Call for applications Transform4Europe Student Ambassador Programme 2022-23

1. Transform4Europe: Programme description

Transform4Europe constitutes an alliance between the following universities:

- Saarland University
- University of Alicante
- Estonian Academy of Arts
- University of Silesia in Katowice
- Sofia University St. Kliment
- University of Trieste
- Vytautas Magnus University

The alliance's objective is to contribute towards the enhancement and transformation of the Transform4Europe Alliance Regions into synergetic, innovative, attractive knowledge and innovation reference ecosystems with views on enhancing the quality, performance, attractiveness and international competitiveness of the European higher education area.

2. Student Ambassador Programme

2.1. Activity description

One of the initiatives of the Transform4Europe alliance is to create a Student Ambassadors Programme providing "buddies" to welcome, foster and support small groups of visiting students from within the alliance for the whole exchange process. Ambassadors will be outstanding students from the home university with a knowledge of the Transform4Europe activities for incoming students.

Ambassadors will be selected using an alliance-wide application process with joint selection criteria. Priority will be given to students with a limited ability to travel e.g. due to physical disability or financial restrictions. The Ambassadors Programme will include an on-line Transform4Europe Ambassadors Network integrated in the Transform4Europe website to enable all Ambassadors from the 7 universities to network among themselves, trouble-shoot and exchange best-practice experiences.

2.2. Tasks and duties of the ambassadors

The support of the Ambassadors will be required at specific times and their **duties** will be the following:

- Welcome of Transform4Europe incoming students:
    - arrival at the airport/bus or train station
    - first days at university
    - show them around the city (Healthcare Centre, Police station, where to go grocery shopping, sport, leisure and transport information)
- Support with administrative and academic issues on demand (i.e feedback on modules when it comes to complete their learning agreements, finding accommodation, registering with local authorities), complementing this way the work of the Mobility Office in the Orientation Week
- Complete a satisfaction questionnaire at the end of the activity

2.3. Requirements

The student ambassadors must:

- be students of any of the partner institutions, enrolled in any undergraduate or postgraduate degree (Bachelor, Master and PhD)

- have a good knowledge of the city
- have a good knowledge of the university
- have a good knowledge of the university procedures (registration, virtual campus, etc.)

2.4. Selection criteria

- good spoken English (CEFR B1: 1 point, B2: 1,5 points, C1: 2 points, C2: 2,5 points)
- language knowledge of the mother tongue of any of the partner institutions (1 point)
- limited ability to travel e.g. due to disabilities or financial restrictions (1 point)
- international curiosity or background (1 point)
- former exchange student in any Transform4Europe institution (2 points)
- social engagement/voluntary services (2 points)

After collecting the applications, the 10 candidates with higher scores will be selected. The Mobility Office of the University of Silesia in Katowice will be responsible for sorting out possible ties on the candidates' scores. Some personal questions have been added to the Application form for this purpose.

3. Recognition

As a reward for their time as Transform4Europe Ambassadors, the students will be awarded with a **certificate** issued by the Mobility Office in their home university that they can add to their CV. This certificate will also be mentioned on diploma supplement.

4. Applications

The candidates will have to complete the application form in annex 1 within the given deadline after publication of this call for applications and submit it via MS Form.

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