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EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION OF REGIONAL & LOCAL  
AUTHORITIES FOR LIFELONG LEARNING

# **EARLALL: the European Association of Regional and Local Authorities for Lifelong Learning**

About us

# Who are we?

EARLALL believes that **regions and local** authorities have a privileged role in **designing and implementing strategies for lifelong learning** since they are in direct contact with **citizens, educational institutions** and the **business environment**.



The network was established in **2001** and its secretariat is based in Brussels, Belgium. The **Presidency is held by the Region Västra Götaland (Sweden)**.



# Our Network



Presidency held by the Region Västra Götaland, with 5 board members



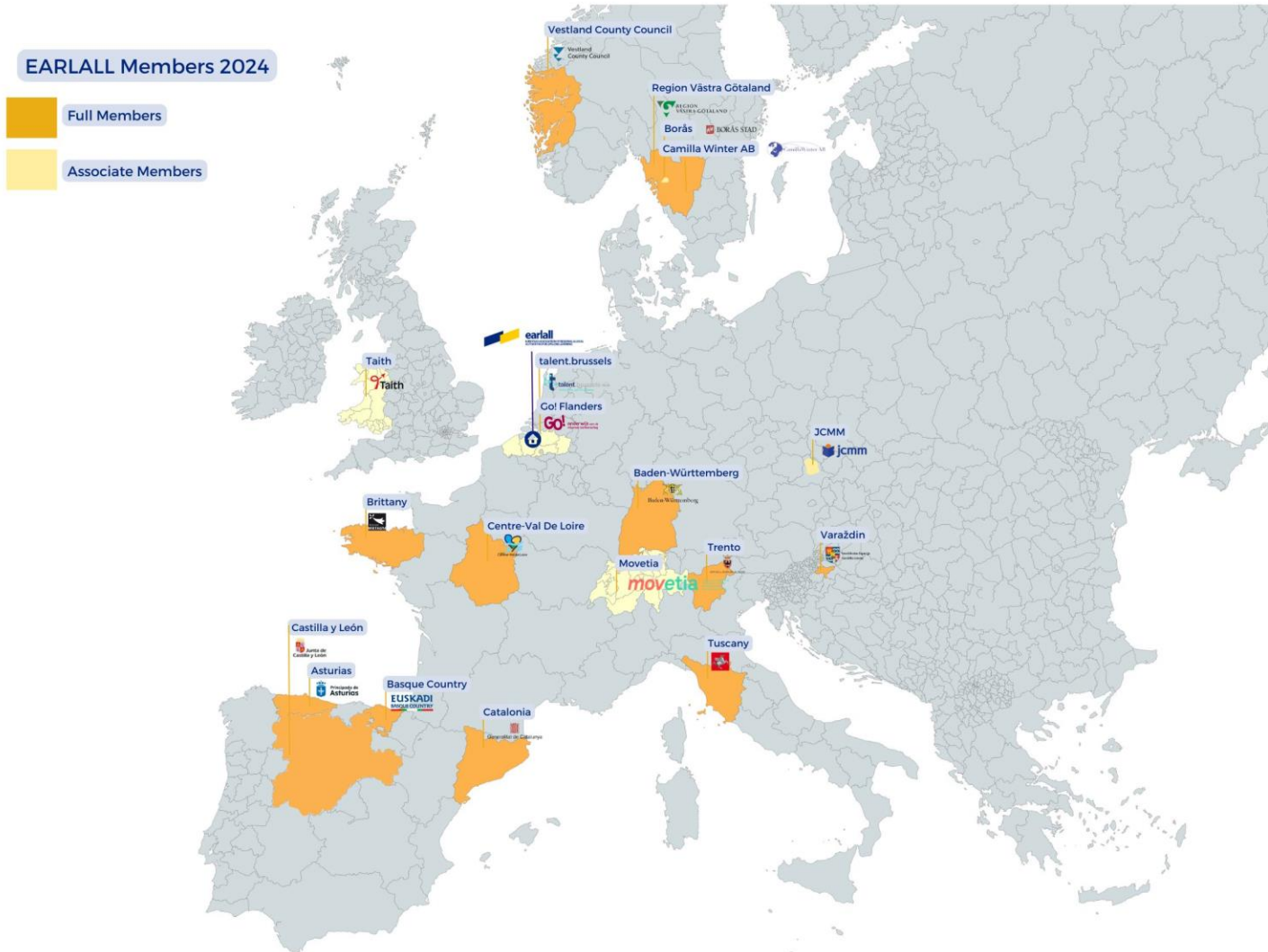
12 regions  
7 associate members



11 Countries



40+ million inhabitants



# Our Mission

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- The association aims to facilitate **collaboration** among its member regions
- Providing an open and flexible forum for debates, **exchange of knowledge and practices**
- Promoting **joint projects**
- Contributing to EU policy-making and facilitating the dialogue with the European Union Institutions and other stakeholders in Lifelong Learning

