

Transform4Europe:

The European University for Knowledge Entrepreneurs

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TRANSFORM4EUROPE: THE EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY FOR KNOWLEDGE ENTREPRENEURS

Transform4Europe Chair Programme Call for applications

The **Transform4Europe Alliance** comprises 10 universities from different regions in Europe:

- Saarland University (Germany)
- The University of Alicante (Spain)
- The Estonian Academy of Arts (Estonia)
- The University of Silesia in Katowice (Poland)
- Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski (Bulgaria)
- The University of Trieste (Italy)
- Vytautas Magnus University (Lithuania)

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- Jean Monnet University (France)
- University of Primorska (Slovenia)
- Universidade Católica Portuguesa (Portugal)
- Mariupol University (Ukraine)

Under the European Universities Initiative of the European Commission the Transform4Europe partners have set themselves the ambitious aim to forge a new type of transnational inter-university collaboration and contribute to the development of the European Education Area.

Learn more about the Alliance:

<https://transform4europe.eu/>

<https://www.facebook.com/Transform4Europe/>

<https://www.instagram.com/transform4europe/>

The **Transform4Europe Chair Programme Initiative** will contribute to an enhanced and more structured teaching staff mobility. A Transform4Europe Chair is a **teaching position** on a topic relevant to the Alliance priority areas:

- Societal transformation, community building and inclusion
- Digital transformation and smart regions
- Environmental Transformation and sustainability

The T4EU Chair Programme is based on a **competitive independent application process** by lecturers from the Alliance universities active in the Transform4Europe priority areas.

The exchange envisages teaching and extra-curricular activities, which are specified by each host university. These activities will be based on employing innovative teaching methods, they will bring variety and flexibility to the study processes and will initiate

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collaboration in research areas of mutual interest to the sending and the host institution as well as to the Alliance as a whole.

Eligible candidates have to:

- be on a teaching/research contract at one of the Transform4Europe universities, holding at least a PhD degree, or currently pursuing their PhD degree at the University
- demonstrate relevant teaching and research experience in the Transform4Europe priority areas announced by the host university
- demonstrate relevant experience in intercultural communication
- have a working proficiency in English and/or other language(s) as included in the detailed terms of the respective host university
- have overall digital literacy and specific digital skills as included in the detailed terms of the respective host university
- possess knowledge-entrepreneurial mind-set characterized by specific competences that enable them to identify and seize opportunities and ideas, and transform them into social, cultural, or productive value (an asset).

The selected Chairs will be required to deliver

- ✓ A minimum of teaching hours at the host university as detailed in the Specific conditions of each host university.
- ✓ A minimum of teaching hours of extra-curricular activities, i.e. public lectures / consultations with students and PhD students / co-supervision of master theses / meetings with stakeholders / contribution to research / participation in workshops / conferences, etc., as detailed in the Specific conditions of the respective host university.

Chairs will receive an Erasmus+ KA1 teaching mobility grant covering travel and subsistence from their own university provided they comply with the requirements of their home university.

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Chairs are eligible to receive additional funding provided by the host university to complement the above up to the teaching and research workload specified by the host university according to the outlined specific conditions.

The academics applying for a Transform4Europe Chair position must submit an online Application form.

APPLY HERE: **APPLICATION FOR TRANSFORM4EUROPE CHAIR PROGRAMME**

The potential applicants and academics from each host university may seek to establish contact prior to the application through the many activities and events such as T4ERI Partnering Tool (<https://web.ogpi.es/t4eri/tutorial>), T4EU Weeks and Summer Schools, joint webinars, conferences, etc.

The selected T4EU Chairs are expected to submit a post-evaluation report when their Chair Programme stay has finished.

The selection is done based on the specified evaluation criteria by a Joint Selection Board.

