

Welcome

to the first edition of the COOPSKILLS newsletter! In this issue, we're excited to introduce the vision behind our project, the people driving it forward, and the steps we're taking to empower communities through lifelong learning.



What is COOPSKILLS?

COOPSKILLS is an Erasmus+ project designed to promote lifelong learning by transforming local businesses into Learning Companies and establishing municipality-led Reskilling Labs. With a strong focus on the green and digital transitions, the project helps workers, businesses, and communities adapt to the changing labour market.

Why It Matters

Europe is facing a growing skills gap, especially in the green and digital economy. Many workers in declining sectors are at risk of exclusion. COOPSKILLS responds by embedding lifelong learning into the heart of local businesses and communities, empowering people with skills for the future.



Reskill.Rethink.Rebuild.



Who Benefits

COOPSKILLS supports workers in transition, especially those from declining sectors, unemployed and inactive individuals, and those who may be low-skilled or hesitant to return to education. By offering practical, inclusive learning opportunities, COOPSKILLS empowers them to gain new green and digital skills, increasing their employability and confidence.

At the same time, **companies** benefit by becoming Learning Companies—workplaces that grow through continuous learning. Local **municipalities**, **chambers**, **and VET providers** also gain valuable tools to drive sustainable development in their regions.



The COOPSKILLS consortium includes 12 organisations from Greece, Cyprus, Poland, Lithuania, and Spain. Each partner brings expertise in education, training, policy, and business to support the project's goals.





Highlights of the Kick-Off Meeting

The project officially launched in March 2025 with its first transnational meeting taking place on June 3–4 at the NOESIS Science Center in Thermi, Greece. Partners discussed the Learning Companies model and set the groundwork for the first Reskilling Labs.





What's Coming Next

In the coming months, work will continue on developing the Learning Companies framework and stakeholder engagement strategies.

The next transnational meeting will take place in Vilnius, Lithuania, on December 11 – 12.

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