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1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The document describes Deliverable D1.1 of the INSEAI 2023 project, funded by the European Commission under the Horizon Europe programme. The project aims to create an international network for the comparative socio-economic analysis of labour informality in the European Union and Latin America, as well as to propose policies for its formalisation.

The report focuses on the first workshop of the project, included in Work Package 1 (WP1), whose objective is to update the state of knowledge on the informal economy through research, academic exchange, and scientific dissemination.

The workshop, titled on the theoretical context of informality and sustainable growth models, was organised as a mini-conference within the SASE-RISE 2025 Congress held in Niterói (Brazil), in a hybrid format. A total of 27 organisations from Europe and Latin America participated.

The event was structured around five thematic areas: theoretical analysis, macroeconomics of informality, growth models, microeconomic behaviours, and sustainability. A call for papers was launched, including submission, evaluation, and selection phases, resulting in 24 accepted papers.

The programme took place over two days (November 20–21, 2025) in six sessions, including keynote lectures by international experts and academic discussions. Topics covered included labour markets, inequality, digitalisation, gender, migration, and the impact of informality on sustainable development.

The workshop brought together 64 researchers and enabled a significant interdisciplinary exchange of knowledge. As an outcome, conference proceedings were published, including 19 selected papers, thus reinforcing the project's scientific dissemination.

In conclusion, the workshop achieved its research and training objectives, strengthening the INSEAI network, fostering international collaboration, and contributing to the advancement of knowledge on the informal economy and its social and economic implications.



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2. INTRODUCTION

The "International Network for Knowledge and Comparative Socio-Economic Analysis of Informality and Policies to be Implemented for its Formalisation in the European Union and Latin America" (INSEAI) is a project funded by the European Commission (HORIZON EUROPE Programme, MSCA Staff Exchanges Call 2023 (HORIZON-MSCA-2023-SE-01)).

The INSEAI project aims to create an international network for knowledge and comparative socio-economic analysis of informality and the policies that should be implemented for its formalisation in the EU and Latin America. The interdisciplinary and intersectoral approach involves groups of academics from universities and technicians and researchers from non-academic centres involved in this topic or the tools necessary for the advancement of its knowledge. The project involves 27 organisations from Europe and Latin America.

The 1st Workshop of the INSEAI network is part of the commitments outlined in the first Work Package of the Project, entitled: Research on the State of Art (WP1). WP1 is coordinated by Professors Dr. Raúl Lorente Campos of UVEG and Dr. Matthias Böeing of GEWAK. The objective of this workpackage is “to make available to all the network members the scientific capital accumulated by all its members around the knowledge of informal activities to put it into discussion. Likewise, it is intended to make the findings available to the entire scientific community interested in the subject matter of the network, in short, to update state of art on informality in the world and, particularly, in the European Union and Latin America. This means transfer of knowledge, through secondments and dissemination, not only within the network but also to other academic and social fields”.

Thus, in the theoretical development of the INSEAI project's object of study—labour informality in Latin America and Europe—which is addressed in this first module, an initial meeting was deemed pertinent. This meeting allowed researchers from the network, as well as other researchers, to present their research on the topic and exchange ideas, perspectives, and projects.

This WP1 is built by tasks: the first three are for Research: First, 1.1, try to build a Repository: Archival Resource Key on Informality (ARKI). Meta-analysis. Second, 1.2, is an empirical works review (1). Macro socioeconomic perspective and allocated them in the repository. Third, 1.3, empirical works review (2). Microeconomic perspective and allocated them in the repository. And the fourth, is the one that concerns us at this deliverable: RESEARCH & TRAINING: TASK 1.4: Organizing Open Workshop 1, with the title of “Theoretical context on informal activity. Conceptual framework. Informality and Sustainable growth models. Macro and micro perspectives”.

This deliverable presents a detailed minute of INSEAI Workshop 1.



