Transform4Europe:

The European University for Knowledge Entrepreneurs

Smart Transformation Lectures

Open Dual lecture series

INVITATION FOR NOMINATIONS

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Dear Transform4Europe Alliance partners,

within the scope of the Transform4Europe project (CUP J99C20000470006), the University of Silesia in Katowice needs to identify **one professional**, stemming from the entrepreneurial environment, to be entrusted with a lectureship activity c/o the University of Silesia in Katowice to be held in Katowice, Poland on **14th December 2022.**

The lecturer must prove first-hand competency and a solid background in the entrepreneurial aspects related to one of the three focus areas of the Transform4Europe

• Digital transformation and smart regions;

• Environmental transformation and sustainability;

• Societal transformation, community building and inclusion.

Previous relevant lectureships or speaking in conferences will be evaluated.

Within the scope of the Transform4Europe project, the entrepreneurs will visit the University of Silesia in Katowice and hold a lecture on the following topic:

**Wood pellets – the future of the energy market?**

On behalf of University of Silesia in Katowice, the speakers are:

* Prof. Iwona Jelonek, [Faculty of Natural Sciences](https://us.edu.pl/en/w-wnp/) - moderator
* dr inż. Agnieszka Drobniak, [Faculty of Natural Sciences](https://us.edu.pl/en/w-wnp/) - speaker

One of the smart specialisation of Silesian Region/Voivodship is the green economy. Among different aspects of this term looking for alternative sources of energy is one of the most interesting. Therefore, we invite you to co-organise a lecture on:

**Wood pellets – the future of the energy market?**

The lecture will present history of using wood pellets as a source of energy, concerns regarding pellet fuels quality and the pros and cons of using biomass for energy purposes.

**Agnieszka Drobniak** received an M.Sc. in geology and Ph.D. in earth sciences from AGH University of Science and Technology in Kraków, Poland. As a graduate student, she received the Stefan Batory Foundation Scholarship and spent six months working on her doctoral thesis at Indiana University Bloomington in the United States. Agnieszka moved to the United States and joined the Indiana Geological and Survey in 2002. For the last 20 years she has been working with scientists from the US and all over the world on a variety of collaborative geoscience projects. Her current work focuses on energy research, critical elements, and pellet fuels.

**Prof. Iwona Jelonek**, is a research scientist and team leader of the Solid Fuel Quality Control and Environmental Studies Team at the University of Silesia in Poland. Her current research is focused on the characterization of coal, coke, dispersed organic matter and biomass combustion emissions. She has been a chief coordinator of the European Union Steel and Coal Commission Project: “Improvement of coal carbonization through optimization of fuel in coking coals blends” and a participant in another EU project: “Innovating carbon products for substituting coke on BF operation”.

The objectives of the lectures are:

✓ encourage the academia-industry dialogue;

✓ define knowledge and know-how transfer methodologies;

✓ professional update and growth;

✓ strengthening of the bonds among institutional partners.

The University of Silesia in Katowice will grant an attendance remuneration of 500€ and will cover the travel and accommodation expenses for the day of the lecture.

The University ensures equal opportunities, treatment and access to all candidates regardless of their sex, race, color, ethnic or social origin, genetic features, language, religion or belief, political or any other opinion, membership of a national minority, property, birth, disability, age or sexual orientation.

The lecturer must be nominated by a partner university that will submit the documentation by e-mail within the deadline of **28 November** to the address [transform4europe@us.edu.pl](mailto:transform4europe@us.edu.pl) using the nomination form available in the dedicated section of the Transform4Europe website.

Attached to the application form, the following documents must be provided:

• curriculum vitae;

The nominations will be examined by a Selection Committee appointed by the Rector and made of three representatives: one professor from Transform4Europe Universities, expert in entrepreneurship, one student identified among the students’ ambassadors of the University, and one representative of the stakeholders identified among the stakeholders list of the University itself.

This Committee will meet physically or virtually and will produce a ranking based on evaluation of the curriculum vitae.

All applicants need to have:

• citizenship from a region of the Transform4Europe alliance other than the hosting

University;

• demonstrated experience in the fields of digital transformation, sustainability or societal

challenges;

• fluent spoken English.

The evaluation of the nominations will assess the previous experience in the subject identified for the lectures and also previous experiences as conference speaker, lecturer or teacher (at university level).

The Selection Committee will identify the selected lecturer by CV assessment and with an interview (using a streaming platform), creating then a rank among the nominees.

The maximum evaluation will be 30 points subdivided in three areas:

✓ maximum 15 points for the demonstrated experience in one of the fields required;

✓ maximum 10 points for the demonstrated skills and previous experiences as speaker, lecturer or teacher;

✓ maximum 5 points for the interview.

Within 7 working days from the date of publication of the ranking, the selected lecturer must confirm to [transform4europe@us.edu.pl](mailto:transform4europe@us.edu.pl) the acceptance of the mobility indicating in the e-mail subject “Transform4Europe mobility acceptance”. In case of missing confirmation, the candidate will be excluded and the place will be taken by the candidate following in ranking.

The lecturer must provide the personal data needed to fill in the documents connected with the assignment from the University of Silesia in Katowice.

Based on the data a *Work Contract* for the execution of the lecture will be concluded and signed along with taxpayer’s information (acc. to template IFT-1).

The travel arrangements will be made by the University of Silesia in communication with the lecturer. Two options are available:

1. plane tickets and hotel will be booked and paid directly by the University (preferred option)

2. University will reimburse to the lecturer a cost of a plane ticket (economy class) and a hotel on the basis of original invoices submitted after the travel. After the travel, the lecturer must issue an Invoice for Work Contract according to the template provided and submit all expenses’ documents in original (in case of reimbursement of expenses), in compliance with the rules prescribed by the International Mobility Settlement Office.