What's new in SALAM?

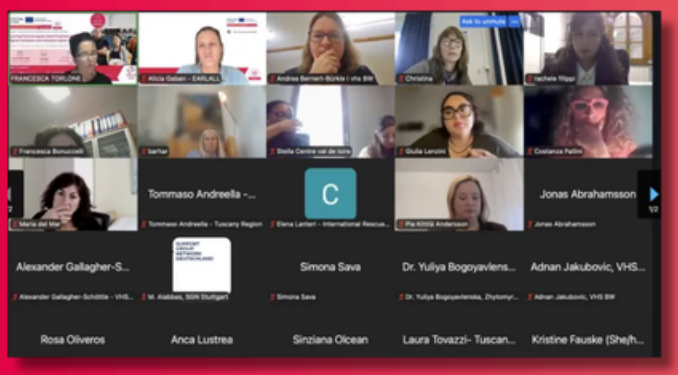
Inclusive labour markets: insights & solutions

EU Regions Week workshop on skills and inclusive employment

SALAM was showcased at the "No Talent Left Behind" workshop in Brussels on 13 October 2026. **Andrea Bernert-Bürkle** from SALAM partner, the Association of the Folk High Schools Baden-Württemberg, shared regional experience in supporting migrants through education, skills development and guidance. Her contribution highlighted how tailored language learning, skills assessment and recognition of qualifications can connect individual needs with regional employment opportunities. Discussions also explored AI-assisted skills assessment as a complement to personal guidance - offering insights for SALAM's work towards more inclusive labour markets. **Read More**



SALAM webinar on regional approaches to migrant employment



On 8 October 2026, SALAM brought together more than 60 participants for a webinar on adapting migrant inclusion practices across regions. Opened by **Professor Francesca Torlone** (University of Florence), the exchange featured **Erik Gløersen** from the **Interreg Europe Policy Learning Platform** and SALAM partners from **Tuscany, Catalonia, Romania, Centre-Val de Loire, Västra Götaland, Baden-Württemberg** and the **Municipality of Mark**. Contributions explored migrant entrepreneurship, job matching from day one, skills recognition and language learning linked to employment. **Read more.**

Explore the webinar resources:

- **General presentation: SALAM Learning Journey and Good Practices**
- **Erik Gløersen's presentation — Interreg Europe Policy Learning Platform**
- **WISE ESF+ project presentation**

Second regional exchange on helping people outside the labour market find work

On 28 April 2026, SALAM joined an exchange organised by advisory partner, EARLALL, on supporting people currently outside the labour market. Francesca Torlone presented policy challenges and emerging solutions from SALAM regions, highlighting personalised guidance, skills-based training and migrant entrepreneurship. Contributions from **Brittany, Baden-Württemberg** and the **City of Gothenburg** showcased complementary approaches, including language learning combined with work experience and tailored pathways for foreign-born women. The exchange reinforced a shared priority: flexible support that connects individual needs with meaningful, sustainable employment. **Read more.**

Learning from each other: regional exchanges

Mölndal City and Tuscany Share Labour Market Solutions



SALAM's regional experiences took centre stage at the **CPMR Migration Task Force Meeting** on 16 September 2026. Anders Nordberg Markhede (Mölndal City), representing SALAM and Västra Götaland, highlighted skills matching challenges and the need for closer cooperation between municipalities, employers and education providers.

Sabina Stefani (Tuscany Region) shared how learning with Catalonia and Västra Götaland through SALAM is informing support for migrant entrepreneurship and self-employment. Together, their contributions demonstrated how interregional exchange can help regions adapt practical solutions to local needs and strengthen migrants' pathways into employment. **Read more.**

Tuscany–Västra Götaland Peer Learning on Labour Inclusion

On 20-22 April SALAM brought together more than 30 experts and stakeholders in Tuscany to explore how social enterprises and third-sector organisations support migrants' access to employment. Welcomed by Regional Minister Alberto Lenzi, the Västra Götaland delegation exchanged experiences with Tuscan partners, explored the Soleil and We in Toscana initiatives, and visited Cooperativa Pane e Rose in Prato to see integration support in practice. With academic support from the University of Florence, the visit generated initial proposals for adapting elements of Tuscany's approach to the Swedish context, laying the groundwork for further bilateral cooperation. **Read more.**

