

Quarterly Update

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ROOT

Resources for Orientation
and Occupational Transition

Building the Foundations

Welcome to the second issue of the ROOT Quarterly Update.

As ROOT moves from its launch phase into active implementation, partners across Europe are working together to build the foundations for the project's future activities and results.

During these first months, the consortium has focused on engaging stakeholders, designing innovative career guidance approaches, planning collaborative Living Lab activities, and establishing strategies to maximise communication, uptake and long-term impact. While many of ROOT's tools and resources are still under development, important groundwork is already being laid to ensure they respond to real needs within the downstream Earth Observation sector.

In this issue, we take a closer look at the project's work packages and explore how each contributes to ROOT's mission of enhancing career guidance and supporting adult participation in training opportunities within the Earth Observation ecosystem. We also highlight ROOT's active participation in key events, where the project has been presented, knowledge has been exchanged with relevant stakeholders, and new opportunities for collaboration have been explored.

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Inside ROOT's Work Packages

Behind every project activity is a dedicated team working towards a common goal. Discover how ROOT's work packages contribute to improving career guidance and supporting skills development in the downstream Earth Observation sector.

Project Management

Turning collaboration into results



ROOT brings together organisations from across Europe to address skills and career guidance challenges in the Earth Observation sector. To transform a shared vision into concrete results, ROOT relies on strong coordination, careful planning and continuous quality management throughout the project.

By supporting communication between partners, monitoring progress and ensuring the timely delivery of activities, this work package helps create the conditions for ROOT to achieve its objectives and maximise its impact.

Work Package led by **IPN**

Engagement and co-creation

Building ROOT together with Stakeholders



ROOT is being developed in close collaboration with the people and organisations that know the Earth Observation sector best. Throughout the project, partners will **engage** employers, training providers, career guidance professionals, policymakers and adult learners **to better understand their needs and expectations**.

Through **interviews, workshops, surveys** and **collaborative activities**, stakeholders will help shape the project's outputs. This co-creation approach ensures that ROOT's solutions are relevant, practical and aligned with the realities of the sector.

Work Package led by **GISIG**

Career Guidance Planning and Development

Designing better pathways into the EO sector



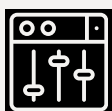
Many adults are unaware of the career opportunities offered by the Earth Observation sector or are unsure about the skills they need to enter it. ROOT aims to address this challenge by developing **innovative career guidance resources and methodologies**.

Partners are currently exploring **how career guidance can better support adults** in identifying training opportunities, understanding labour market needs and planning career transitions. The outputs developed under this work package will help make **career pathways into the sector more visible and accessible**.

Work Package led by **QSR**

Living Labs Design and Implementation

Testing ideas in real-world environments



A key feature of ROOT is its commitment to **developing solutions that work in practice**. To achieve this, the project will establish Living Labs where stakeholders can collaborate, test new approaches and provide feedback.

These **Living Labs** will bring together different actors from across the Earth Observation ecosystem, creating **spaces for experimentation, learning and improvement**. The insights gathered will help partners refine ROOT's tools and methodologies before their wider adoption.

Work Package led by **FEA**

Dissemination and Communication

Sharing knowledge and growing the ROOT community



Communication plays an important role in **ensuring that ROOT reaches the people** who can benefit most from its activities and results. Through the project website, social media channels, newsletters, events and stakeholder networks, partners are building awareness of the project's objectives and progress.

By sharing knowledge and fostering dialogue, ROOT aims to create a **growing community** interested in skills development, career guidance and lifelong learning within the Earth Observation sector.

Work Package led by **Eupportunity**

Exploitation and Impact

Creating lasting value beyond the project



ROOT is designed not only to produce project outputs, but also to **ensure that these outputs continue creating value after the project ends**. Partners are already considering how the project's resources, methodologies and recommendations can be adopted and used by organisations across Europe.

This work package focuses on maximising the project's **impact**, supporting **uptake** by stakeholders and identifying opportunities for **long-term sustainability** and **future collaboration**.

Work Package led by **EFVET**

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Discover the latest project news, upcoming events, public deliverables and resources on the ROOT website. Visit regularly to follow our progress and explore new materials as they become available.

Visit: www.root-project.eu

ROOT in Action



ROOT presented at the DIVERIS Annual Meeting 2026

On 7 May 2026, ROOT was represented at the DIVERIS Annual Meeting, organised by the European Commission's DG DEFIS in Brussels.

During the event, a poster entitled "From Skills to Belonging: Mobilising Quadruple-Helix Communities for Inclusive AS&D Ecosystems" was presented to an audience of industry professionals, academics, students, EU staff and other stakeholders. The event provided an opportunity to introduce ROOT, present its objectives and activities, and discuss its contribution to skills development and career guidance in the downstream Earth Observation sector.

The project received positive feedback from participants, with several stakeholders expressing interest in following ROOT's progress, receiving project updates and exploring future collaboration opportunities.

ROOT contributes to EAfA Green and Digital Community Meeting

On 12 May 2026, ROOT was presented at the EAfA Green and Digital Community Meeting, organised online by the European Alliance for Apprenticeships (EAfA).

As part of a session dedicated to green and digital skills, ROOT contributed insights on emerging skills needs and the importance of supporting lifelong learning and career development in rapidly evolving sectors. The event brought together around 200 participants, including vocational education and training providers, industry representatives and other members of the EAfA community.

The meeting provided a valuable opportunity to raise awareness of ROOT among organisations active in skills development and apprenticeships, while also exploring potential synergies with EAfA initiatives and networks.

ROOT showcased at AED Days 2026

From 27 to 29 May 2026, ROOT was presented at AED Days 2026, one of Portugal's leading events for the aeronautics, space and defence sectors, held at the Estoril Conference Centre. The project was featured in the exhibition area, where visitors had the opportunity to learn about ROOT's objectives and activities. The event brought together companies, research organisations, public authorities and other stakeholders from across the innovation ecosystem, providing a valuable platform to raise awareness of the project and engage with potential collaborators.



Participation in AED Days 2026 contributed to ROOT's dissemination and stakeholder engagement efforts, helping to strengthen connections with organisations interested in skills development, training and career pathways in technology-intensive sectors.

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