

www.smartskillsproject.eu



What's Inside...

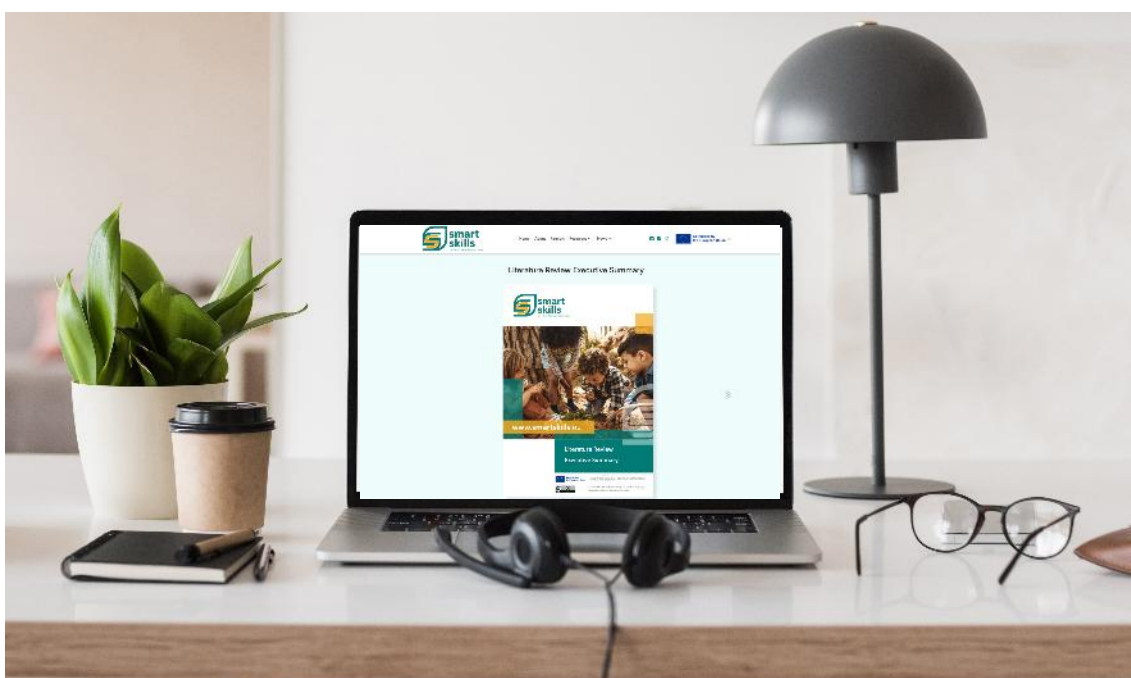
- Progress, What's New and Smart Research
- The Smart Skills Digital Learning Platform
- What We Are Working On Now
- What's Next?

Progress, what's new?

We are delighted to share exciting updates from the Smart Skills project! Since our last newsletter, the consortium has advanced from research and planning into the creation of real learning tools for farmers, educators & rural communities.

Our journey began with **extensive research** that explored the current state of digital skills in agriculture, essential skills for Smart Agriculture, identified key challenges in rural adoption, and highlighted education practices (particularly in VET) from across Europe. This research was compiled into a **comprehensive set of reports** that were published in English, and an **executive summary** was published in all partner languages. These phases of the project provided the evidence base and direction for developing practical, accessible training resources, informed by real-world needs and global trends.

