



International Network for Knowledge and Comparative Socioeconomic Analysis of Informality
and the policies to be implemented for its formalization in the European Union and Latin America

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INSEAI WORKSHOP 3

Economic, juridical and political frameworks and cultural and moral beliefs. Informality and socioeconomic inequalities and welfare.

2026, November 26th, 27th Wednesday, Thursday & Friday

Hybrid (face-to-face and online)

Faculty of Economics and Business, University of A Coruña, Spain



PRESENTATION

This workshop explores the qualitative determinants of informal work, focusing on economic vulnerability, legal consciousness, institutional trust, political legitimacy, regulatory burden, cultural norms, and the blue economy. Moving beyond conventional quantitative indicators, it examines how perceptions of fairness, compliance culture, social acceptance and livelihood strategies shape informal practices across sectors, territories and national contexts.

The workshop also addresses methodological challenges in researching hidden forms of informality, including interviews, vignettes, perception scales, indirect questioning and mixed methods approaches aimed at incorporating non-observable variables into the INSEAI Model. Contributions from economics, law, sociology, political science, anthropology, labour studies, gender studies, psychology and related fields are welcome.



TOPICS

- Economic vulnerability, livelihoods and informal decision-making
- Juridical frameworks, legal consciousness and perceived legitimacy
- Political institutions, enforcement and state-citizen reciprocity
- Culture, social norms and moral acceptance of informality in Europe and Latin America
- Maritime, coastal and Blue Economy informality.
- Territorial and sectoral diversity of informal dynamics
- Qualitative methodologies for the INSEAI Model



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SCHEDULE

1. October 5th: Registration: Name, credits, title of paper and abstract (Objective(s); Methodology; Results and Main Conclusions; maximum 400 words).
Please send the abstract to iiiworkshop@inseai.eu
2. October 15h: Communication of acceptance or rejection of the paper.
3. October 31st: Send the full paper
4. November 26th & 27th: Sessions of Workshop (hybrid)



KEY SPEAKERS INVITED



Fernando González Laxe is an Emeritus Professor of Applied Economics at the University of A Coruña, a former President of the Xunta de Galicia, and a leading scholar in maritime, port, and fisheries economics. His keynote will connect economic, juridical and political frameworks with the cultural and institutional conditions that shape compliance, informality and governance in maritime and coastal activities.



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