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and the policies to be implemented for its formalisation in
the European Union and Latin America

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INSEAI WORKSHOP 2

Understanding Informality through Data: Empirical Approaches, Surveys and Emerging Evidence

2026, June 29-30

Hybrid (face-to-face and online)

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PRESENTATION

The study of informality relies heavily on empirical data, yet reliable and comparable sources remain a major challenge. This workshop focuses on the empirical foundations of informality research, including surveys, administrative data, and new forms of big data, to strengthen the analytical and policy relevance of our work.

We aim to bring together researchers and practitioners working with databases, household and labor force surveys, firm-level data, and innovative measurement approaches to better understand the scope, dynamics, and informality drivers. By mapping and comparing data sources across countries and regions, we hope to build a shared foundation that will enrich both theoretical and policy debates within the INSEAI network.



TOPICS

- Official and Alternative Data Sources on Informality
- Methodological Challenges in Building and Harmonizing Databases
- Country and Sectoral Case Studies on Informality
- Comparative Perspectives: EU and Latin America
- Innovations in Data Collection and Survey Design
- From Evidence to Policy: Using Databases on Informality for Better Governance and Inclusive Strategies



CHAIRS OF THE WORKSHOP 2

- ✓ Santos Miguel Ruesga, Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, INSEAI Coordinator, Spain.
- ✓ Roberto Dell'Anno, University of Salerno, Italy
- ✓ Adriana Ana Maria Davidescu, Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Romania.



SCHEDULE

1. **March 15th**: Initial deadline for abstract submission: Objective(s); Methodology; Results and Main Conclusions; (maximum 400 words).
2. **April 25th**: Notification of acceptance.
3. **June 10th**: Deadline for full paper submission.
4. **June 20th**: Final program and logistical details circulated to participants.
5. **June 29th–30th**: Workshop (hybrid format, University of Salerno & online)



KEY SPEAKERS INVITED



Friedrich Schneider,
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Michael Thye Frosch,
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the International Labour
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Agustin Salvia,
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ATTENDANCE TO INSEAI WORKSHOP 2

All participants must submit their subscription to

INSEAI WORKSHOP 2

All papers must be written and presented in English.

Participation in the workshop is **free of charge**; an optional dinner on the 29th is available for €50.

This workshop is made in collaboration with



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