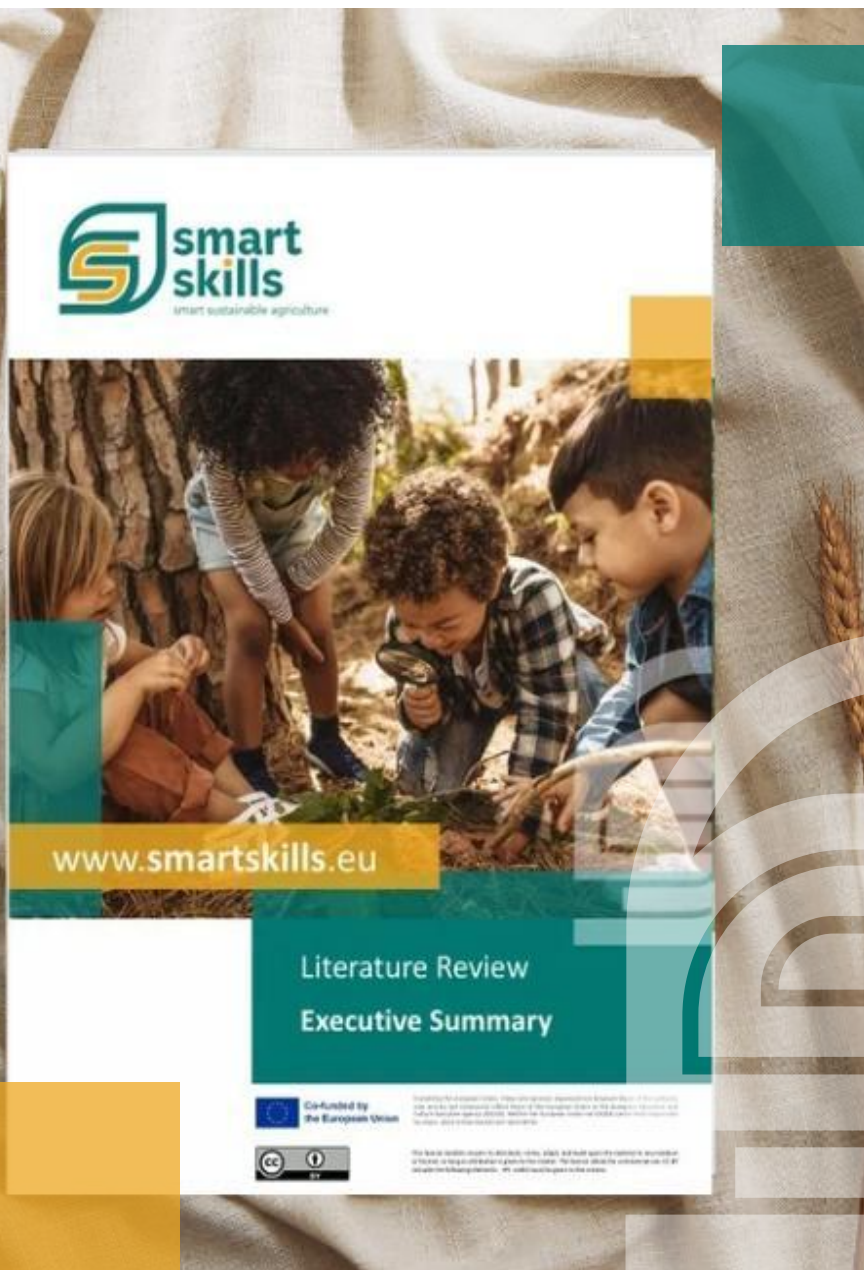
Building on this research, we are proud to launch the **Smart Skills Digital Learning Platform**. The platform hosts **six comprehensive online courses**, each divided into five hands-on modules, designed to strengthen digital competences, promote sustainable practices & support the transition to climate-smart farming. With its microlearning approach, the platform makes it easy for learners to access knowledge anytime, anywhere—whether in the classroom, a hybrid scenario, at home, or directly on the farm.



Smart Research

The Smart Skills project began with in-depth research to understand the challenges and opportunities shaping digital transformation in European agriculture. The resulting **literature review** synthesises findings across five key areas essential for equipping educators, learners, and rural professionals with the knowledge and tools needed for a sustainable future.

This research was a logical follow-up to our Good Practice Guide and served as the foundation for the SMART SKILLS Open Education Resources (OERs), ensuring that our training resources are grounded in real-world evidence and European policy priorities.



