



PILLARS – Pathways to Inclusive Labour Markets:

Final policy workshop:

Policy Tools and Guidelines for Inclusive Employment Strategies

Background Note



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Introduction

Dear Sir/Madam,

You are kindly invited to the **final policy workshop**, organized within the PILLARS project.

This background note serves as a guide for workshop participants to inform them about the **aims, date, location, format and agenda of the workshop**.

The background note is structured into five chapters:

- Chapter 1: Overview of the PILLARS project
- Chapter 2: Aims of the workshop
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The current workshop is organised by Technopolis Group – a leading international public policy research and consulting organisation with offices in Europe, Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean.

Please confirm your participation by reaching out to Juanita Garcia Gutierrez (juanita.garcia@technopolis-group.com).

We look forward to seeing you at the workshop!

1 Overview of the PILLARS project

The aim of the PILLARS project is to inform the policymakers, stakeholders and the public about the impacts of technological change, international trade and industrial transformation on the **labour markets**, as well as, to support policymakers in the design of **policies** for inclusive labour markets, in view of future changes in technology.

The project has been funded through the **EU Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme**, implemented between January 2021 and December 2023 by the following organisations: ifo Institute; University of Sussex; Utrecht University; Catholic University of Eichstätt-Ingolstadt; Technopolis Group; United Nations University – Maastricht Economic and Social Research Institute on Innovation and Technology (UNU-MERIT); Interuniversity Research Centre on Public Services (CRISP); Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (CNRS); Renmin University of China; and the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (UN ECLAC). More information about the PILLARS project partners can be found here.

In addition, PILLARS is supported by the Scientific Advisory Board and the Expert Stakeholder Group on Future Technologies, Skills and Inclusive Labour Markets that consists of key experts and stakeholders from government, academia, industry and civil society.

2 Aims of the workshop




The final policy workshop is designed for the **policymakers** and **key stakeholders** that stimulate inclusive labour markets in Europe. The workshop is structured in two parts.

The first part of the workshop aims to present and discuss the **policy tools** developed throughout the PILLARS project. These tools are expected to assist the policymakers and key stakeholders in ensuring preparedness for an **inclusive labour market**, while capitalising on the opportunities created by technological transformation (i.e., driven by automation technologies). Specifically, how to...

- Stimulate creation of innovative and inclusive jobs,
- Prevent and mitigate job displacement/loss,
- Support employers and employees during job transformation,

...following/due to adoption of automation technologies.

The following three tools will be in focus of the discussion:

	PILLARS Self-Assessment Tool helps policymakers to assess/measure preparedness of their region/country towards an inclusive labour market.
	PILLARS Policy Toolkit provides a repository of useful resources for the policymakers and other stakeholders to ensure an inclusive labour market, while supporting technological transformation.
	PILLARS Policy Guidelines provide step-by-step recommendations for the policymakers on how to design, implement, monitor and evaluate an inclusive employment strategy that accounts for impacts of technological transformation.

The second part of the workshop will be devoted to **sharing of the lessons learned across impactful recent/ongoing initiatives** on the topic of inclusive labour markets and the future of work. The aim of this part of the workshop is to raise awareness about relevant initiatives and stakeholders, stimulate synergies, collaboration and knowledge sharing.

A few guest speakers will present an overview of their initiatives, achievements, good practices, challenges and other relevant insights. Following the presentations, the discussion will focus on the identification of gaps in knowledge, challenges that need to be tackled, and of potential next steps to stimulate greater inclusion on the labour market in Europe.

3 Date and location of the workshop

The workshop will take place in **Brussels (Belgium)** on **13 December 2023** between **9am and 1pm** (Brussels time, GMT+2). Following the workshop, lunch will be provided.

The venue of the workshop: hotel [DoubleTree by Hilton Brussels City](#). The exact address is **Rue Gineste 3, Brussels, 1210, Belgium**.



4 Format and agenda of the workshop

The current workshop will include **plenary sessions**, during which the PILLARS project team and guest speakers will give short presentations, and **interactive discussions** where workshop participants are invited to provide feedback, share insights and experiences.

The workshop will be moderated by the project team from [Technopolis Group](#). The **draft agenda** of the final policy workshop is presented in the table below. The final agenda and access to all PILLARS tools will be shared with confirmed participants about 3 weeks prior to the workshop.

Time	Agenda Item	Description of the Item
09:00 – 09:15	Registration and welcome coffee	Welcome of participants, networking and a coffee
09:15 – 09:20	Opening remarks	Overview of the agenda and housekeeping rules
09:20 – 09:30	Introduction of the PILLARS project	Short description of the PILLARS project
09:30 – 09:45	<i>Tour de Table</i>	
09:45 – 10:00	PILLARS Self-assessment Tool	Presentation by the PILLARS project team
10:00 – 10:20	<i>Discussion of the Self-assessment Tool with workshop participants</i>	
10:20 – 10:35	PILLARS Policy Toolkit	Presentation by the PILLARS project team

10:35 – 11:00	<i>Discussion of the Policy Toolkit with workshop participants</i>	
11:00 – 11:15	Coffee break	
11:15 – 11:30	PILLARS Policy Guidelines	Presentation by the PILLARS project team
11:30 – 11:50	<i>Discussion of the Policy Guidelines with workshop participants</i>	
11:50 – 12:00	Guest speaker 1	To be confirmed
12:00 – 12:10	Guest speaker 2	To be confirmed
12:10 – 12:20	Guest speaker 3	To be confirmed
12:20 – 12:30	Guest speaker 4	To be confirmed
12:30 – 12:55	<i>Panel discussion and Q&A</i>	
12:55 – 13:00	Closing remarks	Final remarks by the PILLARS project team
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch	Lunch at DoubleTree by Hilton Brussels City

5 Data protection

We would like to inform you that all PILLARS partners fully comply with the GDPR, Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data. Please familiarise yourself with the [Privacy Statement](#) on how we will process your data.

By joining this workshop, you are giving irrevocable consent to the PILLARS consortium to the right to film, photograph, to make sound recordings or transcripts of the workshop, and to use this media at the sole discretion of the PILLARS consortium.

Following the workshop, we reserve the right to approach you for the purpose of dissemination of workshop/project findings or for follow-up research. If you do not wish to be re-contacted following the workshop, please inform us via email (tatjana.guznajeve@technopolis-group.com). In that case, your email address(es) will be removed from the contact list immediately with no repercussions.