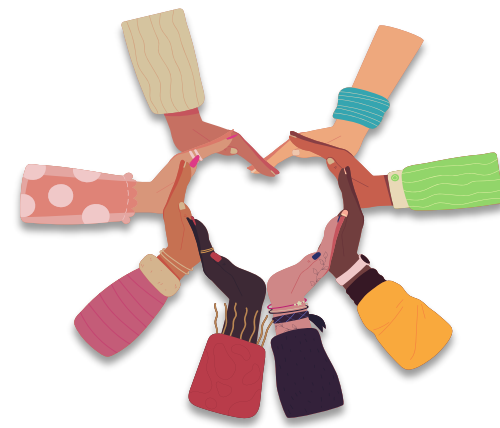


# What benefits of international cooperation at the regional level?

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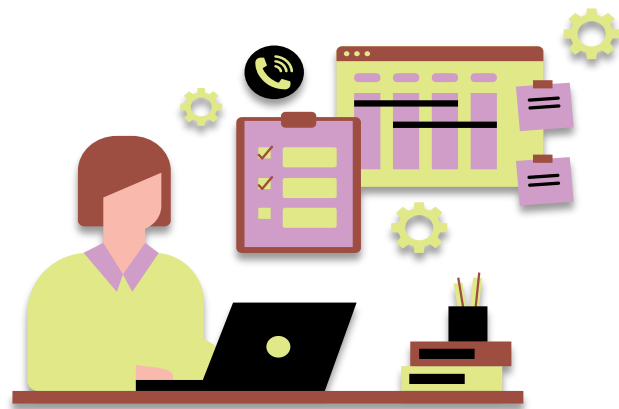
Mutual Trust



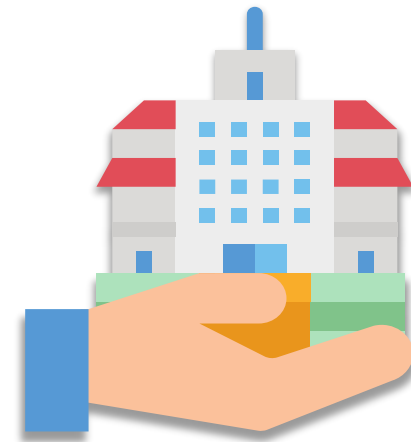
Inclusion and Outreach



Stakeholder Ecosystems



Technical staff capacity-  
building



Institutional capacity-  
building



Set the example

# EARLALL Strategic Priorities 2023 - 2028



# Working Groups

- Thematic working groups deal with selected matters and produce specific results
- Lead by **representatives from member regions**



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TOSCANA



## Capacity-Building in Lifelong Learning

- 12 Sessions of the EARLALL Academy held in 2023-2025
- 10 external speakers
- Launched as part of the **European Year of Skills**



**New European Bauhaus**

Certified Learner with the  
EARLALL Academy





**Internationalisation for  
improved capacity of Guidance  
Services**

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**Communication and  
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# Gender Equality Task Force

For equality in lifelong learning



- Launched in January 2023 by **EARLALL, EAEA and EfVET**
- 4 thematic webinars
- 1 European Week of Regions and Cities Session and event report
- 4 Social media campaigns with **#GenderEqualityTaskforce**
- Exchange underway between Centre Val de Loire, Flanders, Catalonia and Borås



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## GENDER EQUALITY TASK FORCE

### Gender Equality Task Force for Lifelong Learning

The European Association for Regional and Local Authorities for Lifelong Learning (EARLALL), the European Forum for Vocational Education and Training (EfVET) and the European Association for the Education of Adults (EAEA) are jointly setting up a dynamic Task Force that aims to support gender-balanced participation in lifelong learning and to ensure equal access and rights for everyone. The President of the European Commission, Ms Ursula von der Leyen, has made gender equality a priority of her mandate since her appointment speech, in July 2019, entitled 'A Europe that strives for more'. In line with this priority, this Task Force advocates for equal and balanced lifelong learning educational opportunities for all – not only to help ensure successful integration into the labour market, but also to challenge the existing gender stereotypes – which can only be achieved through the incorporation of a gender perspective into all EU policies.