What We Explored

Our review focused on five interconnected themes:

1. Educational Approaches in VET
2. Digital Skills in Agriculture
3. Agro-Tech and Sustainability
4. Sustainable Skills for Agriculture
5. The Role of Technology in Agriculture



[Literature Review EN | Smart Skills Project](#)

The Smart Skills Digital Learning Platform

The Smart Skills project has reached an exciting milestone with the launch of the **Smart Skills Digital Learning Platform** – a dedicated space for farmers, educators & rural communities to develop the skills needed for the future of farming

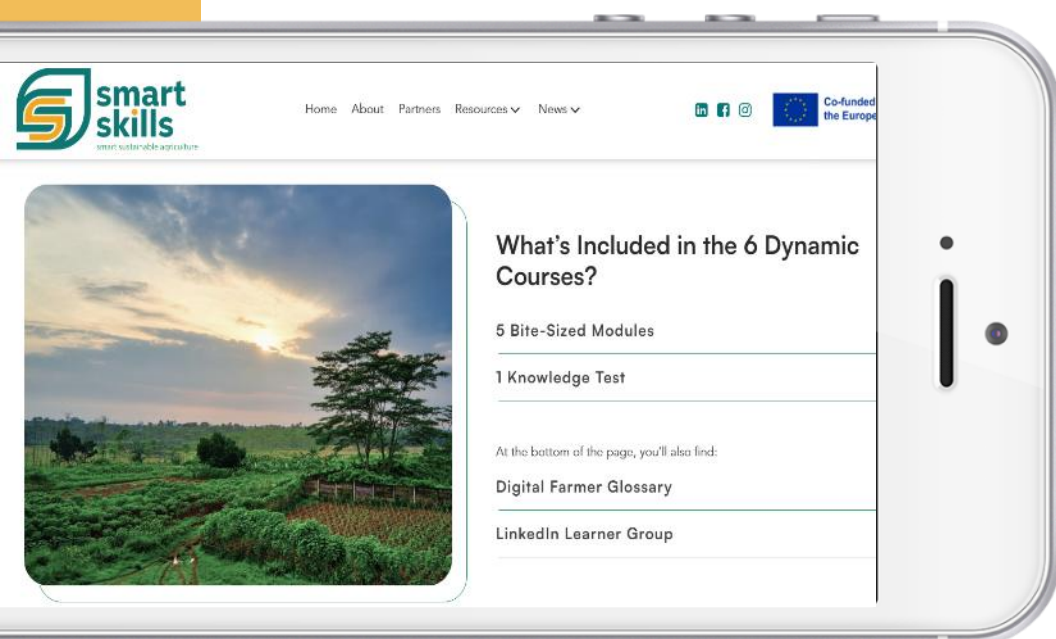
The platform has been designed with flexibility and accessibility at its heart. Learning is delivered through **bite-sized, microlearning modules**, making it easy to fit study around busy agricultural schedules. Each course combines practical knowledge, real-life case studies & interactive resources, ensuring that learners can apply new skills directly to their daily work.

On the platform, you will find:

- ✓ **6 complete online courses**, each with **5 structured modules**
- ✓ Content tailored to real challenges in farming & rural life
- ✓ All modules available as downloadable PowerPoint presentations for use offline or in the classroom
- ✓ Built-in quizzes with every course to support self-assessment and reinforce learning
- ✓ Resources will soon be available in partner languages, ensuring accessibility across Europe
- ✓ A user-friendly interface designed for both desktop & mobile use

Whether you are a farmer seeking to explore climate-smart practices, an educator looking for ready-to-use teaching materials, or a rural professional seeking to enhance your digital skills, the platform provides a practical and engaging entry point.

Start your Learning Journey today: [SMART SKILLS Digital Learning Platform | Smart Skills Project](#)



Bonus features:

- A Digital Farmer Glossary
- [LinkedIn Learner Group](#)

A hand holding a small white wind turbine against a sunset background. The turbine has three blades, one of which is red. The background is a blurred landscape with a sunset sky. A large, stylized 'S' logo is overlaid on the bottom left of the image.