Award Criteria

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| <p>Quality</p> <p>30 points</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Innovative and interdisciplinary approach ✓ Goals of the proposed teaching project ✓ Potential to involve other senior and early-career researchers |
| <p>Contribution to Transform4Europe goals</p> <p>30 points</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Capacity to contribute to the deepening and expanding cooperation between Transform4Europe universities in the long run |
| <p>Impact</p> <p>20 points</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Capacity to outreach a variety of learners ✓ Engagement in joint research in the Transform4Europe priority areas |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Involvement of external stakeholders ✓ Capacity to attract external funding |
| Implementation 20 points | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quality of the working plan • Integration into the host institution academic environment |
| Up to 5 bonus points | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential to implement a one-to-one exchange (i.e. when a lecturer from the host university and a lecturer from the sending university agree to a simultaneous exchange in the same field of study). • Meeting the needs of the host university specified in the Call |

**The application process is open from 01 MAY 2026 onwards.
The mobility period shall terminate by 30 August 2027**

Contacts:

In case of queries, please contact:

- Saarland University – Sina Vogel: welcome@uni-saarland.de
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- The University of Silesia in Katowice – prof. Robert Rajczyk, robert.rajczyk@us.edu.pl
- Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski – Tsvetan Bogdanov tsvetan@admin.uni-sofia.bg
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- Jean Monnet University (France) – T4EU@univ-st-etienne.fr, research-mob@univ-st-etienne.fr
- University of Primorska (Slovenia) – international@upr.si
- Universidade Católica Portuguesa – Isabel Lopes Cardoso, ilcardoso@ucp.pt, t4eu@ucp.pt

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Specific conditions:

➤ Saarland University

- **Duration of the exchange:** Open during the lectures period in the respective academic year. Specific duration of the visit should be determined on individual basis
- **Mode of delivery:** The lectures can take place fully in presence or combined with online lectures. The actual ratio between physical and online workload will be determined on an individual basis. It is also possible to give the physical lectures as a bloc in Saarbrücken and the online lectures from your home country
- **Main teaching load:** preferred in Transform4Europe priority areas: digital transformation and smart regions, environmental transformation and sustainability, societal transformation and inclusion.
- **Language requirements** English
- **What does Saarland university provide?** Accommodation: apartment in the university guest house. Arrangements for families can be made. Book as early in advance as possible. Please note: the reservations for the apartments have to be made 4–6 months in advance (for families 6–9 months)
- **Salary:** Possibility to sign a contract for a remunerated teaching assignment
- **Additional information:** Office equipment and facilities (workstation, access to computer, internet, printer, library etc.) are made available to the guests.
- **Deadline for submission**
- 31/07/2026 for the next Winter Semester 26/27.

➤ The University of Alicante

- **Duration of the exchange:** Open during the lectures period in the respective academic year. Specific duration of the visit should be determined on individual basis
- **Mode of delivery:** no specific requirements

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- **Main teaching load** No special requirements. Minimum teaching hours: 8.
- **Language requirements** English or Spanish (for incoming & outgoing).
- **What does University of Alicante provide?** Work station: in the corresponding department/research institute
- **Salary:** no salary
- **Additional information:** University of Alicante will only accept nominations from home university after previous selection by home university, and according to previously signed Interinstitutional Agreements.

➤ **The University of Silesia in Katowice**

- **Duration of the exchange:** Open during the lectures period in the respective academic year. Specific duration of the visit should be determined on individual basis.
Incoming: Obligation of 14 days onsite at University of Silesia in Katowice. OUT-GOING – Maximum duration of 7 calendar days, including 2 days for travel and 5 days for educational activities. Please mind the dates according to Erasmus+ mobilities schedule at University of Silesia.
- **Mode of delivery: 16 hours** of contact classes for INCOMING.
- **Main teaching load:** Digital transformation and smart regions, Environmental transformation and sustainability or Societal transformation and inclusion.
- **Language requirements** Languages:
 - English – at least B2
 - or Polish – at least B2.
- **What does Uni Silesia provide?** 1. Accommodation in a university residence apartment during your physical stay in Katowice. 2. Work station at the hosting Faculty.

- **Additional extracurricular activities:** 1. One public lecture for the academic community 2. One workshop on joint research opportunities 3. One workshop for PhD students
- **additional information:** <https://us.edu.pl/t4e/tag/chair-exchange/>

➤ **Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski**

- **Duration of the exchange:** Open during the lectures period in the respective academic year. Specific duration of the visit should be determined on individual basis
- **Mode of delivery:** A minimum of 14 days onsite at Sofia University. The actual ratio between physical and online workload will be determined on an individual basis. It is also possible to give the physical lectures as a bloc in Sofia and the online lectures from your home country.
- **Main teaching load:** A minimum of 20 teaching hours in the framework of the Transform4Europe priority areas
- **Additional extracurricular activities:** a minimum of 12 hours of additional activities, i.e. delivering public lectures, participating in workshops/conferences, initiating joint research, etc.)
- **What Sofia University provides for incoming Chairs:** Accommodation, subsistence and remuneration (fee) for the delivered hours of teaching and additional activities exceeding the teaching hours stipulated in the Erasmus+ KA1 agreement signed by the Chair at their home institution.