An initiative promoted by

- earlall** EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION OF REGIONAL & LOCAL AUTHORITIES FOR LIFELONG LEARNING
- EFVET** EUROPEAN FORUM OF TECHNICAL AND VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING
- EAEA** EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE EDUCATION OF ADULTS

#### Why a Task Force?

Acknowledging that adult participation in training is essential to improve overall employability and to address the skills gap in the European labour market, the European Pillar of Social Rights Action Plan (EPSR) has indicated that 60% of adults should participate in training every year by 2030. While the EPSR indicates a universal goal to achieve, the upskilling of EU citizens requires a gender-sensitive approach in line with the current inequalities in employment, training and education.

As it stands:

- There is an inequality in the EU in the number of working citizens, with the rate of working men in 2019 (79.0%) being 11.7% higher than that of women (67.3%)<sup>[1]</sup>
- There is a gender inequality in enrolments in general education programmes, with female upper secondary students more likely to enrol than men<sup>[2]</sup>
- There is an inequality in the share of early leavers from education and training in the EU, with dropout rates higher among young men (11.4%) than

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# Collaboration in European Platforms



Community Co-Lead on the role of regions and cities in Apprenticeships



Associate Member



Member of the Innovation and Research Group



# Regional Pact for Skills in Lifelong Learning Mobility



## Proposed activities:

- Collecting good practices of mobilities with lifelong learning approach shared in online training webinars
- Stakeholders' consultations to understand how to define fewer opportunities and how to best monitor this in mobilities
- Survey on tracking apprenticeship
- Networking events/ project matchmaking events
- Database entries for institutions interested in high quality exchange via the mobility matchmaking tool
- Lifelong Learning Mobility Promoters
- Online collaborations with key networks

# Regional Skills Partnership for Lifelong Learning Mobility

**MOBILITY MATCHMAKING TOOL**  
Pact for Skills – Regional Skills Partnership for Lifelong Learning Mobility

**Job Shadowing: reintegrating individuals into education and work**

RECEIVING ORGANISATION: Borås Municipality (Sweden)  
SENDING ORGANISATION: Vestland County Council (Norway)  
DURATION: 1.5 days, May 2025

**The Exchange**  
The job shadowing focused on creating inclusive pathways to re-engage those outside education and employment.

During an EARLALL network meeting, the Vestland County Council learned about Borås Municipality's Multicompetent Team project. As they were developing a similar initiative in collaboration with NAV (Norwegian Labour and Welfare Administration), they saw a valuable opportunity for exchange and submitted their application through the EARLALL's Mobility Matchmaking Tool to take part in the job shadowing experience.

Following the match, the institutions began preparing for the visit on 12-13 May 2025.

*Vestland County Council Team Borås (Sweden) May 2025*

The programme offered valuable insight into Borås' inclusive employment strategies, showcasing effective inter-agency cooperation, personalised support, and tools like motivational interviewing and ACT guidance. Vestland participants observed real follow-up meetings and gained practical knowledge to apply in their own context.

**Reintegrating individuals into education and work**

**MOBILITY MATCHMAKING TOOL**  
Pact for Skills – Regional Skills Partnership for Lifelong Learning Mobility

**Job Shadowing: Innovation in VET Education and Dual System**

RECEIVING ORGANISATION: Catalonia's Regional Ministry of Education and VET  
SENDING ORGANISATION: Scholengroep Gent (GOI Education of the Flemish Community, Belgium)  
DURATION: 3-days, February 2025

**The Exchange**  
The job shadowing focused on innovation in Vocational Education and Training (VET) and dual training, areas in which Catalonia has established itself as a leader.

The Schoolgroup Ghent - GOI Education of the Flemish Community (Belgium) submitted a request to find a partner institution for a job shadowing on dual education in Catalonia. After completing the Matchmaking Mobility Tool form, the EARLALL Secretariat connected them one interested partner, Catalonia's Regional Ministry of Education and VET.

Following the match, the institutions began preparing for the visit in February 2025. Over the course of three days, the group visited several institutions and businesses that are spearheading dual learning and VET in the region.

- Institut de Logística de Barcelona (VET Center): Connects students with employers, ensuring they are workforce-ready with clear career paths.
- AGBAR (private water company): A model for STEM education and industry collaboration, providing students with real-world experience to bridge education and employment.
- Institut ISMB: Specializes in dual training for mobility and transport, highlighting the region's commitment to aligning student skills with industry needs.

*Barcelona (Catalonia) February 2025*

Catalan hosts: The exchange... of international mobility for both students and... collaborations, especially... students and educators to... networks.