Study Visit to Sweden on Migrant Inclusion in Labour Markets

On 30–31 March 2026, SALAM partners in Sweden welcomed a delegation from the **University of Florence, Tuscany Region** and **ARTI** to explore practical approaches to migrant inclusion. At YESBOX in Gothenburg, the Support Group Network showcased how partnerships support migrant entrepreneurship. In Mark Municipality, participants explored Matching from Day 1, an approach combining early engagement with jobseekers and cooperation between local employers and the Swedish Public Employment Service. The visit offered insights into coordinated support for employment and entrepreneurship, helping SALAM partners identify practices that could be adapted to their own regional contexts. **Read more.**

5th Residential Peer Learning Meeting in Gothenburg

On 4–5 June 2026, SALAM partners gathered in Gothenburg for our 5th Residential Peer Learning Meeting, hosted by Region Västra Götaland at YESBOX – Home of Entrepreneurs. Through regional examples, including **Helhet Syftet** and **Inclusive Competence Boost,** we explored how employment support, language learning and social participation can work together. Visits to Restad Gård and Dalslands folkhögskola, alongside contributions from Support Group Network, Save the Children and the Swedish Red Cross, brought practical inclusion approaches into focus. **Read more.**

SALAM across Europe

SALAM at the “Europe, Let’s Cooperate!” forum in Copenhagen



SALAM joined the **12th “Europe, Let’s Cooperate!” Interregional Cooperation Forum in Copenhagen**, represented by project coordinator Francesca Torlone onsite and EARLALL, our communication leader and advisory partner, online. Organised by Interreg Europe, the forum brought together more than 600 participants onsite and online. Through peer learning sessions and exchanges with regional stakeholders, we explored approaches relevant to SALAM’s work. **Read more.**

SALAM at the EARLALL's 25th Anniversary celebration in Brussels

SALAM was showcased at the **EARLALL's 25th Anniversary** celebration in Brussels, bringing our work on migrant labour market inclusion to an audience of **more than 100 representatives from 26 European regions** and partner organisations. Through the Learning Regions Forum and exhibition, we shared SALAM's approach to improving regional policies through interregional learning. The project also featured in the Working Group on Lifelong Guidance and Ageing Societies, highlighting accessible guidance and integrated support for migrants and other groups facing barriers to employment. **Read more.**



SALAM presents approaches to supporting migrant entrepreneurs at RigenerAZIONE 2026 in Florence



On 4–5 September 2026, SALAM joined **RigenerAZIONE 2026 – From Temporary to Permanent** in Florence to explore how community initiatives can become lasting public services. Professor Francesca Torlone (University of Florence) presented SALAM's work on migrant entrepreneurship, drawing on practices from Catalonia and Mark Municipality. Her contribution highlighted the need for integrated support combining guidance, mentoring, financial literacy and ongoing technical assistance. Alongside HEROES, IMPETUS and ATWORK4NEETS, SALAM contributed to discussions on turning European learning into sustainable regional policies, with strong local partnerships supporting migrant entrepreneurs and local economic development. **Read more.**

What's new in the EU?

October 2026

EU Talent Pool: A New Framework for International Recruitment

The Regulation establishing the EU Talent Pool entered into force on 1 June 2026. The future platform will **connect employers in participating EU countries with jobseekers living outside the EU**, focusing on occupations facing labour shortages. Candidates will be able to present their skills, qualifications and experience to potential employers. The platform is still under development and is expected to become fully operational by the end of 2027. **Read more.**

EU Pact on Migration and Asylum Enters into Application

The EU Pact on Migration and Asylum entered into application following a two-year transition period. The reform introduces mandatory screening of irregular arrivals, faster and more harmonised asylum and return procedures, and clearer rules on which Member State is responsible for an asylum application. A mandatory solidarity mechanism supports countries facing migratory pressure through relocation, financial contributions or other assistance. The Pact also establishes common reception standards, safeguards for vulnerable applicants and a framework for responding to migration crises. **Read more.**

Recognising Migrants' Qualifications: New EU Proposals

On 15 September 2026, the European Commission presented its **Fair Labour Mobility Package**, including a proposal to simplify recognition of qualifications held by third-country nationals. The proposed measures aim to make procedures faster, clearer and more accessible, helping professionals use their qualifications in the European labour market. For SALAM, this addresses a key challenge: enabling migrants to access employment that reflects their existing skills and experience. The legislative proposals still require adoption by the European Parliament and Council. **Read more**