

TRANSFORM4EUROPE FAIR

T-LAB FAIR – “ENTREPRENEURSHIP TRANSFORMATION LAB”

April 27 – 29, 2026
Saarbrücken, Germany

INVITATION & AGENDA

The T-Lab Entrepreneurship is inviting you to participate in the upcoming T4EU Fair, taking place from April 27 – 29, 2026 on the Campus of Saarland University in Saarbrücken, Germany.

The event will be focused around transforming innovative ideas into tangible impact across academia, business, and society. Participants explore the entrepreneurial mindset through interactive input sessions, visits from local startups and innovation hubs, and collaborative project work addressing real-world challenges.

The Saarbrücken T-Lab aims to bring together young researchers and students, as well as staff members from the Transform4Europe universities studying, specializing, or having a deep interest in this field and to learn and practice on this topic.

To extend the networking possibilities, we're also inviting academics and stakeholders from the Transform4Europe Alliance working in this field – such as researchers, (soon to be) founders, businesses, NGOs etc. to discuss challenges and opportunities in the area as a foundation for further collaboration within the Alliance and T-Labs network.

The event is open to all members of the Transform4Europe community.

We're very much looking forward to see you in Saarbrücken!

PS.: At the same time, the T-Lab Bootcamp (Entrepreneurship Transformation Lab) and a Science Café will take place, which participants are welcome to join as well. At the Science Café, Prof. Simone Kustec from the University of Primorska will represent the [BIKE-HEI](#) project, and Assoc. Prof. Stéphane Foliard from the University Jean Monnet will represent the [B!KINETIC](#) project.

Please note: It won't be possible to attend the Fair and the Bootcamp, but either of those two formats plus the Science Café (see agenda below).

ENTREPRENEURSHIP TRANSFORMATION LAB DESCRIPTION

The Entrepreneurship Transformation Lab at Saarland University is the institutional anchor of the Transform4Europe (T4EU) Alliance's „Entrepreneurship” thematic line. The Lab fosters entrepreneurial mindsets focused on societal and knowledge-based

transformation. It links interdisciplinary academic innovation with regional socio-economic ecosystems through co-creative, challenge-based formats. Saarland University, coordinated under its central entrepreneurship centre [Triathlon](#) embeds the T-Lab in a broad startup and transfer ecosystem within the T4EU framework.

GENERAL FAIR DESCRIPTION

The T-Lab fair is an integrated forum that includes the Transformation Conference, presenting projects and results; match-making events boosting collaboration in the specific thematic area of the Lab and Transformation innovation start-up workshops.

FAIR LEARNING OUTCOMES

The aim of the Fair is to provide opportunities for participants to gain theoretical and practical knowledge and skills when it comes to startup eco systems and founding startups, as well as presenting the Saarbrücken eco system with regards to the topic.

The programme itself is a mix of input sessions, visits at the German Research Centre for Artificial Intelligence and the [CISPA](#), a Helmholtz research centre for Cyber Security.

VENUE

Saarbrücken is a city with approximately 180,000 inhabitants and hence a pleasant size. Picturesque rural attractions and places of historic interest offers the perfect destination for a hike or a daytrip in or around the area; or even within the town itself. The cultural palette attracts visitors from far and wide.

Saarbrücken has experienced a diverse past in its over 1,000-year history. In 999 Emperor Otto III gave the royal seat "Sarabrucca" to the bishops of Metz as a gift. This was the first documented evidence of the town now known as Saarbrücken.

The 18th century buildings designed by the architect Friedrich Joachim Stengel were erected during the hayday of the Baroque period. His constructions moulded the face of the town and set the scene for its consequent architectural development.

Saarland has frequently changed hands between France and Germany during the last 200 years. Since 1957 the region has been an integral part of the Federal Republic of Germany, but the common passion for all things French is unmistakable. A certain “savoir vivre”, a “live and let live” mentality permeates the region’s atmosphere.

This is reflected by the local hospitality and predilection for food and drink. The proximity to France can also be detected in the region’s cuisine; for many years, renowned food critics have granted restaurants here distinguished awards.

More about the city of Saarbrücken [here](#).

AGENDA

 **26 April 2026 – Arrival Day** **27 April 2026 (Focus: Triathlon & Entrepreneurship)**
Venue: Innovation Centre, Building A2.1 (click [here](#) for a Campus overview)

09:00–09:30 Arrival and Check-In, Welcome & Procedures

09:30–11:00 What is Saarland University doing on terms of Entrepreneurship? (SouthwestX, Triathlon, EE, TTO)

11:00–11:15 Coffee & Networking Break

11:15–12:30 Presentation of participants: What is your University doing in terms of Entrepreneurship and where could you need input?

12:30–13:30 Lunch

13:30–14:00 (guided) Networking Walk

14:00–16:00 Stakeholder Input Session – Visit from a local startup

16:00–17:00 Reflection Round: Key Insights & Early Problem Definitions

 **28 April 2026 (Focus: Stakeholder & Partner)**
Venue: Innovation Centre, Building A2.1 (click [here](#) for a Campus overview)

09:00–09:30 Welcome, Coffee, Reflect Day 1

09:30–12:00 Visit @ German Center for Artificial Intelligence (DFKI)

12:00–13:00 Lunch

13:00–13:45 Networking Walk

13:45–15:30 Visit @ CISPA

15:30 onwards free afternoon – Saarbrücken Experience

 **29 April 2026 (Focus: Local Startups)**

Venue: Innovation Centre, Building A2.1 (click [here](#) for a Campus overview)

09:00–09:30 Welcome, Coffee, Reflect Day 2

09:00–12:00 Presentation and Q&A of 3 local startups

12:00–13:00 Lunch

13:00–13:30 Presentation and Q&A with 2 local startups

13:00–15:30 Group 2: Workshop Prototyping / Group 1: Free Time/Campus Tour

15:30–16:00 Coffee Break

16:00–17:00 Free Time / Campus Tour

17:15 Science Café

Venue: Innovation Centre, Building A2.1 (click [here](#) for a Campus overview)

17:15–17:30 Arrival, Welcome & Intro

17:30–18:00 Interview Session #1 – Assoc. Prof. Stéphane Foliard, University of Jean Monnet/Saint Etienne, [BIKINETIC](#) project

18:00–18:30 Interview Session #2 – Prof. Simone Kustec from the University of Primorska, [BIKE-HEI](#) project

18:30–19:30 Networking

The event will also be livestreamed. The link to attend will be send out to online participants prior to the event.

 **30 April 2026– Departure Day**

Optional: Visit Luxembourg (self guided)