**Innovation in VET education and dual training system**

**MOBILITY MATCHMAKING TOOL**  
Pact for Skills – Regional Skills Partnership for Lifelong Learning Mobility

**Advancing Gender Equality in Education Exchange**

RECEIVING ORGANISATION: Working Life Department of the municipality of Borås (Sweden)  
SENDING ORGANISATION: Centre-Val de Loire Region - Service Orientation Institut Escola del Treball (Catalonia)  
DURATION: From 09 to 14 December 2024

**The Exchange**  
The exchange focused on the role of public institutions in advancing gender equality in career guidance and lifelong learning services.

The Centre-Val de Loire Region - Service Orientation (France) submitted a request to find a partner institution for an exchange focused on Gender Equality in Education and Guidance Services. After completing the Matchmaking Mobility Tool form, the EARLALL Secretariat connected them with two interested partners:

- The Working Life Department of the municipality of Borås (Sweden) – offered to host
- Institut Escola del Treball (Catalonia) – offered to host or to participate in the exchange

*Borås (Sweden) December 2024*

Following the match, the institutions began preparing for the study visit in December 2024. The Working Life Department of Borås developed a week-long program featuring meetings, visits, and peer learning opportunities with various stakeholders in the municipality. This collaboration brought together professionals from regional authorities and Vocational Education and Training schools to share best practices and explore strategies for promoting gender inclusion in vocational training, particularly in traditionally male-dominated fields.

**Gender Equality in Education Exchange**



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# Our projects 2024/25



WISE – Supporting Ukrainian (UA) Refugee Women’s Socio-Economic Integration and Wellbeing (European Social Fund Agency)

