



Final Conference of the strategic partnership InnovEd4TS: Transferable Skills in Higher Education

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The InnovEd4TS Project and Transferable Skills in Higher Education

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Transferable skills

With the implementation of the Bologna reforms in the European Higher Education Area (EHEA), the concept of 'transferable skills' came to the forefront of debates over the nature and purpose of higher education. Traditionally, university curricula were focused on the transmission and acquisition of subject-specific content and the training in subject-specific (research) skills. With the expansion of higher education in Europe and over 40 per cent of each cohort entering higher education, this narrow focus on subject-specific knowledge skills had to be reconsidered.

InnovEd4TS – Innovative Education for Transferable Skills

InnovEd4TS, launched in 2019 as a stepping stone in the founding of the Circle U. alliance and involves five universities members of Circle U. (Université Paris Cité, Aarhus University, University of Oslo, Humboldt Universität, UCLouvain) in partnership with the University of Lisbon. The focus has been on the analysis and development of initiatives that promote the acquisition of transferable skills that students need when facing future challenges.

For two days, we will discuss transferable skills, their purpose, the recommended strategies needed to build an ecosystem that fosters the development of these skills and how the initiatives can be implemented in the future by Circle U.

Final report from InnovEd4TS

[Recommendations for Supporting and Developing Transferable Skills in Higher Education \(pdf\)](#)

Programme

December 1	
15:00–15:15	<p>Welcome words</p> <p><i>Antoine Cazé, Vice President International, Université Paris Cité.</i> <i>Cécile Badoual, Vice President Education, Université Paris Cité.</i></p>
15:15–16:30	<p>Introduction: InnovEd4TS Strategic Partnership – 3 years of collaboration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• History of the project. <i>Lea Sofie Staunsager, Project Manager, Aarhus Universitet.</i>• Why Transferable Skills are relevant? <i>Tina Bering Keiding, Professor, Centre for Educational Development, Aarhus Universitet.</i>• Presentation of the Booklet. <i>Céline Mathelart, Pedagogical Counsellor, Louvain Learning Lab, Université catholique de Louvain.</i>• Presentation of the Repository. <i>Tatiana Sanches, Professor, Instituto de Educação da Universidade de Lisboa.</i>• Our 9 flagship initiatives. <i>Corinne Mighirditchian, Professor, Université Paris Cité. Viktoria Nagy, Professor, Université Paris Cité. Ana Maria Lóio, Professor, Universidade de Lisboa. Esther Sulimovic, Project Coordinator, Université Paris Cité. Guri Vestad, Professor, Oslo i Universitetet.</i>• Recommendations for Supporting and Developing Transferable Skills in Higher Education. <i>Wolfgang Diecke, Head of bologna.lab, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin.</i>
16:30–17:00	<p>Break</p>
17:00–19:00	<p>Panel discussions around Transferable Skills in Higher Education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Feedback from students: What is their opinion on transferable skills?• The academic perspective: What are the professors' views?• The professional world: How to tie transferable skills with the student's future career path? <p><i>Mehdi Gharsallah, Director of Methods and Data, Cour des comptes.</i> <i>Arnaud Lizé, Associated Partner, Ernst & Young Consulting.</i> <i>Marion Pinat, Manager, Ernst & Young Consulting.</i> <i>Viktoria Nagy, Professor, Université Paris Cité.</i> <i>Jonathan Weitzman, Professor, Université Paris Cité.</i> <i>Sandeep Bhupal, Master's student, Université Paris Cité.</i> <i>Gaël Fortin, PhD student Université Paris Cité.</i></p>
19:00–20:00	<p>Cocktail</p>

December 2	
09:00–10:30	<p>What strategies are needed to build an ecosystem fostering pedagogical transformation within Higher Education?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do we embed transferable skills in the curriculum at the strategic, curricular/programmatic levels in the practice? • Teachers competencies: What, who and how (and why)? • Discussion: experiences, dilemmas and opportunities • Conclusion and future initiatives <p><i>Niels Lehman, Vice-Dean of Education, Aarhus Universitet.</i> <i>Tina Bering Keiding, Professor, Centre for Educational Development, Aarhus Universitet.</i> <i>Esther Sulimovic, Project Coordinator, Université Paris Cité.</i></p>
10:30–10:45	Break
10:45–12:00	<p>The future of our partnership: How Circle U. can take over the work of InnovEd4TS?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of the Circle U. Think and Do Tank for the Future of Higher Education. <i>Ana Elvira Garcia Lopez, Project Manager, Université Paris Cité.</i> • Student-led education initiatives in Circle U. <i>Viktoria Nagy, Professor, Université Paris Cité.</i> • The way forward: How to internationalise and scale up InnovEd4TS initiatives in Circle U. <i>Esther Sulimovic, Project Coordinator, Université Paris Cité. Viktoria Nagy, Professor, Université Paris Cité.</i>
12:00–13:30	Light Lunch

