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- **Our Website and Social Media Presence Are Thriving!**

We are pleased to share that the A2FINTECS project website is live and growing steadily (<https://a2fintecs.eu/>), offering updated information about the project objectives, partners, and progress. It serves as a central hub where visitors can learn about our work.

In addition, our presence on LinkedIn and Facebook continues to expand, helping us connect with a wider community of professionals, educators, and SMEs interested in the digital transformation of the financial sector.

We regularly publish updates, including highlights from the recent Transnational Meeting in Nicosia, photos, and other relevant project news.

Follow and share our pages to help us grow our community:

- **Facebook** <https://www.facebook.com/people/A2Fintecs/61575260113638/>
- **LinkedIn** <https://www.linkedin.com/company/a2fintecs/>

Let's keep building visibility and engagement across all our channels!

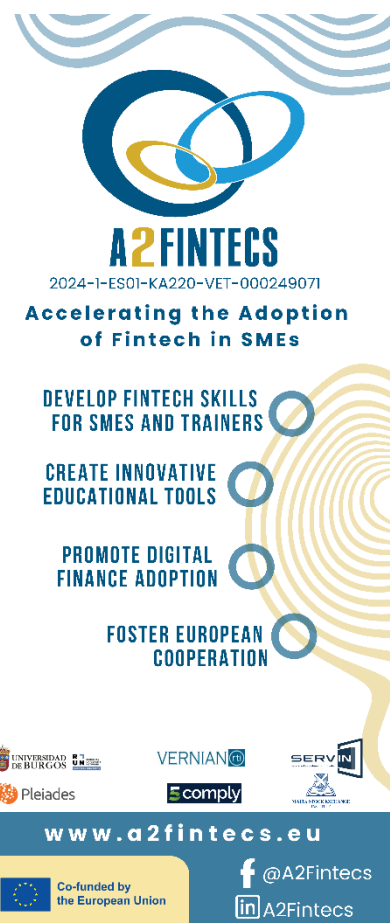
- **New Communication Materials Ready!**

We are excited to announce that the official poster and roll-up banner for the A2FINTECS Project are now available!

These materials, designed by Servin in their role as leader of communication and dissemination, will be used across all partner events, multiplier activities, and pilot sessions to visually represent the project and spread awareness of our goals.

Have a look at our brand-new visuals!

We hope all partners find them useful in their upcoming local events and communication actions.



- **Work Package 2: Progressing Steadily on the Capability Building Framework**

We are pleased to share that WP2 is progressing steadily across its main activities. The market research surveys are currently active in all partner countries and will remain open until September 30. All partners are encouraged to continue dissemination efforts, especially to reach SMEs.

At the same time, the Competency Framework and the alignment with European standards are already in advanced stages. Two levels of learning have been agreed upon low-medium and medium-high corresponding to levels 4–5 and 5–6 of the European Qualifications Framework.

The curriculum development phase is at its most important stage, with 13 modules approved and assigned among partners. These are expected to be completed by October 11, at which point a joint review meeting will be held to consolidate the content.

Looking ahead, the team is preparing for the implementation of the Pilot Program and the Stakeholder Feedback activities. These will be coordinated closely to ensure a smooth rollout in the upcoming months.

- **Updates on Work Package 3 – Skills Mapping & Implementation Methodology**

WP3 is gradually taking shape as we begin to align our project outputs with the practical application needs of learners and trainers.

The Skills Mapping Tool is currently being defined and will be based on the finalized competencies from WP2. A levelling questionnaire will be designed to help assess users' knowledge before they begin the course. A coordination meeting between Vernian and UBU is planned to clarify the main steps forward.

Progress has also started on the Sector-Specific Implementation Guides, focusing on the three key sectors agreed in the kick-off meeting: retail banking, investment, and insurance. These guides will define relevant module itineraries for each sector.

Meanwhile, the structure of the Work-Based Methodology is beginning to take shape, an initial example module has already outlined the approach. Key elements, such as the use of certificates, integration of real-life projects, and case studies, are already being considered. Discussions are still open regarding certification formats and content delivery options.

- **Upcoming Event: “Family Finance and Fintech” – UBU Participation**

On Friday, September 26, the University of Burgos will take part in a public event titled *“How to manage family finances and not die trying”* organized by La Estación de la Ciencia y la Tecnología as part of the European Researcher's Night. The event is aimed at families and will be held in person.

UBU will introduce a board game designed to teach financial literacy and the role of Fintech in our daily lives. This fun and educational activity aims to engage participants of all ages, from children to adults, helping families better understand how digital financial tools and concepts can support their everyday decisions, from budgeting to saving and investing.

This initiative reflects the core mission of the A2FINTECS project: promoting accessible, practical financial education across Europe. The game format makes abstract concepts tangible and enjoyable, and serves as a pilot experience for broader outreach activities within the project.

• A Fruitful Transnational Meeting in Nicosia

On September 11, all partners of the A2FINTECS project gathered in Nicosia, Cyprus, for our 2nd Transnational Project Meeting hosted by Vernian at the European University of Cyprus.



The meeting was a rich and collaborative exchange that allowed us to review the progress made across the project's work packages and plan the next steps ahead. Discussions covered:

- The preparation of the intermediate report and coordination tasks under WP1, including communication strategies, event participation and project visibility materials (poster and roll-up).
- The ongoing development of the A2FINTECS Capability Building Framework under WP2, including survey progress, curriculum development and plans for the upcoming pilot programs.
- Initial steps and planning for WP3, focused on the skills mapping tool and sector-specific learning pathways.
- Early preparations for the digital learning platform under WP4, especially with regard to technical requirements and content integration.

