

Newsletter: Issue #1 September 2025



Dear readers,

Welcome to our 1st Newsletter

We are delighted to welcome you to the very first **ISABEL newsletter!**

This issue introduces you to our project's vision, objectives, people, and progress so far.

Funded by the Horizon Europe programme, ISABEL sets out to support **just and inclusive transitions** by identifying how to **minimise job destruction and maximise job creation** during the **green and digital transformations** of our economies.

We look forward to engaging with you through future updates, workshops, and project findings.

The ISABEL Team

Introducing ISABEL



ISABEL supports the EU Green Deal and the Digital Transition by focusing on **inclusive labour market adaptation**. It works to uncover how regions and sectors can respond to large-scale structural changes without leaving workers behind. At the core of the project is a robust, data-driven methodology that combines **labour market intelligence**, **AI tools**, and **stakeholder co-creation**, supporting both policymakers and career professionals. Using cutting-edge AI technologies and extensive regional insights, ISABEL aims to develop fair and efficient strategies for reskilling, upskilling, and labour market policies that promote social and geographical equity.

Key objectives

- Map and analyse job creation/destruction dynamics under twin transitions
- Design foresight tools and **AI-powered models** to identify at-risk sectors and occupations
- Test inclusive labour market interventions in six **Living Labs** across Europe
- Develop pathways to minimize job destruction and maximize job creation through socially and geographically fair policies

Tools



FAROROMO: A regional observatory tracking job creation and destruction.



SNAP Digital Data Shop: Real-time regional labour market analytics.



- Deliver targeted recommendations and practical tools to decision-makers and career practitioners.

ISABEL Platform: Central hub for accessing all project outputs.



Policy Writer Assistant: AI-based tool supporting policy recommendations.

[Learn more](#)

Our journey so far..



Kick-Off Meeting – Thessaloniki (January 2025)

The ISABEL consortium met for the first time in Greece to set the foundation of the project. With engaging discussions and planning sessions, the team launched its mission to build a just and inclusive transition.

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1st General Assembly – Copenhagen (April 2025)

Partners gathered at the University of Copenhagen to assess early deliverables, align on methodological frameworks, and plan the implementation of Living Labs. Exciting collaborations were sparked!

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First Insights on Jobs & Skills

ISABEL partners have started to map job creation and destruction trends across EU regions, highlighting industries, occupations and skills under risk and opportunity, the state-of-the-art in methods to explore job creation and destruction, and the existing policies to respond to work transformation. Reports on these elements are being finalised, with insights available soon to guide the project's next steps.

ISABEL partners have mapped job creation and destruction trends across EU regions, highlighting vulnerable roles, skill shortages, and policy gaps. A report on research methods for analysing these dynamics is being finalised, with results available soon to guide the project's next steps.

Dissemination highlights



ISABEL at the EUNify Event in Thessaloniki-May 2025

Our coordinator Nicholas Vretos (CERTH/ITI) presented ISABEL at the inaugural EUNify event, highlighting the project's mission to ensure a just transition by addressing the social and geographical impacts of job creation and destruction. The event offered a valuable opportunity to connect knowledge with action in shaping Europe's future.

