Transform4Europe – T4E: The European University for Knowledge Entrepreneurs

Who We Are

7 Pioneers
- 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)

18 Associates
- 2 municipalities
- 2 enterprises
- 3 NGOs
- 4 chambers of commerce
- 2 student associations
- 1 university network
- 1 national research organisation
- 3 cultural bodies /associations

116,000 Students
18,500 Staff, including 10,000 Academic Staff/Researchers
64 Faculties

Our Vision for the Future

The T4E partners have joined forces to transform themselves and their collaboration in order to drive the transformation of Europe. They will interlink universities, experts from surrounding enterprises, local governments, and society to promote a challenge-driven and integrated knowledge creation community and foster innovation in their regions. Together, they strive to create an integrated multi-campus university embedded in an interlinked regional network and characterised by a transformative knowledge-entrepreneurialism approach. They will educate a new generation of highly motivated and skilled European knowledge-entrepreneurs: agents of change with the interdisciplinary, entrepreneurial, digital, multilingual and intercultural competencies needed to actively contribute to and shape upcoming challenge-related transformation processes in Europe and the wider globalised world.

T4E prioritises three thematic focus areas in order to address current societal challenges: (1) digital transformation and smart regions, (2) environmental transformation and sustainability, and (3) societal transformation and inclusion.

Through a series of transformative tasks and activities, the alliance will develop joint challenge-driven academic programmes with embedded entrepreneurial competencies and language-learning, innovative knowledge-creating formats that unite...
students, staff, entrepreneurs and practitioners, and innovative teaching methods and learning environments that reach beyond the students and into the local communities. Another focus will be seamless and inclusive mobility around the transnational T4E ecosystem and a lively European campus spirit to drive a strong European identity shared by all T4E members.

PUTTING OUR VISION INTO PRACTICE

KEY DELIVERABLES / ACTIVITIES

- **Challenge-based European curricula**: T4E will offer challenge-based, interdisciplinary, Europe-focused joint tracks and study programmes at bachelor, master’s and PhD level.

- **Innovative teaching and learning environments**: T4E will create an alliance-wide policy on good innovative teaching, a virtual peer-to-peer T4E Teaching Academy for academic staff, and a comprehensive e-learning platform for the new T4E study programmes.

- **Creating entrepreneurial knowledge with and for the regions**: T4E will establish a network of strategic partnerships between the alliance and non-university stakeholders from the partners’ regions, and implement a series of targeted formats to strengthen the co-creation of knowledge by researchers, students and non-university stakeholders.

- **Inclusive mobility, access and campus spirit**: T4E will make mobility accessible for all by creating a strategy to further develop mobility and embed it in curricula, creating joint mobility services and developing flexible, short-term mobility and internationalisation-at-home activities for students and staff. It will implement automatic recognition of all degrees and individual modules, and T4E student and staff cards.

HOW OUR ALLIANCE WILL TRANSFORM OUR UNIVERSITIES

- Setting up highly integrated joint co-creational governance structures comprising managerial, academic and non-academic staff, students and regional stakeholders, as well as joint administrative structures in selected areas.

- Jointly creating new forms and models of innovative content, pedagogical tools, and teaching and learning approaches, and integrating existing digital infrastructures into the T4E collaborative tool and e-learning platform.

- Harmonising curricula, automatizing the recognition of all degrees and individual modules, and making mobility the norm for all T4E members.

- Strengthening university-region cooperation and integrating knowledge-entrepreneurialism into the universities’ profiles and curricula.

- Strengthening European identity within the partner universities, enabling their members to act as transformation agents in shaping the future of Europe.

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