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3. WORKSHOP 1

2. 1 Definition and Insertion as a Mini Conference in the VI SASE RISE 2025 Congress

The first INSEAI workshop is located within the activities to be developed in WP1, in TASK 1.4 - RESEARCH & TRAINING: Organizing Open Workshop 1: first INSEAI workshop: “Theoretical context on informal activity. Conceptual framework. Informality and Sustainable growth models. Macro and micro perspectives”.

In this regard, the WP1 coordinators together with the project's IP had an online meeting on the matter and defined the composition of the congress's organizing committee, as well as the suitability of coinciding it with the prestigious SASE Organization congress in its Latin American division, SASE-RISE, which VI Conference was scheduled for November 20th, 21st and 22nd in the Brazilian city of Niteroi, and to begin preparations for the workshop to be included in it as a mini-conference.

The organizing committee of the 1st INSEAI workshop: “Theoretical context on informal activity. Conceptual framework. Informality and Sustainable growth models. Macro and micro perspectives”, was expanded to include colleagues from UVEG (Spain) and GEWAK (Germany), as well as from UFF (Brazil), located in Niteroi and the venue for the SASE-RISE VI Conference. The committee was comprised of the following professors and researchers from the network, and had the following structure: INSEAI Coordinator: Santos Miguel Ruesga Benito; Chairs: Raúl Lorente Campos, University of Valencia, Spain; Matthias Schulze-Böing, GEWAK, Germany; and Danielle Carusi, Federal Fluminense University, Brazil; Organizers: J. Verónica Ramírez Rangel, University of Valencia, Spain; Adoración Guamán, University of Valencia, Spain; and Nuria Laguna, Autonomous University of Madrid, Spain. (See: Organizing Committee <https://www.inseai.eu/en/workshop-1>)

The coordination with the VI SASE – RISE Conference 2025: “Connecting the dots between digitalization, environmental challenges and social inequalities in Latin America” occurs because numerous members of the network are part of the RISE 2025 Organizing Committee; specifically: Ana Urraca Ruiz (UFF, Brazil), Ana Viñas (UAM, Spain), Danielle Carusi Machado (UFF, Brazil), Javier Baquero Pérez (UAM, Spain), Julimar da Silva Bichara (UAM, Spain), Laura Pérez Ortiz (UAM, Spain) and Santos M. Ruesga (UAM, Spain) IP of INSEAI project; and of the RISE-Scientific Committee, specifically the academics: Alfredo Hualde (COLEF – Mexico); Ana Urraca-Ruiz (UFF, Brazil); Ana Viñas, (UAM, Spain); Anabela Mesquita (PIP – Portugal); Frederico Rocha, (UFRJ, Brazil); Ianina Tuñón (UCA-ODSA – Argentina); Isabel Novo Corti, (UDC, Spain); Julimar da Silva Bichara, (UAM, Spain); Laura Pérez Ortiz, (UAM, Spain), Raúl Lorente Campos (UVEG – Spain); Santos M. Ruesga Benito (UAM, Spain); and Shirley Benavides Vindas (UNA, Costa Rica). <https://sase.org/events/vi-rise-sase-2025/>



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The organizing committee established that the dates for the 1st Workshop would be November 20th and 21st, 2025, coinciding with the SASE-RISE calendar, with a hybrid format (in-person and online) given the nature of the International Network for Knowledge and Comparative Socioeconomic Analysis of Informality (INSEAI), and its composition with 27 partners: 12 Europeans and 15 Latin Americans.

The workshop was organized around this main idea or theme: "Informality has been analyzed in social sciences for over fifty years. This workshop examines its theoretical foundations, addressing multiple dimensions and disciplinary perspectives. Contributions from sociology, psychology, economics, law, and anthropology aim to advance understanding of informal activities and their role in sustainable economic growth".

This is expressed through five thematic spaces:

- Theoretical analysis of informality.
- Macroeconomics on informality.
- Growth Models with informal activities.
- Aggregate micro-informality behaviours.
- Economic, social, and environmental sustainability in the presence of informal activities.

