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Welcome to the fourth edition of the MICROIDEA newsletter.

In this issue, we highlight the strategic study visit to Sri Lanka, where the consortium engaged with national authorities, training institutions, and labour market stakeholders to expand the international dimension of MICROIDEA. We also look ahead to the next steps leading to certification and implementation in 2026.

Making **Microcredentials** applicable to all sectors

Expanding MICROIDEA's Global Reach



From 26 to 30 January 2026, the MICROIDEA consortium carried out a strategic study visit to Sri Lanka as part of the project's international cooperation and exploitation activities. The mission aimed to present the MICROIDEA methodology, micro-credentials, ISO/IEC 17024 certification approach, and AI-powered labour market tools to key national stakeholders active in skills development and labour mobility.

Addressing the Certification Gap



Stakeholders highlighted a major challenge: while national qualification systems such as NVQ and RPL are well established, there is limited internationally recognised certification for workers targeting labour markets beyond existing bilateral agreements—especially in Europe.

MICROIDEA's ISO/IEC 17024-based approach was positively received as a complementary solution that can:

- Enhance transparency of skills
- Support fair recruitment practices
- Improve employability and worker protection

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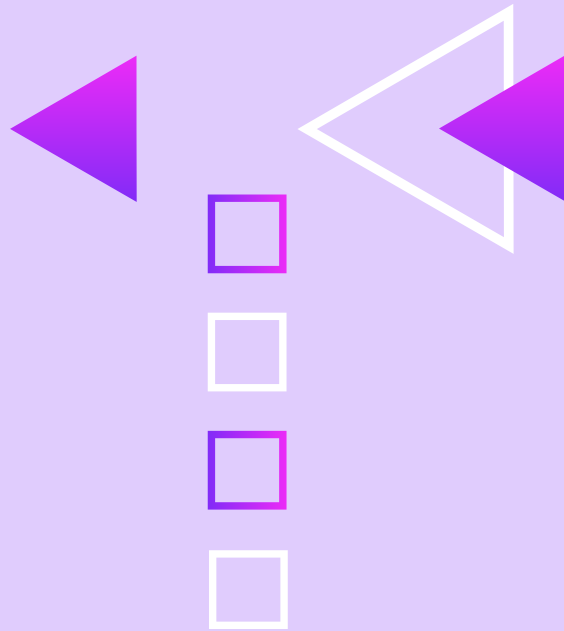
Building Strategic Partnerships



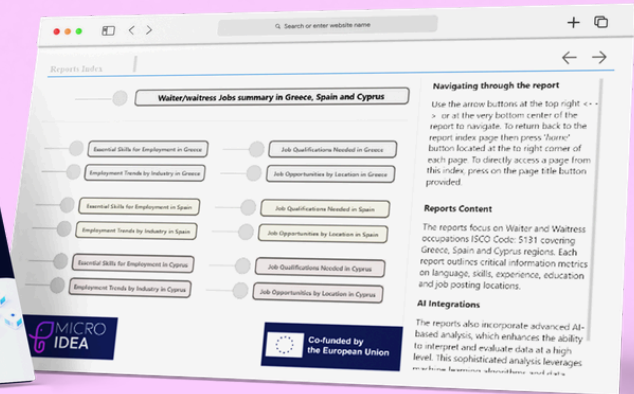
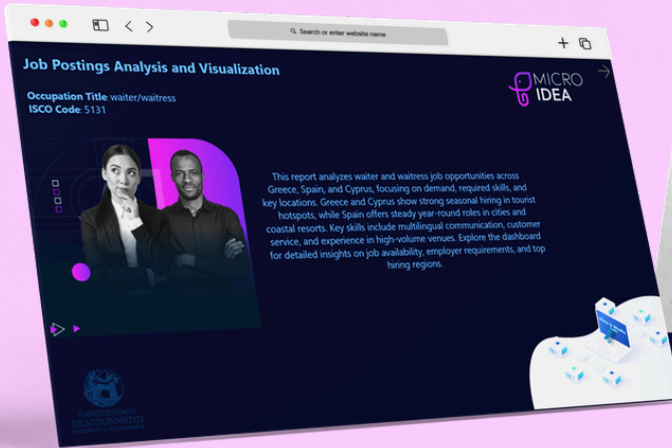
During the visit, meetings were held with:

- Trade Union FTZ & GSEU
- Tertiary & Vocational Education Commission (TVEC)
- Private recruitment agencies (ALFEA representatives)
- Sri Lanka Institute of Tourism & Hotel Management (SLITHM)
- Ministry of Labour officials

Discussions focused on **strengthening skills certification, improving international recognition of qualifications, and supporting safer labour mobility pathways.**



Introducing MICROIDEA Digital Tools



The consortium also presented its AI-powered tools, including:

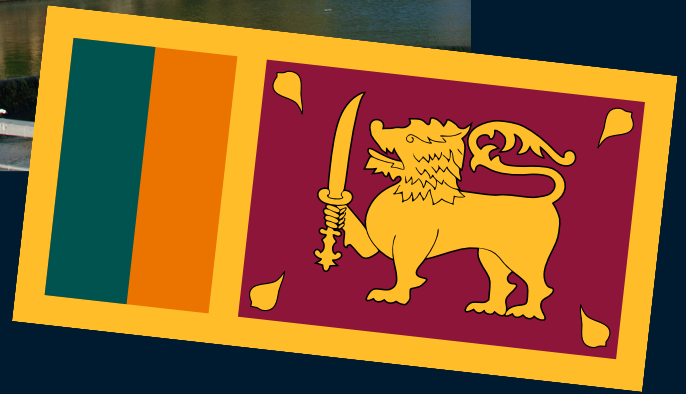
- The job-postings analysis platform, which extracts in-demand skills from labour market data
- The CV analysis and matching tool, which identifies skills gaps and suggests targeted upskilling pathways

These tools shift skills planning from assumption-based to data-driven decision-making.



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A Strategic Step Forward



The Sri Lanka mission confirmed strong interest in innovative certification models and international cooperation in skills development.

By connecting national training systems with ISO/IEC 17024 certification and AI-driven labour market intelligence, MICROIDEA continues to strengthen its role as a bridge between education, certification, and employment.



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MICRO-credentials
Identifying,
Developing, testing and
Assessing innovative approaches

Closing note

The Sri Lanka study visit marked a significant milestone in MICROIDEA's internationalisation strategy. By building structured cooperation beyond Europe and aligning training systems with ISO/IEC 17024 certification, the project strengthens the portability and recognition of micro-credentials across borders.

As we move into the piloting and certification phase in 2026, MICROIDEA continues to connect skills development, labour market intelligence, and quality-assured certification into one coherent pathway.

Stay tuned for the upcoming pilot results and certification milestones.

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