preparing participants to contribute proactively to societal change in international and multicultural contexts.

Environmental Transformation

This course explores the environmental transformations shaping contemporary societies and the ways these changes intersect with social and digital dynamics. Students will examine the conditions and structures that define today's environmental challenges, considering their implications for ecosystems, economic development, public health and community resilience. Through lectures, seminars and interactive activities, participants will engage with key concepts such as environmental literacy, sustainability, and collective responsibility. The course highlights the need to move beyond purely technological responses, encouraging critical reflection on how societies produce, consume and interact with their natural environment.

By the end of the course, students will be able to analyze the drivers and impacts of environmental transformation, assess potential pathways for sustainable action, and contribute innovative and responsible solutions to real-world challenges. Emphasizing an environmental and entrepreneurial mindset, the course prepares participants for both individual and collective engagement, in line with the Transform4Europe alliance's goal of fostering knowledge entrepreneurs capable of shaping a more resilient and equitable future.

- II.** Each student participates in **one (1) course**, which will run the whole week, but during the application process **you can rank three (3) courses** that you would like to attend in order of desirability.

- III.** Each course will include both **online components** (prior to the T4EU Week) and **in-person sessions** in Lisbon. The exact information will be sent from the course leaders after the selection process is completed.
- IV.** There will be no final exams; the true outcome of this week will be measured in the depth of the questions you ask. It encourages deep reading, critical thinking, and intelligent disagreement. After successful completion, students will be awarded 3 ECTS by Universidade Católica Portuguesa.
- V.** To ensure balance, a maximum of **3 PhD students from one university** can be accepted into the same course. In addition to their chosen course, PhD students will have dedicated events to present their research and network, such as Science Slam, mixers, and other activities.
- VI.** The courses will mainly take place in the morning. In the afternoon, we will organize optional events, such as sports, cultural, and scientific events.
- VII.** Courses details:
 - a. Course language: English
 - b. ECTS: 3 (three) credits.

Important: All credits obtained within this program are deemed extracurricular within the respective Study Plan. Universidade Católica Portuguesa will recognize the 3 ECTS within the Diploma Supplement.

IV – VACANCIES

Five (15) vacancies are open, considering all three (3) courses described in item III of this document.

V - CONDITIONS OF ACCESS

1. The following criteria to apply:
 - a. Student at UCP, currently enrolled in a Bachelor*, Master or PhD.
 - b. Demonstrate very good communication and comprehension skills in English by a letter of motivation.

*We only consider applications submitted by students from the 2nd year of bachelor's degree or onwards.

VI – CANDIDACY

The application is made to the T4EU Student Council of the Universidade Católica Portuguesa and the Office of the T4EU Alliance at UCP, through the Internet, on the Portal: <https://www.ucp.pt/internacional/transform4europe>.

1. The application must be accompanied by the following:

1. Fill out the application form provided at the following link before **March 8th, 2026**: [Application Form](#)

2. Write a letter of motivation, in English, justifying the reasons for your participation in the event (Maximum 500 words) answering to the following questions.

- i. Why did you choose the 3 selected courses (list in item III)?
- ii. What do you want to take from your participation in the T4EU Week into your academic / professional life?
- iii. Out of the experience you will gain in the T4EU Week, what will be the added value that you will bring to UCP and the students that didn't have the opportunity to attend (a round table discussion, an exchange of bibliography, a presentation in class, etc.)?
- iv. Include the following information:
 - a. Number of Credits completed
 - b. Volunteer work
 - c. Interest in the Course Topic
 - d. Experience in the Course Topic

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

VII – SELECTION

1) The conduct of the admission process and selection of candidates is the responsibility of a jury appointed by the Student Council of the T4EU of the Universidade Católica Portuguesa and the T4EU Office of the Universidade Católica Portuguesa.

a) The jury is invariably composed of:

- i) **Two (2)** representatives of the T4EU Student Council of the Universidade Católica Portuguesa.
- ii) **Two (2)** representatives of the T4EU Office of the Universidade Católica Portuguesa.
- iii) **One (1)** representative of the Vice-Rectory of Research and Doctoral Education.

2) The ranking criteria to be applied are as follows:

- a) Fulfillment of all application requirements.
- b) Content of the Motivation Letter presented in the act of application.
- c) The ranking criteria to be considered are as follows, not in this order:

- i. Fulfillment of all application requirements - excluding.
- ii. Content of the Motivation Letter presented in the act of application, considering information provided and level of English in it - excluding.
- iii. Student level representation (within the enrolled program).
- iv. Gender representation.
- v. UCP's Campus representation.

VIII – SCHOLARSHIP

1. The selected students will receive financial support covering travel and accommodation (6 days and 5 nights) for their participation in the T4EU Week in Lisbon. Catering during the activities included in the official programme will be ensured by the organizing team.
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 March 13th, 2026.

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