Key decisions were taken around curriculum deadlines, survey closure, pilot structure and methodological coherence. The meeting also set the stage for the next transnational gathering, scheduled for February 2026 in Athens, to be hosted by Pleiades. The exact date will be set in the coming weeks.

Above all, the event was a great opportunity to strengthen the bonds among partners, exchange ideas in an open and constructive atmosphere, and ensure alignment as we move into the next phases of the project.

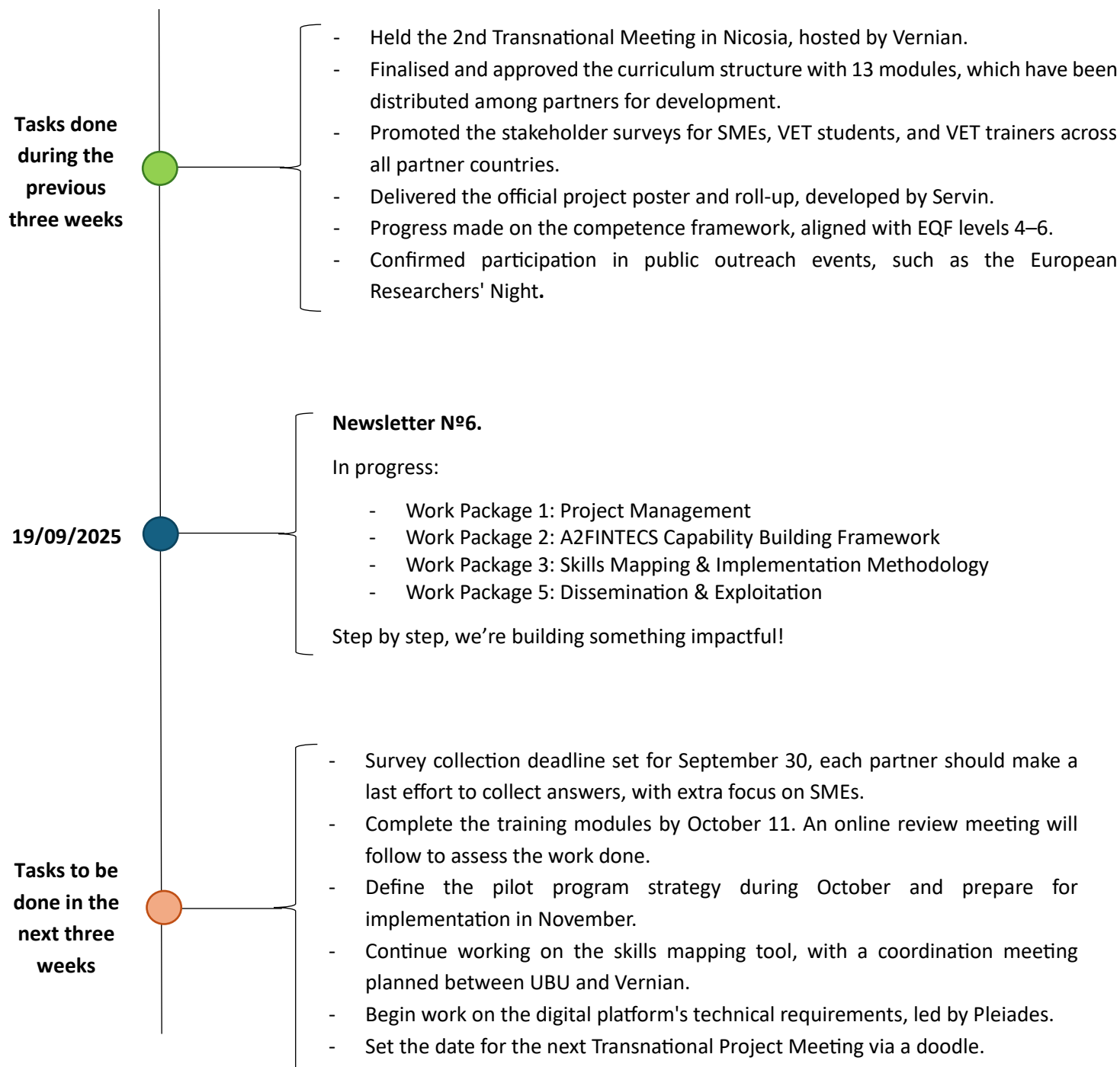
Thank you to everyone involved!

- **Links of interest on news related to FINTECH**

- *Banker vs Bot: How AI is changing four Wall Street Jobs.* <https://www.businessinsider.com/ai-shape-4-investment-banking-careers-ecm-dcm-advisory-trading-2025-8>
- *Fintech On The Front Line: We Need More Innovation, More Resilience.* <https://www.forbes.com/sites/davidbirch/2025/08/25/fintech-on-the-front-line-we-need-more-innovation-more-resilience/?ss=fintech>
- *US Crypto Adoption on the Rise Following 'Regulatory Momentum': Chainalysis.* <https://finance.yahoo.com/news/us-crypto-adoption-rise-following-120103061.html?guccounter=2>
- *IMF explores solutions to some of stablecoin's challenges.* <https://www.ledgerinsights.com/imf-explores-solutions-to-some-of-stablecoins-challenges/>

• Current status of the Project

The following is a non-exhaustive list of the main tasks that have been carried out in the 3 weeks prior to this Newsletter, those currently in progress, and those to be carried out in the next 3 weeks.



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