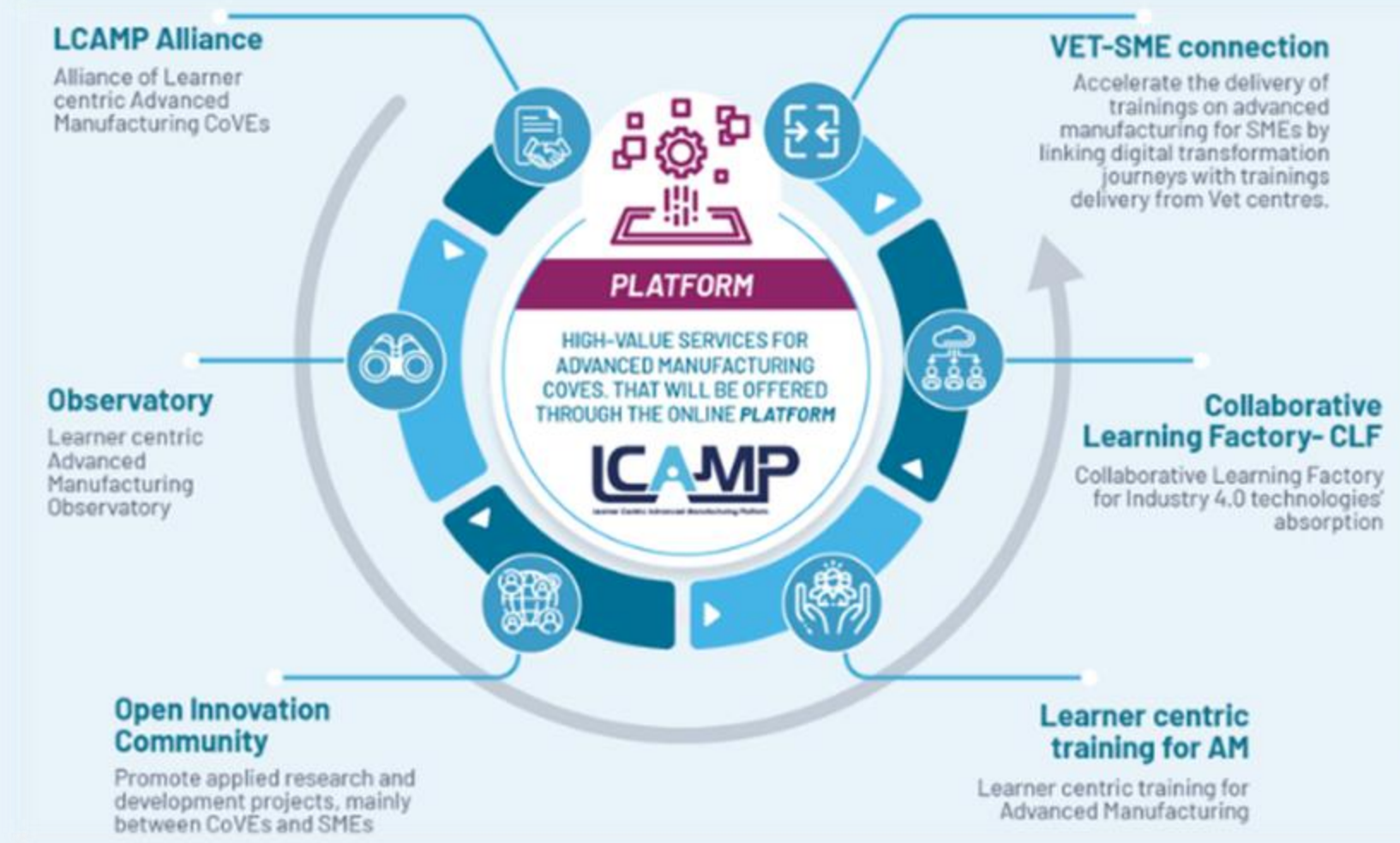


Learner Centric Advanced Manufacturing Platform



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→ CoVE coordinated by TKNIKA (Basque Country) - **Learner-Centric Advanced Manufacturing Platform**



- ⚙️ Create a trends Observatory for AM
- ⚙️ Develop mechanisms for skills definition, learning paths, micro-credentials...
- ⚙️ Set up an Open Innovation Community
- ⚙️ Run a Collaborative Learning Factory
- ⚙️ Promote Synergies with other EU initiatives
- ⚙️ Boost the platform in Europe and beyond



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**LCAMP**  
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**2025 NETWORKING CAMP**

**Welcome to the LCAMP 2025 Conference: Networking Camp**

 **MAY 13-14-15**  **Sweden**

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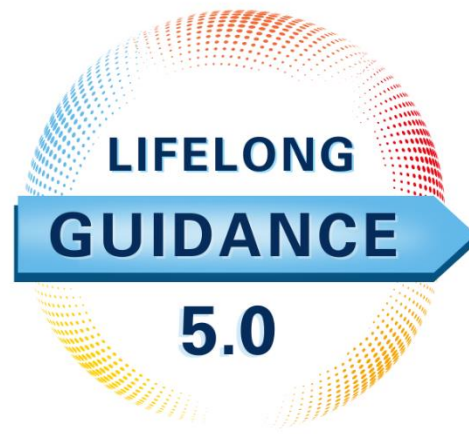
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UPSCALING GUIDANCE SERVICES IN EUROPE



The project aims to **support the transformation of guidance institutions** and the work of guidance counsellors in the face of **megatrends in our society**, such as the digital and green transitions.

**Lifelong Guidance 5.0**

**TRAINING CONCEPT FOR GUIDANCE COUNSELLORS "LIFELONG GUIDANCE 5.0"**  
One of the main foreseen outcomes of the project is a modular training concept "Lifelong Guidance 5.0" for guidance counsellors. The work package will result in a training programme for guidance counsellors, with a plan to provide guides for how other institutions can re-scale the training according to their needs.

**DIGITAL GUIDANCE ONLINE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT**  
Partners will cooperatively build a common European online learning environment around all areas of digital guidance. The platform shall be a single European entry point for guidance counsellors. The platform responds to the need of counsellors to have regular access to information, exchange, networking and training in line with the need to regularly update knowledge and competences in a fast-changing working environment.

**COMPETENCE DEVELOPMENT AND GUIDANCE IN COMPANIES**  
Ensuring that employers and companies are making the most of the tools and knowledge the project will produce, partners will create a concept for competence development and lifelong guidance in companies.

**CAMPAIGN FOR LIFELONG GUIDANCE 5.0**  
To spread the word of our work, we will lead a campaign to promote the networking and integration of the online platform and training courses into the work of guidance institutions across Europe.

**Lifelong Guidance 5.0**

Upscaling Guidance Services in Europe fit for the future of work

**LIFELONG GUIDANCE 5.0**

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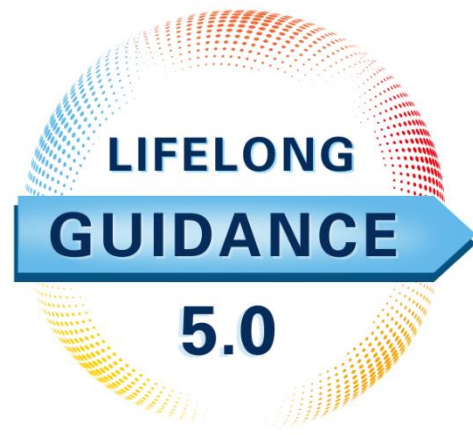



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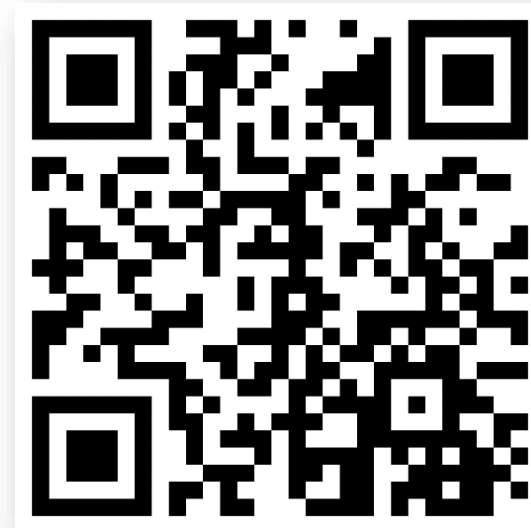
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# What will we create in Lifelong Guidance 5.0?