➤ **The University of Trieste (Italy)**

- **Period of the exchange:**

INCOMING - Open during the lectures period in the respective academic year. Specific duration of the visit should be determined on individual basis

OUTGOING – Please refer to ERASMUS+ internal Call for Teaching Staff mobility and according to the indication of the host institution

- **Duration:**

INCOMING - will be agreed between the applicant and the professor involved.

OUTGOING - Maximum duration of 7 calendar days, including 2 days for travel and 5 days for educational activities.

- **Mode of delivery:** The mobility in person can be combined with online lectures. The ratio of each component will be determined on a case-by-case basis. **OUTGOING/IN-COMING:** At least 8 hours of contact activity, as agreed in advance with the host university
- **Main teaching load** preferred in Transform4Europe priority areas: digital transformation and smart regions, environmental transformation and sustainability, societal transformation and inclusion.
- **Language requirements**
- English

- **What does Uni Trieste provide**

Guests will be provided by:

- - a workstation in the hosting facility;
- - access to computer resources and libraries of the University;
- - information about insurance coverage related to the activities to be conducted;
- -accommodation: Trieste University has no university facilities for the accommodation of its guests. It will therefore try to facilitate incoming teacher' search by indicating hotels or other facilities, if needed;
- - information about specific risks in the workplace and preventive measures taken in relation to the activity, as well as opening times of university buildings.
- **Salary**

Outgoing Chairs will receive:

- an Erasmus+ KA131 teaching mobility grant covering travel and subsistence, provided it complies with the requirements of the University of Trieste.
- a grant on T4EU funds covering travel and subsistence, provided it complies with the requirements of the University of Trieste.

For both grants the University of Trieste will cover the costs based on the criteria of the ERASMUS+ internal Call for Teaching Staff mobility, according to the following scheme:

Duration: 5 days maximum + 1- or 2-days travel

- **Travel:** on the basis of the ERASMUS+ distance calculator
- **Individual support:** reimbursement of eligible expenses

- **Duration of the exchange:** Open during the lectures period in the respective academic year. Specific duration of the visit should be determined on individual basis.
- We highly recommend opting for shorter stays, ideally from 3 weeks to 1 month. The duration can be determined jointly between the sending and hosting institution. Chair exchanges at Jean Monnet University can be scheduled at any time throughout the academic year, except during the summer closure period (July 25th to August 20th). Chairs are hosted in one of our 24 research units.
- **Mode of delivery:** The teaching format will be determined with the hosting research unit and the related faculties, schools or institutes. It may include conferences, seminars, workshops, master classes or any other formats at various levels. Read more about the research units at Jean Monnet University: <https://www.univ-st-etienne.fr/en/research.html>
- **Main teaching load.** The teaching load will be determined with the hosting research unit and the related faculties, schools or institutes. We recommend no more than 16 hours per month or 4 hours per week.
- **Language requirements :** English
- **What does JMU provide?** Jean Monnet University can help arrange accommodation. Contact us as early as possible at research-mob@univ-st-etienne.fr
- **Salary:** Three levels are proposed corresponding to assistant professor, junior professor and senior professor levels. As the hosted person retains their salary at their home institution, the salary from JMU is intended to cover all expenses related to the hosting period including travel and accommodation.
- **Additional information:** The T4EU Chair programme at Jean Monnet University is based on the same rules as the Jean Monnet University “*professeur invité*” (visiting professor) system, which offers short-term academic stays (typically 3 weeks to 1 month) within one of the university’s research units. Visiting

professors contribute through lectures, seminars or workshops (around 4 hours per week), with English as the working language, and receive financial support to cover travel and accommodation costs while remaining employed by their home institution.

- **Contact:** Please contact us at t4eu@univ-st-etienne.fr or research-mob@univ-st-etienne.fr Direct contact may also be made with any of the research units.

