

EGRUIEN

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HALF-YEAR HIGHLIGHTS

HOW EUROPE'S TRANSITION TO A GREENER AND MORE DIGITAL ECONOMY CAN BE EQUITABLE FOR ALL WORKERS?

The project focuses on how social dialogue between workers, employers and governments can support a just transition and protect people from falling into insecurity. By examining four key sectors (automotive, energy, on-demand transportation and care) EGRUIEN seeks to strengthen institutions that manage labour market change.

► KICK-OFF MEETING

Two days of presentations, analysis, and development of work packages for the coming months and for the entire duration of the project.

► ADVISORY BOARD APPOINTED

We are honoured to collaborate with distinguished experts, whose insights will contribute significantly to the quality and societal relevance of the EGRUIEN project.

► HISTORICAL CASE STUDY

Within WP2, we develop the theoretical framework of the project based on historical case studies, which form the basis for further research.



THE KICK-OFF MEETING IN JYVÄSKYLÄ

The EGRUIEN project kicked off with an inspiring meeting on March 3–4 2025 at the University of Jyväskylä, Finland. Partners from across Europe came together to align on goals, methodology, and next steps.

It was a productive and very energizing start – and a joy to finally meet face-to-face.



JYU: THE COORDINATING INSTITUTION

As one of the top 3% of universities in the world, JYU brings a wealth of interdisciplinary expertise. The JYU team is led by Nathan Lillie, Professor of Social and Public Policy. The team also includes: Sarah Tornberg, a PhD Candidate focusing on environmental sociology; Farid Karimi, a senior lecturer researching climate policy; Anu Kettunen, project manager, and Pasi Nevalainen, assistant professor of economic history.

ABOUT EGRUIEN

Egruien is a Horizon Europe research project exploring how Europe's transition to a green and digital economy can be socially just and inclusive for all workers. From automotive and energy to care and platform-based services, industries are undergoing rapid change – and so is world of work.

The project investigates how social dialogue between workers, employers, and policymakers can help manage this transition and protect workers in precarious or non-standard employment. Drawing on historical cases and cross-sector research, Egruien aims to support the creation of strong, future-ready institutions that ensure no one is left behind.

KICK-OFF MEETING IN JYVÄSKYLÄ

The EGRUIEN project launched with a successful kick-off meeting on March 3-4, hosted by the University of Jyväskylä in Finland.

The first project meeting is always very important, not only because it sets the framework and direction for the project, but also because it allows everyone involved in the project to get to know each other personally.

Project partners from across Europe gathered to align on the project's vision, key deliverables, and methodological framework. Discussions focused on data collection strategies, case studies, and sectoral research to come.

The meeting brought a positive, collaborative spirit and set the tone for four years of impactful work. Thank you to everyone who contributed – we can't wait for the next meeting in Cardiff.

MEET THE EGRUIEN SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY BOARD

We're proud to announce the formation of the EGRUIEN Scientific Expert Advisory Board, bringing together Europe's leading researchers in industrial relations, social policy, and political economy.

The Board provides scientific oversight, quality assurance, and strategic guidance throughout the project.

Members include:

Prof. Valeria Pulignano

Assoc. Prof. Trine Larsen

Dr. Lisa Dorigatti

Dr. Chiara Benassi

Prof. Virginia Doellgast

Dr. Markku Sippola

Prof. Óscar Molina

Dr. María Alexia Sanz Hernández

Their expertise will be vital in ensuring that EGRUIEN's outputs are both academically rigorous and socially relevant.