

What's new in SALAM?

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SALAM in Barcelona

From 16–17 June 2025 The Servei Públic d'Ocupació de Catalunya (SOC) organised the third **SALAM Workshop and Peer Learning Event** in Barcelona. The two days gathered partners from across Europe for joint learning experiences, field visits and policy discussions.

Catalonia showcased their human-centred strategy for integrating migrants into the labour market through both private sector engagement and training centres.

The event highlighted employment initiatives and concluded with bilateral meetings on key policy instruments to address language barriers and access to social protection.

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Spotlight on Barcelona's Inclusive Labour Market

The first day featured greetings from Francisco Ramos, Secretary of Labour of the Generalitat de Catalunya, with an overview of Catalonia's migration framework, followed by presentations on SOC's core strategies for immigrant labour market integration and ending in a local case study about Citizenship Plan. The event continued at Formació i Treball, a social enterprise supporting labour market inclusion for vulnerable groups. The organisation is a key implementer in migrant employment linked to training and demonstrated support mechanisms for entrepreneurship, including for migrants and newcomers.

The second day focused on presentations by SOC followed by a roundtable, showcasing examples from Consell Comarcal del Bages and Mescladís, including a participant testimonial and panels highlighting private sector inclusion in hiring.

Public Employment Service of Catalonia (SOC)



Migrant Integration & SALAM Project Spotlight

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On 15 May 2025, the Policy Learning Platform hosted a webinar on the Social Integration of Migrants, bringing together experts, practitioners and authorities to share good practices and innovative approaches.

The session **highlighted the SALAM project**, with Save the Children Sweden showcasing participatory strategies for migrant integration, and children's well-being. The webinar underlined the importance of local-level integration, as migration in the EU continues with over 4.3 million Ukrainian refugees and nearly one million asylum applications in the first ten months of 2023.

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Inclusive Labour Markets: SALAM Policy Exchange in Action

SALAM project is making steady progress toward its goal of promoting inclusive and sustainable labour market integration across Europe. Project partners and local stakeholders meet to explore and exchange ideas on how to create more effective pathways for migrant inclusion in regional labour markets.

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Stakeholders involvement

Tuscany & Västra Götaland exchange on migrant inclusion

The Tuscany Region and Västra Götaland Region held a bilateral meeting to exchange policies and practices on migrant integration, focusing on social enterprises role in fostering inclusion and employment opportunities. Both regions agreed to continue collaboration through a study visit to Tuscany in March 2026.

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West Romania Boosting Labour Market Inclusion

The interregional event held in Barcelona brought together stakeholders to support labour market and inclusion, improving migrant training pathways and showcasing international examples to foster strong and inclusive labour markets.

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VHS-Centre-Val de Loire Bilateral Exchange on Integration

In June 2025, VHS from Germany and Centre-Val de Loire showcased innovative migrant integration models achieving over 80% employment through combining language learning and job placements, identifying this dual approach as a promising model for future adaptation.

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Khotyn Delegation Explores Skills and Inclusion in Tuscany

Coordinated by The University of Florence (Unifi), this event fostered peer learning and policy exchange on regional strategies. Boosting local capacity through employment, education and human capital.

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France–Sweden Exchange: Boosting Labour Market Inclusion

A bilateral exchange was held in June 2025 between Centre-Val de Loire (France) and Region Västra Götaland (Sweden) regarding “Folk High Schools”, community-focused schools that support integration through social and educational engagement. And, SFI – Swedish for Immigrants. Aligning with regional efforts to tailor language training to labour market demands and match migrant learners' aspirations.

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SALAM at the European Week of Regions & Cities

On 14–15 October, SALAM was showcased at EARLALL's stand during the European Week of Regions and Cities. The stand invited participants to explore the importance of strategies, accessible guidance and support systems, highlighting SALAM's mission to support regions and local authorities in recognising and harnessing migrants' skills and potential, thereby ensuring inclusive and thriving communities.

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SALAM at the Lifelong Learning Week 2025

The Lifelong Learning Platform will celebrate its 20th anniversary during the 15th Lifelong Learning Week, from 8–12 December 2025 in Brussels.

Francesca Torlone, SALAM project coordinator, will join the session on Tuesday, 9 December about “Designing Micro-credentials as Inclusive Learning Pathways to Foster Transversal Competences for Migrant Adult Learners” organised by EAEA, Sirius Network and PRISCILA partners.

Prof. Torlone will present co-designed, flexible, and inclusive learning pathways, highlighting key findings from SIRIUS and EAEA research on refugee inclusion in education and fostering citizenship competences for migrant learners.

The session will explore ways to strengthen key competences for learners with a migration background through accessible and inclusive micro-credentials.

[**Register here**](#)



Designing micro-credentials as inclusive learning pathways to foster transversal competences for migrant adult learners in an intersectional perspective

✓ Tuesday 9 December 2025 - Inclusion, 10AM – 12PM

📍 La Maison de la Francité, rue Joseph II, Brussels

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What's new in the EU?

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State of the Union: President von der Leyen addresses migration and security

European Commission President von der Leyen addressed migration and security in her [State of the Union address](#), emphasising the importance of a united and strong Europe in the face of global challenges related to migration and security. Von der Leyen underlined the need for a more effective and humane migration management system, which will be supported by the proposal to funding for migration and border management in [the next EU budget](#).

EU migration trends and policy changes revealed in new report from EMN

On 9 July 2025, the European Migration Network (EMN) [published a comprehensive overview of asylum and migration trends in the EU](#).

The 2024 EMN Asylum and Migration Overview (AMO), accompanied by a Statistical Annexe developed by Eurostat, provides an in-depth analysis of key developments in EU migration and asylum policy during 2024.

European Migration Forum 2025: the call for interest is open

The European Commission and the European Economic and Social Committee introduce the 10th [European Migration Forum](#), "Harnessing migrants' skills in the EU" which will take place on 27 and 28 November 2025 in Brussels. The 10th anniversary edition of the European Migration Forum, will give participants the opportunity to discuss how to best promote the skills of non-EU nationals and how migration can help address the needs of Europe's job market. civil society organisations are encouraged to participate in the discussions on protecting migrants' working rights and the fight against illegal employment and labour exploitation.



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Resettlement and Humanitarian Admission Plan for 2026-2027

On 11 November, the European Commission presented the Union Resettlement and Humanitarian Admission Plan for 2026-2027. The initiative outlines how Member States can admit non-EU nationals in need of international protection through safe and legal pathways, with a particular focus on key migratory routes.

Resettlement remains a central element of the EU's comprehensive migration approach. It not only offers protection to the most vulnerable but also reinforces cooperation with partner countries, including efforts to combat migrant smuggling and support effective return strategies.

Since 2015, EU-supported resettlement schemes have enabled more than 135,000 vulnerable individuals to find safety and rebuild their lives in the EU.

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First Annual Migration Management Cycle under the Pact on Migration and Asylum

In November, the European Commission advanced several key steps toward implementing the Pact on Asylum and Migration ahead of its full entry into force in June 2026. While Member States continue adapting their national strategies and legal frameworks, the Commission has now launched the first Annual Migration Management Cycle.

A central component of this cycle is the European Annual Asylum and Migration Report, which provides an overview of the current situation across the EU and identifies where Member States are experiencing migratory pressure. Based on the findings of this report, the Commission is proposing a Council Implementing Decision to establish the Annual Solidarity Pool, a mechanism through which EU countries collectively share responsibility and support each other in managing asylum and migration.

These developments mark an important step toward coordinated and balanced EU migration management.

Read the Commissions Q&A [here](#)