

Quarterly Update

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ROOT

Resources for Orientation
and Occupational Transition

Meet the project

Welcome to the first issue of the ROOT Quarterly Update.

We are pleased to share the latest developments and upcoming activities from the ROOT project, as we begin our journey to strengthen career guidance and skills development across Europe.

ROOT – Resources for Orientation and Occupational Transition is an Erasmus+ funded initiative designed to improve access to career guidance and counselling for adults at all levels of knowledge and experience. The project supports employees, small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), and career counsellors in making informed upskilling and reskilling decisions, with a particular focus on opportunities in the downstream Earth Observation sector.

Through three Living Labs, ROOT brings together stakeholders from industry, education and

training, public authorities, and civil society to co-create practical, user-centred solutions. These efforts aim to enhance workforce adaptability, strengthen skills ecosystems, and contribute to sustainable growth in a rapidly evolving labour market.

The project brings together 8 partners from 5 European countries. It officially launched in February 2026 and will run until January 2029

Together, we aim to empower individuals and organisations to navigate career transitions with confidence, while contributing to a more resilient and future-oriented European workforce.

Stay connected

To follow our progress and stay informed about upcoming results and opportunities, we invite you to follow ROOT on LinkedIn and join our growing community. More updates will be shared in the next edition.

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How ROOT Works: From Insight to Impact

ROOT follows a structured, four-phase approach designed to ensure that its results are practical, relevant, and sustainable.

1 Understanding real needs

The project begins with a comprehensive analysis of policies, strategies, and labour market conditions related to the Earth Observation (EO) sector. At the same time, stakeholders from academia, industry, public authorities, and civil society are actively engaged.

This phase allows the consortium to identify skills gaps, understand workforce challenges, particularly for SMEs, and define the needs of employees, managers, and career guidance professionals.

2 Designing career guidance solutions

Based on these insights, ROOT develops a tailored career guidance framework combining labour market intelligence, structured counselling methodologies, and practical tools.

These tools support users in assessing skills, identifying development opportunities, and planning realistic career pathways, with a strong focus on upskilling and reskilling.

3 Testing through Living Labs

The solutions are then tested in regional Living Labs, where they are applied in real-life settings with target groups.

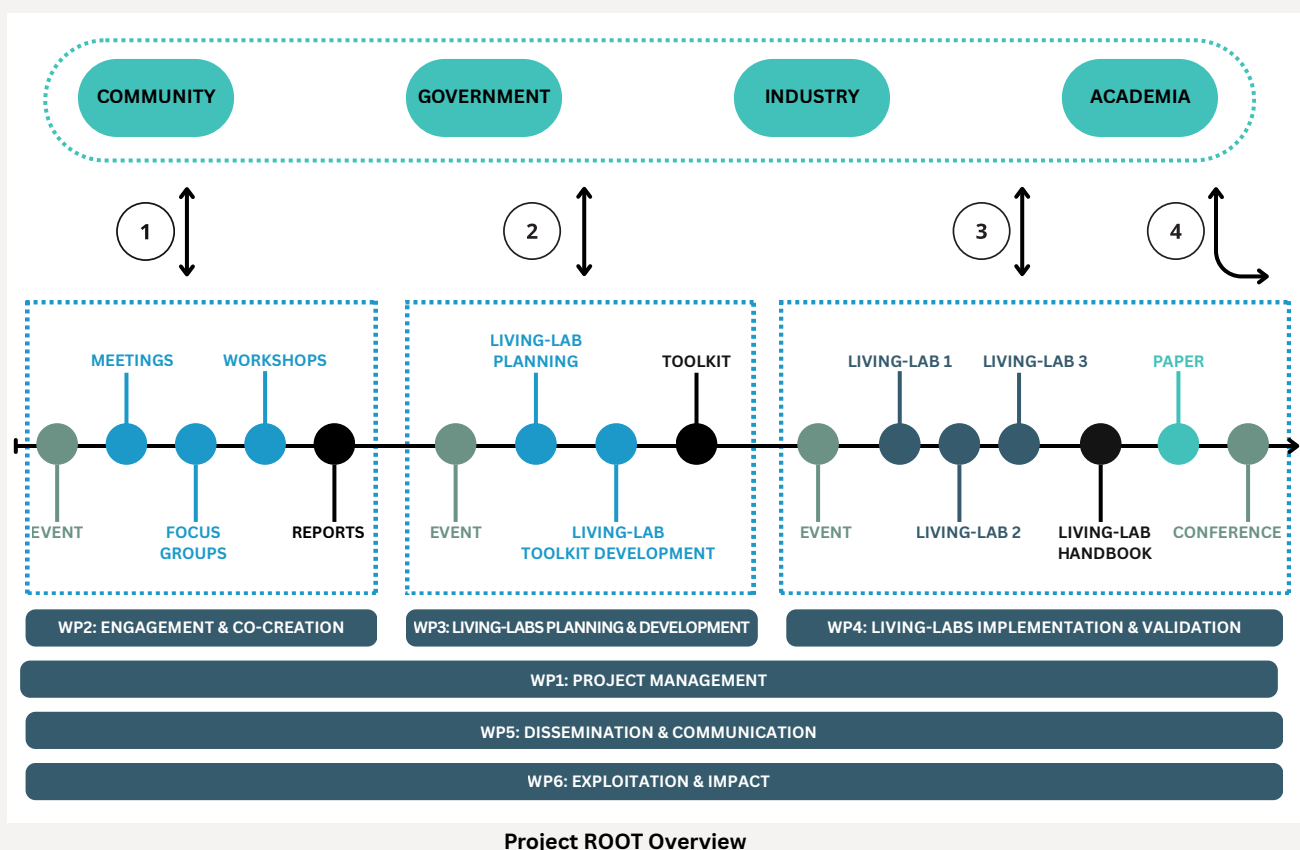
These environments enable continuous feedback, allowing the project to refine its tools and approaches while adapting them to regional contexts.

4 Ensuring long-term impact

Finally, ROOT focuses on sustainability by developing an exploitation roadmap, supporting policy uptake, and ensuring that results remain accessible and scalable beyond the project's duration.

In short:

ROOT moves from understanding needs, to designing solutions, to testing them in practice, and ultimately embedding them into real systems.





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Kick-off Meeting: Setting the Foundations

On 31 March 2026, the ROOT project held its kick-off meeting in Coimbra (Portugal), bringing together all project partners to align on objectives, structure, and next steps.

Participants were welcomed by Prof. João Gabriel Silva, President of the Board of IPN, who introduced the organisation and outlined its main areas of activity.

The meeting focused on establishing a common understanding of the project's goals, governance model, and implementation approach. Key sessions

included presentations of each work package, covering engagement and co-creation, career guidance development, Living Labs implementation, communication and dissemination, and impact and exploitation.

Partners also reviewed management procedures, collaboration tools, and upcoming milestones, ensuring a coordinated and efficient start to the project.

This initial exchange was essential to build a shared vision and set the foundation for effective cooperation over the coming months.



Engaging Stakeholders: ROOT Dissemination Event

Alongside the kick-off meeting, on 1 April 2026 ROOT was presented to a broader audience through a dedicated dissemination event involving representatives from the four-helix ecosystem.

The session brought together stakeholders from academia, industry, and other relevant sectors to introduce the project's objectives and expected impact. Contributions from experts in Earth

Observation and related fields provide additional perspectives on sector needs and opportunities.

This first public engagement marked an important step in building the ROOT community, fostering dialogue, and ensuring that stakeholder perspectives are integrated from the outset

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We look forward to continuing this journey with you in the next issue.