➤ **University of Primorska (Slovenia)**

- **Duration of the exchange:** Open during the lectures period in the respective academic year. Specific duration of the visit should be determined on individual basis between applicant Chairs and the relevant UP course lecturer(s). However, long-term visit are strongly encouraged.

- **Mode of delivery:** The lectures are primarily conducted in-person at UP in Slovenia, but there is flexibility for a virtual component if most of the programme is delivered in person.

- **Main teaching load:** A minimum of **4 teaching hours at UP** as a contact class. One teaching hours is 45 minutes.

Additional extracurricular activities may include:

- consultations with students and PhD students;
- co-supervision of master of PhD theses;
- advising and monitoring young researchers;
- monitoring and supervising research in the Transform4Europe priority areas;
- organising activities (conferences, workshops, public lectures, round tables and/or webinars);
- preparing joint applications for research and conducting joint research;
- preparing joint publications submitted to high-ranking academic journals referenced in renowned scientific databases such as Scopus and Web of Science or having a high impact factor;
- looking for and attracting additional funding;
- other activities by prior arrangement.

The types of the activities will be determined on an individual basis. The additional activities can take place face-to-face and/or online at the home university before or after the in-person mobility has been completed (if the additional activity allows it).

All study fields at UP with accredited courses are priority areas, but specifically digital transformation and smart regions, environmental transformation, and sustainability, societal transformation and inclusion. For programme details, visit <https://www.upr.si/en/study--enrolment/>.

Emphasis on teaching mobility is on the programmes delivered in English at the University of Primorska.

- **Language requirements** English
- **What does the University of Primorska provide?**
 - Necessary facilities and office equipment for visiting academic staff.
 - Basic utilities for work at the hosting faculty (workstation, computer access, internet, printer, library, etc.).
 - Free sports activities and recreation organized in Koper throughout the year. More details available at: <https://welcome.upr.si/researcher/live/sports-activities-and-recreation/>.
 - 24/7 access to the UP Library.
 - Complimentary Slovene language course from level A1, offered twice a year.
- **Salary:** Mobilities are carried out between alliance partners. For more information regarding funding please contact the responsible person at the home university.

The University of Primorska welcomes teaching mobilities within the Erasmus+ programme and encourages candidates to explore additional funding options, such as MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships and the MSCA Staff Exchange Programme.

- **Additional information:** The University of Primorska does not provide on-campus accommodation for its guests. However, we are committed to

assisting in the search for suitable lodging by offering recommendations for accommodation facilities. Kindly refer to the following link for more information:

<https://welcome.upr.si/researcher/live/accommodation/>. Furthermore, there is available funding to contribute towards accommodation costs. The specific details regarding the allocation of this funding will be determined in consultation with the selected individual planning to visit.

- **Deadlines for submission for different academic periods, as follows:**

31 May 2026 for Autumn semester 2026/27

30 November 2026 for Spring semester 2026/27

- **Universidade Católica Portuguesa**

- **Duration of the exchange:** The duration will be determined on a case-by-case basis, but is normally for a short period (in person classes up to one week). The classes in the first semester run from September to December (the exam period is in January) and for the second semester from February to June (with exam period in July)
- **Mode of delivery:** The mobility in person can be combined with online lectures. The ratio of each component will be determined on a case-by-case basis.
- **Main teaching load:** The number of contact hours will be determined on a case-by-case basis. During the days of in person contact, there can be block courses, seminars or workshops, conferences, public lectures, etc. There is also the possibility of at least a module of a chair within the accredited structure of the undergraduate or graduate courses. An elective chair with extra ECTS might also be possible.
- **Language requirements** English
- **What does UCP university provide?** As for accommodation, it will depend on the specific campus/school where the incoming lecturer will be. The International Relations Office of each school/faculty can help in the search for suitable accommodation. There might be the possibility of accommodation in the building of the

student dormitory (at least in the Lisbon campi, though only for women). The access to other services will also be dealt with in accordance with each campus/school and with the duration of the mobility, but normally includes the basic utilities for work at the hosting faculty (workstation, internet, printer, library, in some cases a computer, etc.).

- **Salary:** Normally, the funding is provided by the Erasmus program. Further financing will be determined on a case-by-case basis, but, in general, no grant is provided by the UCP for the visiting staff.
- **Additional information:** The mobility, even short-term, may include activities within undergraduate, graduate and post-graduate courses; and the integration into research activities. These activities may continue online.