In April 2025, the schedule and call for papers for the 1st INSEAI workshop were released:



INSEAI WORKSHOP 1

Theoretical context on informal activity. Conceptual framework. Informality and Sustainable Growth Models. Macro and Micro perspectives

2025, November 20-21

Hybrid (face-to-face and online)

Faculty of Economics, Universidade Federal Fluminense, Niterói, (Rio de Janeiro) Brazil

PRESENTATION

Informality is a long-standing phenomenon in the field of social sciences. The term has been around for over fifty years. Let's first address the phenomenon of informality from a theoretical perspective. While we are concerned with socioeconomic informality, its multiple facets and levels, on this occasion, we focus on the different theoretical foundations that attempt to interpret a phenomenon considered outside official parameters or, depending on the approach adopted, below the economic and social development standards. In this sense, many of our questions stem from the fact that our researchers and candidates approach it from a multidisciplinary perspective, which means that a single scientific discipline (among the many that comprise the social sciences) does not allow us to understand the phenomenon entirely. Therefore, we can draw upon sociologists, psychologists, economists, legal scholars, anthropologists, and other social scientists to contribute to our work in this workshop, thereby enhancing the general understanding of informality.

TOPICS

- Theoretical analysis of informality.
- Macroeconomics on informality.
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- Economic, social, and environmental sustainability in the presence of informal activities.

CHAIRS OF THE WORKSHOP 1


- ✓ Raúl Lorente, Universidad de Valencia, Spain.
- ✓ Matthias Schulze-Böing, GEWAK, Germany.
- ✓ Daniela Carusi, Universidade Federal Fluminense, Brazil.
- ✓ Adoración Guamán, Universidad de Valencia, Spain.
- ✓ Javier Walter Guibaughdi, Universidade Federal Fluminense, Brazil.
- ✓ Nuria Laguna, Universidad Autónoma de Madrid.
- ✓ J. Verónica Ramírez Rangel, Universidad de Valencia, Spain.

SCHEDULE

1. September 5th: Registration: Name, credits, title of paper and abstract (Objective(s), Methodology, Results and Main Conclusions; maximum 400 words). After July 15th, please send the abstract to INSEAI2023@uv.es.
2. September 15th: Communication of acceptance or rejection of the paper.
3. October 31st: Send the full paper
4. November 20th & 21st: Sessions of Workshop (hybrid)

KEY SPEAKERS INVITED

Francois Roubaud, Research Director of Institute de Recherche pour le Developpement, Université Paris Dauphine and 

João Saboya, Doctor of Philosophy, Professor Emeritus at Federal University of Rio de Janeiro. Instituto de Estudos de Economia 

ATTENDANCE TO INSEAI WORKSHOP 1

All participants must submit to

VI RISE_SASE (<https://sase.org/sase-rise/>)

Participation in the Workshop is free for members of the INSEAI Network

Papers will be submitted, indicating "for INSEAI WORKSHOP 1, to: <https://app.oxfordabstracts.com/stages/77561/submitter>

This workshop is made in collaboration with

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Societies for the Advancement of Socio-Economics

<https://sase.org/sase-rise/>

More information: INSEAI@uv.es or INSEAI2023@uam.es

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2. 2 Schedule and presentation

The schedule was:

- May 1st - Kick off 1st INSEAI Workshop with the Call for Papers.
- September 5th – Registration (name, credits, paper title & 400-word abstract).
- September 15th – Notification of acceptance or rejection of the paper.
- October 31st – Full paper submission.
- November 20th & 21st – Workshop sessions (hybrid).

Abstracts for paper proposals were submitted directly to the organizers and via Oxford Abstracts. The conference was free for INSEAI network members. Papers should be submitted with the subject line “for INSEAI WORKSHOP I” to INSEAI@uv.es or via Oxford Abstracts: <https://sase.org/events/vi-rise-sase-2025> / Mini conferences.

