



SAGES

SPATIAL ANALYSIS OF GROWTH, ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABLE WELL-BEING

E-NEWSLETTER

The SAGES project explores the determinants of well-being and their implications for sustainable and inclusive development across Europe.

Through interdisciplinary research, innovative measurement frameworks, and stakeholder engagement activities, the project has developed a set of tools and resources to support well-being evidence-based policymaking.



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SPECIAL SESSIONS AND WORKSHOPS

Special session within EURINT 2026 INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE Building tomorrow's Europe: strategies for integration, growth, and resilience

Date: 16 May 2026 | Iasi, Romania

Topics:

- Well-being determinants and measurement across different social and territorial contexts.
- Cultural, institutional, and governance factors shaping individual and regional well-being.
- Development of innovative tools and indicators for assessing well-being in European regions.
- Environmental attitudes, pro-environmental engagement, and behavioral change.
- The relationship between well-being, civic participation, and political behavior.
- Legal and policy frameworks supporting well-being-oriented development.
- Evidence-based approaches for integrating well-being into public policy and decision-making.



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Workshop “**SAGES: research insights and future directions**” within EURINT 2026 INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE Building tomorrow’s Europe: strategies for integration, growth, and resilience

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Topics:

- Conceptual and methodological framework of the Smiley Index.
- Spatial analysis of wellbeing inequalities through the European Atlas of Wellbeing.
- Use of the Smiley Dashboard for evidence-based and place-based policymaking.
- Experimental scenarios and practical tools for policy design and evaluation.
- Applications of SAGES outputs for supporting wellbeing-oriented public policies.



METHODOLOGICAL SEMINAR

08 MAY 2026

Topics approached:

- European internships for students graduates, and young researchers interested in EU careers
- Career guidance and mentorship on traineeship opportunities within EU institutions
- Practical insights into application deadlines, eligibility criteria, and required skills

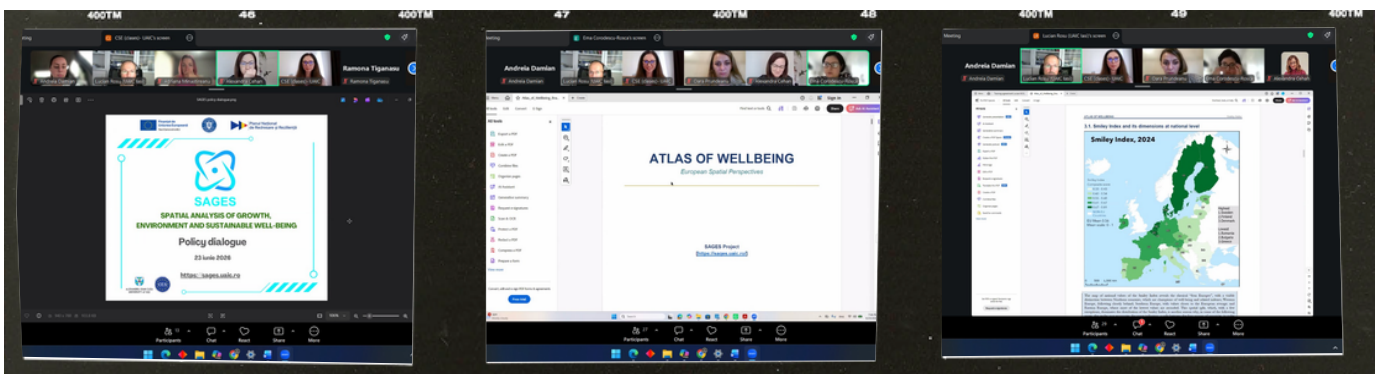


POLICY DIALOGUES

Smiley Dashboard Prototype and Atlas of Wellbeing Presentation
09 February 2026, 23 June 2026

Topics approached:

- Presentation of the Smiley Dashboard prototype developed within the SAGES project
- Presentation of the Atlas of Wellbeing developed within the SAGES project.
- Discussion on usability, accessibility, and practical applications.
- Collection of feedback from academic and non-academic stakeholders.
- Identification of improvements to support the final refinement of the tools.
- Exchange of perspectives between researchers and stakeholders on the use of wellbeing data for policy design and evaluation.





RESEARCH PAPERS

Pascariu, G.C., Stângaciu, O. A., Clincu, M. (2025). EU creative labour markets in times of crises: a comparative assessment of resilience during the economic recession and the COVID-19 pandemic. *Humanities & Social Sciences Communications* <https://doi.org/10.1057/s41599-026-07635-9>

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