What are we Working on Now?

Following the launch of the Smart Skills Digital Learning Platform, our consortium is now focusing on creating supporting materials to help educators & trainers make the most of these resources.

- **Curriculum Document** – providing a structured framework that outlines how the six courses & their modules can be integrated into vocational education & training programmes. This document will serve as a roadmap for embedding Smart Skills into existing learning pathways.
- **VET Educator's / Trainer's Handbook** – a practical guide designed to support educators in delivering the courses. The handbook will offer tips on how to adapt the materials for different learner groups, guidance on using the downloadable presentations, and advice on incorporating self-assessment quizzes to support engagement & understanding.

These upcoming resources will ensure that the Smart Skills learning materials are available, as well as effectively used in classrooms, workshops & community training settings across Europe.

What's Next?

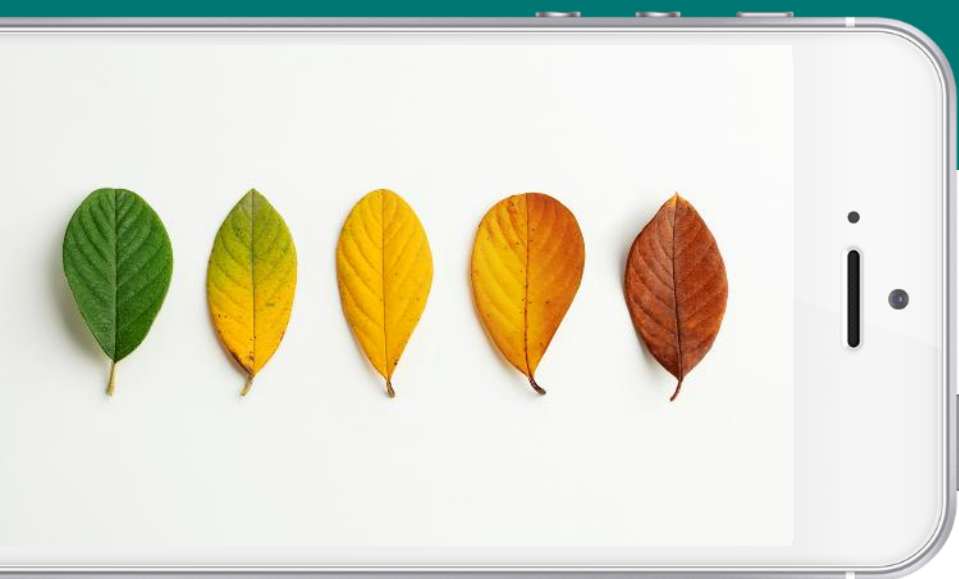
The Work continues. We have recently reached another key landmark with the successful completion of the **piloting phase**. Feedback from experts and educators has been invaluable in refining the Open Educational Resources (OERs) and ensuring that the content is practical, relevant, accessible & impactful.

We are now moving forward with the **translation of all 30 modules** that make up the six courses, making the resources widely accessible across partner regions and ensuring that language is never a barrier to learning.

Looking ahead, our consortium is preparing for the next **Transnational Partner Meeting (TPM)**, which will take place in **Leitrim, Ireland**, hosted by Momentum on **October 7th**. This meeting will mark the start of **Work Package 4 (WP4)**, where we will design and deliver a robust **Train the Trainer programme**.

WP4 will also feature **regional collaboration workshops**, creating opportunities for local trainers and rural stakeholders to engage directly with the Smart Skills approach and ensure the widest possible reach and impact.

Together, these next steps will help us build strong networks of educators and practitioners who can champion smart, sustainable farming practices throughout Europe.





www.smartskillsproject.eu

Follow our journey



Co-funded by
the European Union

Funded by the European Union. Views and opinions expressed are however those of the author(s) only and do not necessarily reflect those of the European Union or the European Education and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA). Neither the European Union nor EACEA can be held responsible for them. 2023-2-PL01-KA220-VET-000178755