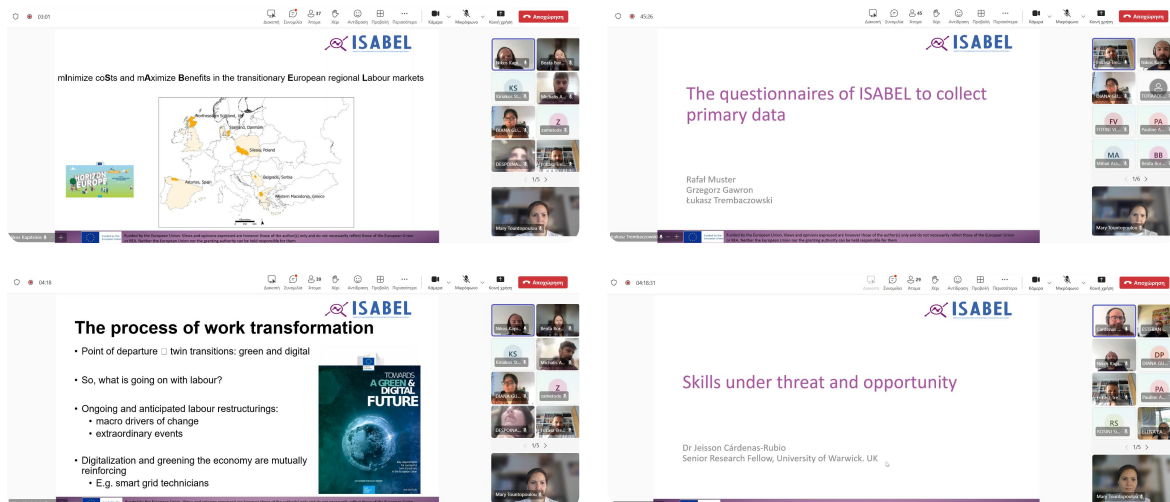


ISABEL @ Euroguidance Event -16th June 2025

In June 2025, ISABEL was featured in a key **Euroguidance event** focused on innovation in career guidance. Our presentation showcased how ISABEL will support **career professionals and policy-makers** with real-time labour market intelligence and evidence-based recommendations.

ISABEL's 1st Co-Creation Workshop - 10th July 2025

Project partners and key stakeholders came together to exchange on progress so far and actively co-create the next steps towards inclusiveness. This milestone event fostered dialogue, collaboration, and shared vision for ISABEL's future impact.



ISABEL at ERSA Conference- 27th August 2025

Our scientific coordinator, Nikos Kapitsinis, presented the project's conceptual framework at the European Regional Science Association conference. His talk focused on regional labour market transformations under the green and digital transitions, highlighting dynamics of job creation, job destruction, and their geographical implications.



What's next

- **2nd General Assembly – Spain, October 2025**

We're heading to Spain for our next consortium meeting in October!

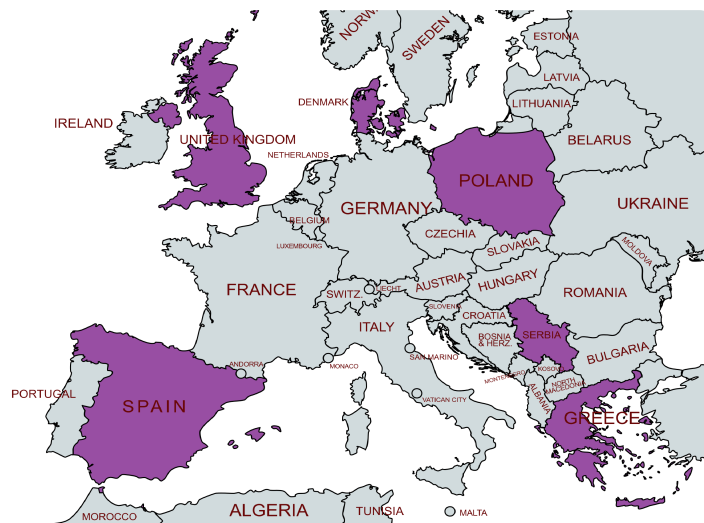
- **XLIX International Conference on Regional Science, 15-17 October, Pamplona:** ISABEL organizes a special session with 6 presentations on Regional labour markets transformation in the context of green and digital transition

- **2025 Regional Studies Association Regional Futures Conference, London, 13-14 November 2025:** ISABEL organizes a special session with 8 presentations on Regional labour markets transformation in the context of green and digital transition
- **2nd Co-creation Workshop – London, 14 November 2025**

In parallel, ISABEL will host the 2nd co-creation workshop in the context of the 2025 RSA Regional Futures Conference, sponsored by the Regional Studies Association, focusing on the conceptualisation of job creation and destruction in the context of the twin transition and on opportunities for research and methodological synergies between social sciences and artificial intelligence for the study of the regional labour market transformations.

Stay tuned for more details!

Our Team



ISABEL unites **10 partners** from across Europe:

Research institutions, universities, regional authorities, and technology providers from **Greece, Spain, Denmark, Poland, Serbia, and the UK** are working together to ensure science, policy, and practice are meaningfully connected.

We bring together multi-disciplinary expertise from economics, labour studies, geography, AI, sociology, and career development.

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