Let's start!



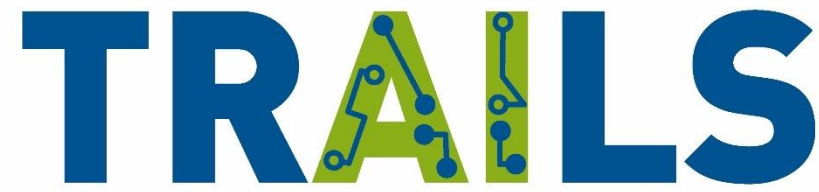
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Enabling Data Analytics for Actions  
Tackling Skills Shortages & Mismatch



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**TRAILS is a Horizon Europe project** that seeks to build on current data in skills mismatches and create novel tools and databases for measuring and classifying skills mismatches, using cutting-edge technologies like machine learning and AI.



**Trails-project.eu**

**Novel tools and databases**

for measuring and classifying skills mismatches, gaps and shortages, using cutting-edge technologies like Machine Learning and Artificial Intelligence.

**AI real time skill profiling and matching**

for reducing skill gaps



**VET and Adult Learning training**

match employees with educational opportunities involving VET and AL authorities

**Policy implications**

contribute to the European Skills Agenda, by laying the groundwork for inclusive and resilient European labour markets

SKYLA

- Interreg Europe programme running 2023 - 2027
- The SKYLA project seeks to **support public authorities in putting future skills at the centre of the twin transitions** for a smarter, more resilient development, by boosting and adapting the role of VET in innovation ecosystems and smart specialisation strategies.

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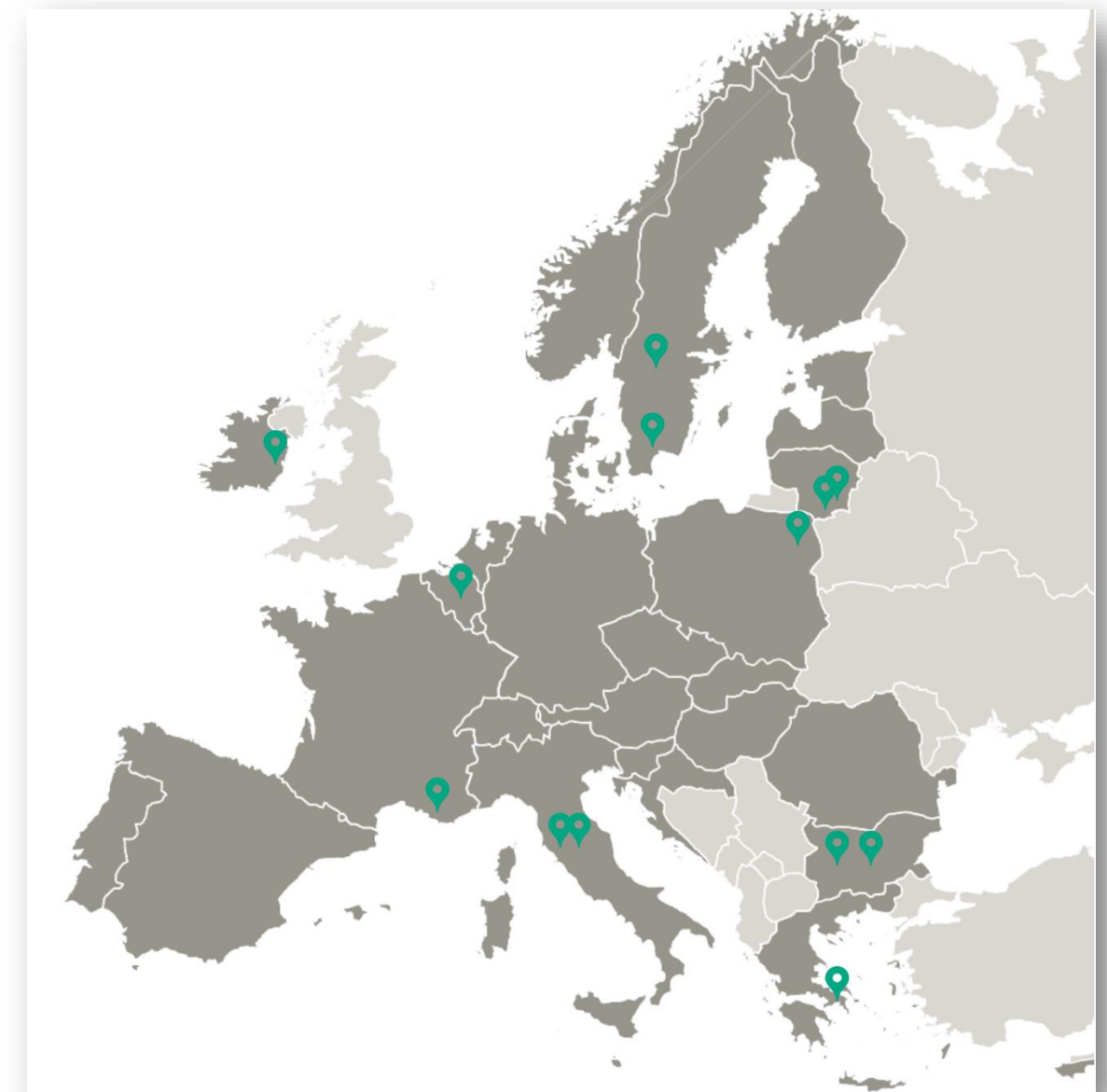
SKYLA puts skills at the centre of twin transition policies, strengthening vocational education and training in regional ecosystems and strategies.

