What's new in SALAM?

SALAM in Timișoara

On 27–28 January 2026, the **4th Residential Peer Learning Events** of the SALAM – Sustainable Access to the Labour Market (Interreg Europe) project took place in **Timișoara, Romania**.

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Spotlight on Migrant Integration and Peer Learning in Timișoara

During the event, representatives from regional and national institutions emphasised the importance of coordinated approaches to migrant integration.

Speakers, including **Marius Niculae** (West RDA) and **Adrian Mariciuc** highlighted migration as both a challenge and an opportunity, while Liliana Oneț and Tiberiu Giurea stressed the role of public authorities in fostering labour market access and social cohesion.

Participants engaged with key stakeholders such as the **West University of Timișoara, LOGS – Social Initiative Group, and the Department of Social Assistance**, exploring initiatives supporting socio-cultural and professional integration. **Study visits** included the **Emergency Transit Centre for Migrants, a unique facility providing temporary accommodation for refugees.** The second day focused on bilateral exchanges, policy discussions, and project coordination, alongside presentations of European initiatives and future cooperation opportunities.

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▶ **Interview with Marius Niculae, West Regional Development Agency**

▶ **Interview withProf Marius Matichescu (West University of Timișoara)**

March 2026

SALAM Engage in Exchange on Social Economy and Inclusion

@Policy Learning Platform

As part of the SALAM, the University of Florence (Italy) and Mark Municipality (Sweden) participated in a Policy Learning Platform social workshop focused on local and regional policies nurturing social economy initiatives held in Amsterdam in November 2025.

The event focused on local and regional policy approaches in the Netherlands aimed at strengthening cooperation at the municipal level among multiple stakeholders, with a particular emphasis on policies addressing the needs of vulnerable groups.

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SALAM contribution to Lifelong Learning Week in Brussels

On 09 December 2025, the European Association for the Education of Adults (EAEA) hosted a workshop during Lifelong Learning Week in Brussels, focusing on how micro-credentials can support transversal competences and basic skills for adult learners and vulnerable groups from an intersectional perspective.

Although the event brought together a broad coalition of initiatives and stakeholders, the SALAM Interreg Europe-funded project played an important role in the debate through the contribution of Francesca Torlone, Professor at the University of Florence and SALAM project coordinator.

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Exploring Legal Framework for Labour Migration in Romania

March 2026

On 26 November 2025, West University of Timișoara (UVT) hosted the workshop **"The Legal Framework Applicable to Labour Migration in Romania",** in cooperation with IOM and local authorities. 31 participants—including officials, researchers, employers, and civil society—discussed migrant access to the Romanian labour market.

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Bilateral exchanges insights

Led by the University of Florence and EARLALL, this SALAM phase has enabled partners to exchange experiences, learn from one another, and identify adaptable good practices. In the interviews below, participants share insights, inspirations, and how SALAM is shaping more inclusive regional policies.

In this interview, **Pia Kittilä Andersson from Mark Municipality (Sweden)** shares how they learned from two SALAM good practices: the Tübinger Modell – The Workplace as a Language Learning Space (Germany) and Next Diversitat (Spain).

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In this interview, A**ndrea Bernert-Bürkle from the Association of the Folk High Schools in Baden-Württemberg** share how they learned from two SALAM good practices: "Job Matching from Day 1" from the Municipality of Mark (Sweden).

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In this interview, **Nicholas Waller (City of Borås)** shares how they learned from two SALAM good practices from the Tuscany Region.

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Good practices

Explore inspiring and tested policy solutions identified by our cooperation projects and beyond.

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What's new in the EU?

EU Human Capital Recommendation to Tackle Skills Shortages

In March 2026, the EU Council adopted a Recommendation on Human Capital, urging Member States to invest in skills, lifelong learning, and vocational training. It highlights addressing sectoral shortages, boosting employability, and strengthening cooperation between education providers, employers, and public services to make the labour market more inclusive and resilient.

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Skills Portability in the EU — What's New

The EU is advancing the **Skills Portability Initiative** to help workers take their skills, qualifications, and learning outcomes across borders more easily. By digitalising credentials and simplifying recognition procedures, this measure aims t**o boost labour mobility, employability, and inclusion, making it easier for people—including vulnerable or disadvantaged groups—to access quality jobs anywhere in the EU.**

It will build on existing tools like the **European Qualifications Framework (EQF) and Europass**, with p**roposals expected later in 2026 and potentially into 2027 to simplify recognition procedures**, digitalise credentials and modernise how regulated and non-regulated qualifications are accepted across borders.

Labour market analysis and priorities

European Semester & Inclusion: The European Commission's Autumn Package outlines priorities to boost competitiveness, productivity, and inclusive growth, connecting jobseekers to quality work. EU Council conclusions note that, despite rising employment, poverty and exclusion persist, especially for vulnerable groups.