



TransformEU  
Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence

# Opening Conference Programme

## “Transforming Europe: Governing Europe’s Green and Digital Futures”

24 September 2026, 14h - 16h

Lecture Hall LW S122, ‘Louise Weiss’ Building,  
Campus Saint Raphaël ESPOL, 89 boulevard Vauban, Lille

The TransformEU Opening Conference will officially launch the activities of the Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence at ESPOL. Dedicated to advancing research, teaching, and public engagement on Europe’s transformation, TransformEU explores how the European Union can co-construct a democratic future in line with its key objectives of the green transition and the digital decade, while navigating the interconnected priorities of People, Planet, and Profit. Through a roundtable discussion bringing together well-experienced researchers from within and beyond the Centre, the conference will showcase the diverse perspectives and provide an opportunity to discuss its work, priorities, and ambitions, as well as the key questions that will guide its activities throughout the project.

| Time             | Sessions & Speakers                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
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| 14h00 -<br>14h20 | Opening Remarks and Introduction to TransformEU<br>Felix-Christopher von Nostitz (ESPOL), Sabine Weiland (ESPOL), Clara Eroukhmanoff (ESPOL)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 14h20 -<br>15h50 | Roundtable discussion on “Transforming Europe: Governing Europe’s Green and Digital Futures”<br>Moderated by Clara Eroukhmanoff (ESPOL) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sarah Perret (ESPOL) - The Digitalisation of Border Security in Europe</li><li>• Mehdi Ghassemi (ISTC) - Surveillance in Europe’s Digital Future(s)</li><li>• Sara Dezalay (ESPOL) - Europe’s Green Transition from Its Extractive Frontiers</li><li>• Sabine Weiland (ESPOL) - Navigating the Green Transformation in Europe</li></ul> |
| 15h50 -<br>16h00 | Closing Remarks<br>Sabine Weiland (ESPOL), Felix-Christopher von Nostitz (ESPOL)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| From 16h00       | Afternoon <i>Goûter</i> & Networking                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |