



APPLY FOR TRANSFORM4EUROPE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING

The **Transform4Europe** Alliance has developed various innovative training materials as short online training units (webinars). The training sessions take place from March to June 2023. The webinars will cater to and foster various skills – Digital Storytelling, Presentation for video-recordings, Project Management, Promoting Scientific Reasoning and Epistemological Attitude Through Research-based Teaching, Intercultural Communication in Project Management – that may be of use for every academic or/and non-academic staff member from across the Alliance.

We encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity and register for the webinars to further develop your competencies. The list of available webinars in June and registration forms can be found below.

Webinar title	Target Audience	Lecturer	Date/Time
Digital Storytelling – facilitates student-centred learning strategies based on engagement, reflection, project-based learning, and the effective integration of technology into instruction. By encouraging students to organise their ideas into individual stories, digital storytelling can easily support learning in different disciplines. It can provide more variation to learning than traditional method – personalise the learning experience, make the explanation of particular topics less complex, create real-life or problem-solving situations and improve learners' engagement in the learning process.	Academic Staff	Lecturers – Assoc. Prof. Aušra Rutkienė, Dr. Eilina Dailidienė (Vytautas Magnus University). A. Rutkienė is Lecturer at VMU's Education Academy. Dr. E. Dailidienė has been involved in VMU's research and innovation activities. Her research interests include project development and management strategy, cultural and creative industries.	June 1, 12:00–15:00 CET (MS Teams). Apply here.
The importance of digital accessibility in universities: How to create accessible content. This training is meant to be support material for creating accessible electronic documents. Throughout the different sections, the basic and universal concepts that digital documents must have to be accessible to everyone are introduced. We rely on the word processor MS Word of the Office suite as the most widespread among the university community. However, the concepts are extrapolated to any word processor such as Mac Pages, Libre Office or another.	Academic and Non-Academic Staff	Lecturers – Cristina Palomares Crespo, Jose Maria Fernandez Gil, Josefa Parreño Selva (University of Alicante). A decade of experience providing training indigital accessibility in several international ERASMUS+ projects, in countries like Egypt, Indonesia, Mexico, Chile, and the United Kingdom.	June 6, 14:30–16:45 CET (MS Teams). Apply here.
Presentation for video-recordings – how to overcome of „stage fright“. In this webinar, we dive into how to set realistic and self-accepting public speaking goals and how to plan and give engaging and interesting video lectures. We discuss issues such as fear of performance and public speaking, keeping students engaged, and structuring and planning our lectures well. The webinar focuses on performance skills, not technical issues and tools of video recording. The learner sets achievable goals for improving oneself as public speaker; gains an overview of steps how to plan and prepare for an interesting video lecture/ recording.	Academic and Non-Academic Staff	Lecturer Anna Karolin (The Estonian Academy of Arts) is an experienced argumentation and public speaking trainer in „Speaksmart“. Anna also focuses on consulting on how to overcome the fear of public speaking and social anxiety, as she had to learn to deal with it as a young debater. She works as a behavioural sciences researcher in Kantar Emor.	June 8, 13:00–15:00 CET (MS Teams). Apply here.

<p>Promoting scientific reasoning and epistemological attitude through Research-based teaching. Promoting inquiry-based learning: students' agency in relation to the knowledge of main objectives of HE. Two models of teaching: interaction of Mastery Learning and Inquiry Learning Curricula.</p>	Academic Staff	<p>Paolo Sorzio, Caterina Bembich, Michelle Pieri (University of Trieste) have experience in the field of In-service and Initial Teacher Education Programme at the university level. P. Sorzio was the coordinator of the MA Programme in Teacher Education for prospective teachers of secondary schools.</p>	<p>June 12, 10:00–13:00 CET (MS Teams). Apply here.</p>
<p>A common understanding: Intercultural communication in Project Management. In professional intercultural encounters, especially in mixed teams, tasks and the way of solving them can be understood differently. In this webinar we would like to raise awareness for the cultural dimension of multilingual and international teamwork. The focus is on the special working environment at universities, which increasingly requires project-based and international work. Common challenges and solution strategies will be discussed on the basis of practice-oriented case studies in order to better recognise and utilise the synergy potential of multicultural project management.</p>	Academic and Non-Academic Staff	<p>Lecturers – Dr. Elisabeth Venohr; Dr. Julia Frisc (Saarland University).</p>	<p>June 23, 09:00–12:30 CET (MS Teams). Apply here.</p>
<p>Introduction to Project Management. It is crucial to acquire basic project management skills for the successful planning and execution of projects at universities. In this webinar, some of the most influential methods and instruments (tools) of project management will be presented. Moreover, some planning tools and analyses will be discussed that deal with the objectives, stakeholders and risks of projects. In addition, an outlook is given on how methods from time and self-management can help to support the successful implementation of projects.</p>	Academic and Non-Academic Staff	<p>Dr. Theo Jäger – is PhD in Experimental Neuropsychology, coordinator and trainer at the Support Centre for Doctoral Researchers at Saarland University (GradUS), staff member of the President's Office at Saarland University</p>	<p>June 30, 9:00–12:00 CET (MS Teams). Apply here.</p>

Participants of the Transform4Europe Professional Development training /webinars will be awarded [certificates recognized alliance-wide](#).

The webinars will be delivered on the “MS Teams” platform and held in English.

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