The organizers proceeded to select the relevant abstracts that met the established standards of rigor, including the proposals in the following scheme Paper Index: 1. Introduction; 2. Objectives; 3. State of the art; 4. Methodology; 5. Results and Comments; & 6. Conclusions.

In parallel, during the summer, the organizers contacted the invited researchers for the opening and closing of the Workshop, as previously agreed upon. It was decided to invite the following prestigious researchers: Dr. François Roubaud, Research Director of the Institute de Recherche pour le Développement, Université Paris Dauphine (see <https://dial.ird.fr/membres/membres-permanents/roubaud-francois/>) for the opening lecture; and Dr. João Saboya, Doctor of Philosophy, Professor Emeritus at the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, Instituto de Estudos de Economia (see <https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Joao-Saboia-2>) for the closing of the 1st INSEAI Workshop.

By September 15th, 24 papers had been selected for the Workshop, and this decision was communicated to the authors so that the program could move forward. The Workshop was designed for two days and six working sessions, and was ultimately structured as follows:

2.3 Programme

The published programme is the following (<https://www.inseai.eu/en/workshop-1>):



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FIRST INSEAI WORKSHOP 20th THURSDAY & 21st FRIDAY NOVEMBER 2025

Universidade Federal Fluminense Niterói, Brazil

Address: Bloco F (room 522) – Campus Gragoatá. R. Prof. Marcos Waldemar de Freitas Reis - São Domingos, Niterói - RJ
Link: [Google Meet: https://meet.google.com/azcv-4bd](https://meet.google.com/azcv-4bd)

PROGRAMME

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20th, 2025

RÍO DE JANEIRO TIME

11.00-11.45. PRESENTATION

Santos M. Ruesga, INSEAI NETWORK Coordinator, Raúl Lorente, Matthias Schulze-Böing & Danielle Carusi, Chairs of INSEAI WORKSHOP

11.45-12.15. COFFEE BREAK

12.15-13.15. HIGHLIGHT SPEAKING 1. *From Macro Dynamics to Micro Behaviours: What's New in Research on Informality Since the 70's?*
François Roubaud, Senior Research Fellow at the French Research Institute for Sustainable Development (IRD), Université Paris Dauphine, visiting professor at the Universidade Federal de Rio de Janeiro (UFRJ).

15-14.00. FREE LUNCH

14.00- 15.30. SESSION 1. Theoretical and Conceptual Approaches

• Regressive and Transformative Informality
Matthias Schulze-Böing & Klaus West GEWAK, Germany;

• Does Informality Alter the Business Cycle? Revisiting Okun's Law in Colombia's Metropolitan Labour Markets

Eduard Mihai Manta, Marina Diana Agaftei, Adriana Ana Maria Davidescu, Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Esteban Nina, Universidad Javeriana, Colombia & Maria Tamara Nae Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Romania.

• Informality in Latin America: A Structural Problem with Economic Causes. The Argentinian Case

Diego Masello, Instituto de Ciencias Sociales del Trabajo y Acción Sindical (ITRAS), Fundación FUCRA-UNTREF, Argentina.

15.30-15.45. COFFEE BREAK

15.45-17.15. SESSION 2. Around Informal Economy and Sustainable Development

• Shadow Economy and Sustainable Development. A multivariate perspective using SDG Indicators

Eduard Mihai Manta, Adriana Ana Maria Davidescu, Cristina Maria Geambasu, Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Roberto Dell'Anno and Zouhair Ennaoui, University of Salerno, Italy.

• Institutional Barriers to Sustainability: The Impact of Informality on ESG Scores in Europe
Ioana Birfan, Adriana Ana Maria Davidescu & Tamara Maria Nae, Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Romania.