SMART  
1.61 M EU FUNDING  
Mar 2023  
May 2027

An interregional cooperation project for improving skills for smart specialisation and industrial transition policies

Project Partners  
Agency for the development of the Empoese Valdelsa (IT)  
Podlaskie Voivodeship (PL)  
Regional Council of Skåne, Department for Regional Development (SE)  
Industrial Development Center South (SE)  
Sofia Municipality (BG)  
Cluster of Mechatronics and Automation (BG)  
Fingal County Council (IE)  
Regional Development Fund of Attica (EL)  
European Association of Regional and Local Authorities for Lifelong Learning (BE)  
European Social Fund Agency (LT)  
Pôle emploi Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur (FR)

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# SKYLA

Find out more at [interreg.eu/skyla](https://interreg.eu/skyla)

**SKYLA GOES ONE STEP AHEAD THANKS TO INTERREG TRAINING DAYS**

On 26-28 September 2023, SKYLA - Smart Specialisation Skills Ecosystems for the Twin Transition-partners participated in the Interreg Europe Programme training days in Lille (France).

29 September 2023 | By Project SKYLA

**SKYLA presented to European project partners in Tuscany**

The SKYLA project was presented in Tuscany to the consortium of a European project seeking to identify local skills ecosystems

26 September 2023 | By Project SKYLA

**First Stakeholders Meeting held in Athens**

Greek partners in the SKYLA project held their first stakeholder meeting in Athens

04 September 2023 | By Project SKYLA

**First Stakeholder Group meeting in Sofia**

On July 4 2023, the Sofia Municipality and the Cluster of Mechatronics and Automation marked the start in the Sofia's quest to enhance the "Strategy for Young People 2017-2027" with the first regional stakeholders' event.

04 July 2023 | By Project SKYLA

**First workshop of the Podlaskie Stakeholder Group**

SKYLA project partner outlines their experience with hosting their first regional stakeholder group.

**SKYLA Kicks Off in Brussels**

SKYLA was kicked off in Brussels with a seminar on skills for the twin transition and the first policy needs comparison amongst partners.

SLIDE 1

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# SKYLA

## Smart Specialisation Skills Ecosystems for the Twin Transition

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12<sup>th</sup> June 2024 | Webinar on upskilling



## SALAM

- Interreg Europe project is running from March 2024 – March 2028
- Lead partner: University of Florence, in cooperation with 6 regions.
- SALAM aims to support public authorities in **fast-tracking the sustainable inclusion of migrants** into local labour markets, harnessing their competences, capacities and ambitions, through developing targeted education, guidance and learning opportunities.
- The project kicked off in January 2024
- [Video available here](#)



