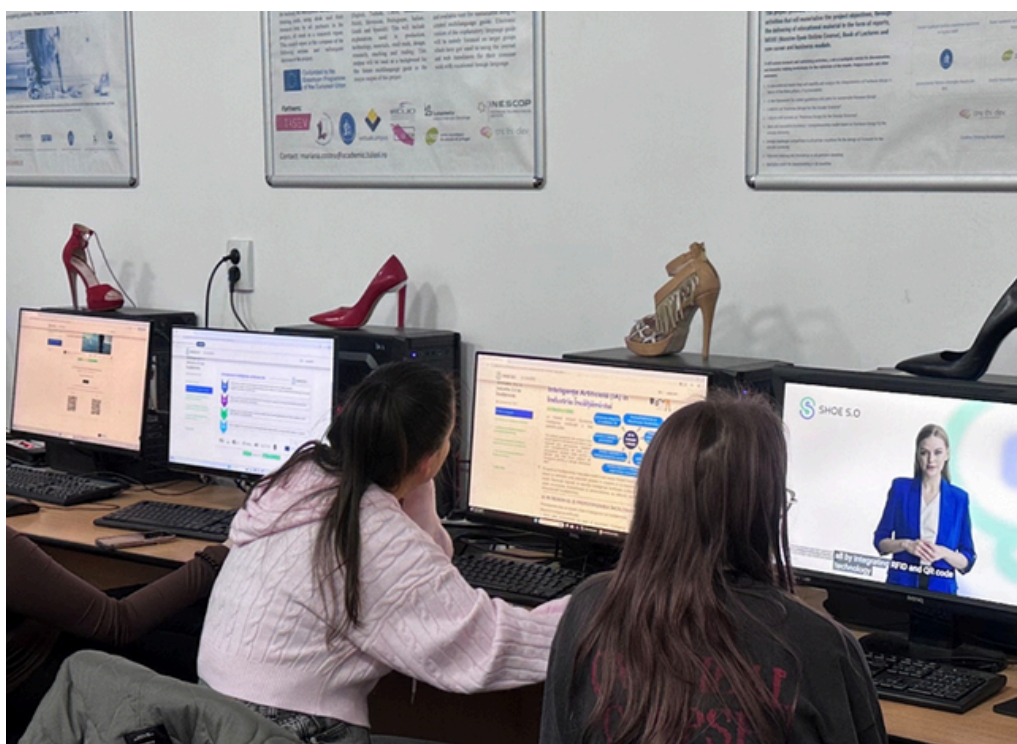


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## TESTING THE FUTURE: SHOE 5.0 PILOT IN MOTION



During spring and summer, the training needs scanning tool and the full training programme were tested by participants across Romania, Spain, Portugal, and Italy. The training programme, made up of 15 learning units, includes a dynamic mix of video content, infographics, interactive lessons, and an accompanying app featuring AR-powered challenges. Alongside this, the training needs scanning tool helped tailor the learning experience to individual needs. Initial feedback from participants has been overwhelmingly positive, highlighting both the innovation and practicality of the tools. In this edition of the newsletter, we take you inside the piloting phase and share firsthand experiences from across Europe.

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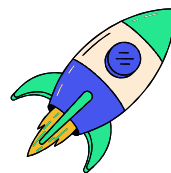


## Piloting in Romania



The pilot phase in Romania was conducted from March to May 2025 in a hybrid format, engaging five groups of participants:

- Professionals, workers, and entrepreneurs – 1 group (online sessions)
- Students and VET trainees – 3 groups (onsite sessions)
- Trainers and teachers – 1 group (online session)



The initial sessions served as an introduction to the Shoe 5.0 project, offering participants an overview of the platform, its objectives, and expected outcomes. Participants then completed the initial training needs scanning tool and created their individual user accounts.

In the following sessions, selected Units of Learning Outcomes (ULOs) from the Shoe 5.0 platform were presented and discussed. Participants also engaged with the AR-powered mobile app challenges, while some content was explored through self-paced learning.

To conclude the pilot, participants filled out a feedback questionnaire and received a certificate of completion for the modules they engaged with.



### Participants:

#### 64 registered users:

- 10 professionals, workers, entrepreneurs
- 42 students, VET trainees
- 12 trainers, teachers, coaches



## Comment from a participant



**"I am very happy to learn about footwear in such an interactive way! The content and AR challenges helped me understand the industry in a better way."**





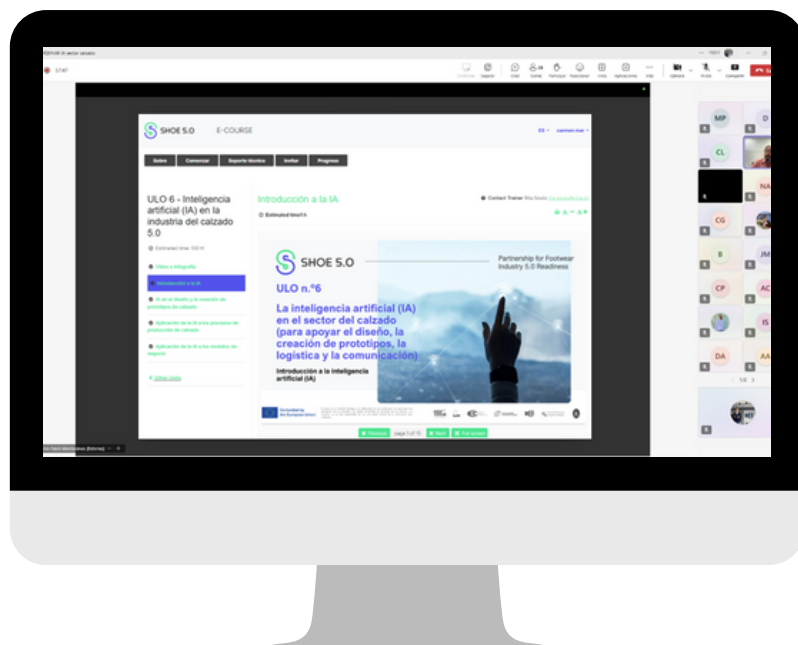
On 17 July 2025, the CTCR hosted a webinar on the application of artificial intelligence to the footwear sector, which also served as the pilot session for the SHOE 5.0 project. Around 25 managers and employees from footwear companies took part, alongside the organisers. In the months before the event, various educational institutions – including VET institutes, design schools and universities – were approached to involve teachers and students.

The session confirmed that companies are highly interested in AI and other Industry 5.0 innovations. However, SMEs often hesitate to adopt these changes due to the associated economic risks. The SHOE 5.0 Training Programme can help bridge this gap, offering a first introduction to Industry 5.0 and guiding businesses in identifying the most relevant applications for their needs.

### Participants:

#### 32 registered users:

- 25 people related to the footwear sector (footwear workers and managers in footwear).
- 7 people related to the education sector (VET and University teachers and trainers).



### Comment from a participant



**"I would love to be part of the initiative. The fact that it is 'at your own pace' suits me perfectly, as I am also involved in other projects that I would not like to give up."**

Are you also interested in trying out the Shoe 5.0 Training Programme? Check it out [here](#). The accompanying Shoe 5.0 app is available to download on both Apple and Android phones.



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