• Taxation, Informality and Sustainability: An Integrated Analysis
Ignacio Picatoste-Novo, Asunción López-Arranz & Xesé Picatoste, Universidad de A Coruña, Spain.

• The Impact of Labour Informality on the Non-Monetary Deprivations of Households. An Analysis of Multidimensional Poverty in Argentina (2021–2024)
Guillermo Comas & Juan Ignacio Bonfiglio, UBAYODSA-UCA.

17.15- 18.45 SESSION 3. Labour Markets and Informality / 1

• Uncovering the Invisible Workforce: Labour Input Method Applied to Romania's Informal Employment
Marina-Diana Agaftei, Adriana Ana Maria Davidescu & Maria Tamara Nae, Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Romania.

• Digitalization and Informality: A New Occupational Frontier in Middle-Income Economies. A Study on Working Conditions and Job Satisfaction
Miranda Correa, Eduardo Donza, ODSA-UCA, Silvana Galeano, Jéssica Pla, & Agustín Salvia, FSOC-UBA, Argentina.

• The Effect of Internet Expansion on Informal Employment Opportunities in Brazil
João Lima, Paris Dauphine University, Paris, France.

• Resistance to Formalization in Domestic Care Work: Exploring the Limits of Labor Legislation in Spain
Empar Aguado, Josep V. Pítxer & Óscar Muñoz, Universitat de Valencia-Estudi General.

19.33. WELCOME COCKTAIL-RECEPTION

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11.00-13.00. SESSION 4. Labour Markets and Informality / 2

• Labour Transitions and Inequality: Changes in Informality, Job Quality and Wages in Germany, Spain, Italy, Poland, and Argentina (2022-2023).
Ramiro Robles, FSOC-UBA, Fernando Gallegos Piderit, ODSA-UCA, Julieta Vera, ODSA-UCA, Alejo Gianecchini, ODSA-UCA & Agustín Salvia, FSOC-UBA / ODSA-UCA, Argentina.

• Informal Employment Segments and Their Relationship with the Economic Cycle in Mexico
Jesús Waldo Martínez-Soria & Adriana Vargas-Flores, Instituto Belisario Domínguez, Mexico.

• Constitutional Minimum Wage, Minimum Living Income and Informality in Colombia and México
Esteban Nina Baltazar, Universidad Javeriana, Colombia.

• Bridging Informality, Skills, Regional Performance, and Resilience: An Integrated Literature Review and Policy Insight
María-Bianca Bolboacă, Marina-Diana Agaftei & Mihai Gheorghe, Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Romania.

13.00-14.00. FREE LUNCH

14.00-15.30. SESSION 5. Labour Markets and Informality / 3

• The Rise of Informal Employment in Latin America and New Forms of Informality
Raúl Lorente Campos-J & Verónica Ramírez Rangel, Universitat de Valencia-Estudi General.

• Youth and Informality: A comparative study between Argentina, Germany, Italy, Spain and Poland
Iánina Tuñón, Valentína González Sisto & Nazarena Bauso, Universidad Católica de Argentina.

• Discussions on Addressing Labor Informality
Marina Gerolmetti & Fernando Larrosa, Pablo Granovsky, Fundación UOCRA, Argentina.

• Migration and Informality: The Case of Venezuelan Migrants in South America
María Lourdes González Vínces, Julimar Bichara Da Silva & Fabricio Zanzú, Universidad Autónoma de Madrid.

15.30-15.45. COFFEE BREAK

15.30-17.15. SESSION 6. Women in Informality

• Measuring Labour Informality with a Gender Perspective: Review of the ILO Framework and Application to the Bolivian Case
Fernanda Wanderley & Ariane Villafuerte, Universidad Católica San Pablo, Bolivia.

• Women's Economic Autonomy and Overexposure to Informality in Conflict Contexts: An Empirical Analysis for Territorial Peace in Colombia
Emma Avila Garavito, Maria Moyano & Cristian Castillo, Desh Consultores, Colombia.