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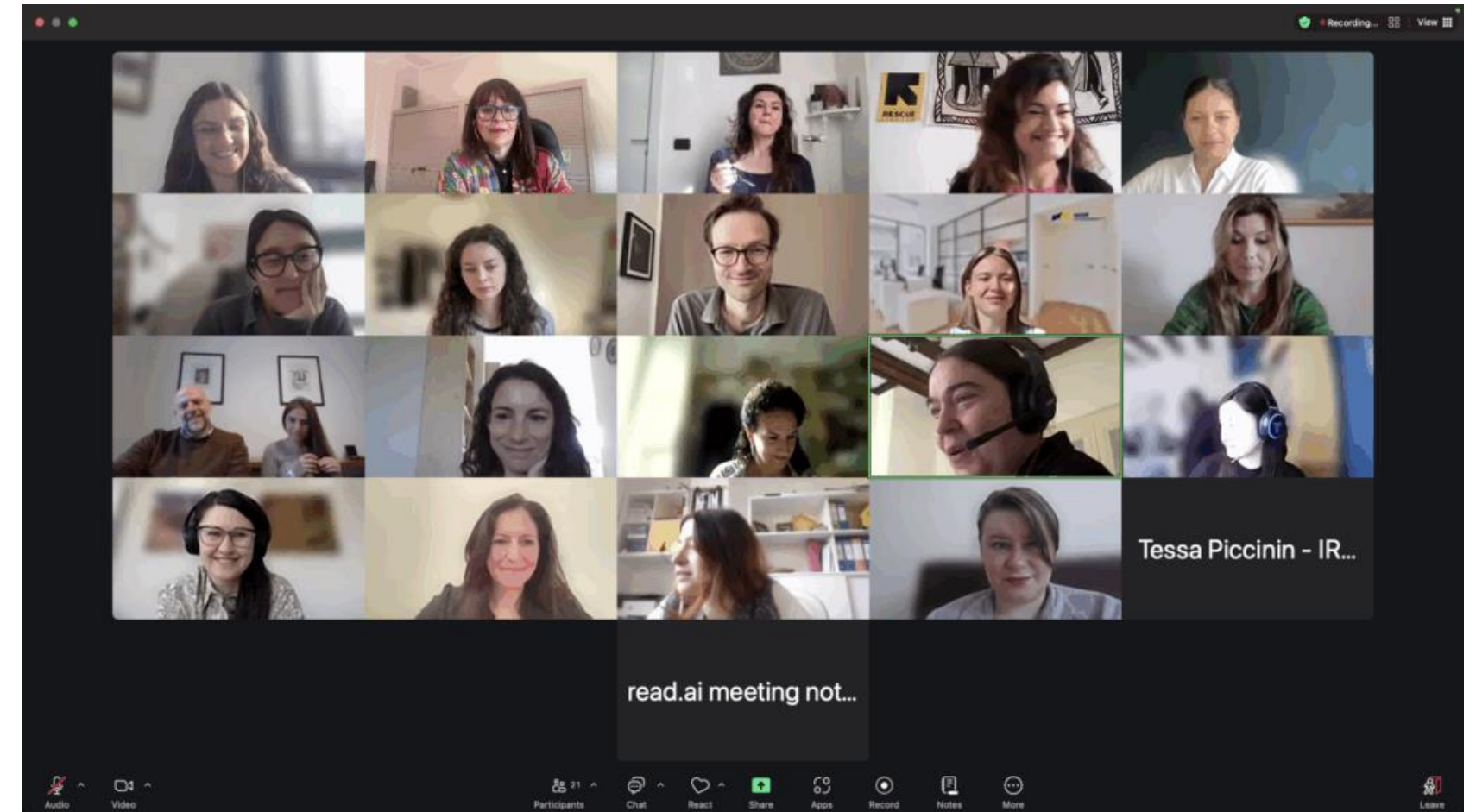


- This Interreg Europe project runs from May 2025 – July 2029
- Lead partner: Agency for the development of the Empoiese Valdelsa, in cooperation with 9 partners.
- QUEEN aims to empower youth and adults with quality apprenticeships that adapt to evolving labour markets, fostering inclusive, sustainable career pathways for all.
- The project kicked off in June 2025
- More information [here](#).



# WISE – Supporting Ukrainian (UA) Refugee Women’s Socio-Economic Integration and Wellbeing

- Lead partner: Fondazione International Rescue Committee Italia ETS, in cooperation with 5 partners.
- The overall goal of the WISE project is to improve the socio-economic inclusion of employable refugee women from Ukraine in Italy and Bulgaria.
- The project kicked off in June 2025.
- More information [here](#).



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LeadEx



- This Interreg Europe project runs from May 2025 – July 2029
- Lead partner: General Directorate of Human Resources, Educational Planning and Innovation - Regional Ministry of Education, Vocational Training and Employment - Region of Murcia, in cooperation with 8 partners.
- LeadEx aims to enhance regional education policies in Europe by fostering excellence, inclusion, and digital innovation, with a particular focus on vulnerable groups.
- The project kicked off in May 2025
- More information [here](#).





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