• Structural Informality Among Women Recipients of Social Programs
Nara Álvarez & Julieta Constantino, Instituto de Ciencias Sociales del Trabajo y Acción Sindical - ITRAS UNTREF-Argentina.

• Gender Inequality and informality in Remote Work in Brazil
Adriana Fontes, Danielle Carusi Machado, Universidad Federal Fluminense & Valéria Pero, Universidade Federal de Rio de Janeiro.

17.30-18.30. HIGHLIGHT SPEAKING 2. Informal Economy in Brazil: Informal labor – structural and cyclical results
João Hallak, economist at IBGE, Rio de Janeiro

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Shadow Economy and Sustainable Development. A multivariate perspective using SDG Indicators, *Eduard Mihai Manta, Adriana Ana Maria Davidescu, Cristina Maria Geambasu*, Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Romania, *Roberto Dell'Anno* and *Zouhair Ennaoumi*, University of Salerno, Italy.

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The Rise of Informal Employment in Latin America and New Forms of Informality, by *Raúl Lorente Campos- J. Verónica Ramírez Rangel*, Universitat de Valencia-Estudi General.

Youth and Informality: A comparative study between Argentina, Germany, Italy, Spain and Poland, by *Ianina Tuñón, Valentina González Sisto & Nazarena Bauso*, Universidad Católica de Argentina.

Discussions on Addressing Labor Informality, by *Marina Gerolimetti & Fernando Larrosa, Pablo Granovsky*, Fundación UOCRA, Argentina.

Migration and Informality: The Case of Venezuelan Migrants in South America, by *María Lourdes González Vincés, Julimar Bichara Da Silva & Fabricio Zanzzi*, Universidad Autonoma de Madrid.

15.30-15.45. COFFEE BREAK

15.30-17.15. SESSION 6. **Women in Informality**



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Measuring Labour Informality with a Gender Perspective: Review of the ILO Framework and Application to the Bolivian Case, by *Fernanda Wanderley & Arianne Villafuerte*, Universidad Católica San Pablo, Bolivia.

Women's Economic Autonomy and Overexposure to Informality in Conflict Contexts: An Empirical Analysis for Territorial Peace in Colombia, by *Emma Avila Garavito, María Moyano & Cristian Castillo*, Desh Consultores, Colombia.

Structural Informality Among Women Recipients of Social Programs, by *Nara Álvarez & Julieta Constantino*, Instituto de Ciencias Sociales del Trabajo y Acción Sindical – ITRAS UNTREF-Argentina.

Gender Inequality and Informality in Remote Work in Brazil, by *Adriana Fontes, Danielle Carusi Machado*, Universidad Federal Fluminense & *Valéria Pero*, Universidade Federal de Rio de Janeiro.

17.30-18.30. **HIGHLIGHT SPEAKING 2. Informal Economy in Brazil: Informal labor – structural and cyclical results**, by *João Hallak*, economist at IBGE, Rio de Janeiro

4. Development, procedures and conclusion

Over the two days, November 20th and 21st 2025, the six sessions unfolded in a highly productive and fruitful manner, featuring the presentation of 24 papers and the participation of 64 members of the network and external researchers.

To gain a more comprehensive understanding of the workshop's content, proceedings were prepared for publication. In this edition, the project's Principal Investigator, Dr. Santos Ruesga, and Chairs Raúl Lorente Campos, Danielle Carusi, and Matthias Schulze-Böing played a prominent role, along with Ana Viñas, who all five served as editors. In summary, this is a 272-page publication that includes 19 of the 24 full papers presented at the conference (those for which the authors signed explicit consent for publication in Proceedings). ISBN: 978-84-09-79660-0 and copyright of the authors. The conference proceedings were published on February 20th, 2026.

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contributing to the advancement of knowledge on the informal economy and its social and economic implications in general and in different countries.

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Additionally, the first INSEAI workshop was recorded on the project server and it is available to the European Commission.