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**CLIMB update: research is progressing
and training design is starting**

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four months into the project, CLIMB is moving deeper into its first phase: research and evidence building the foundation that will guide the next steps and project outputs.

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Research progress: where we are now

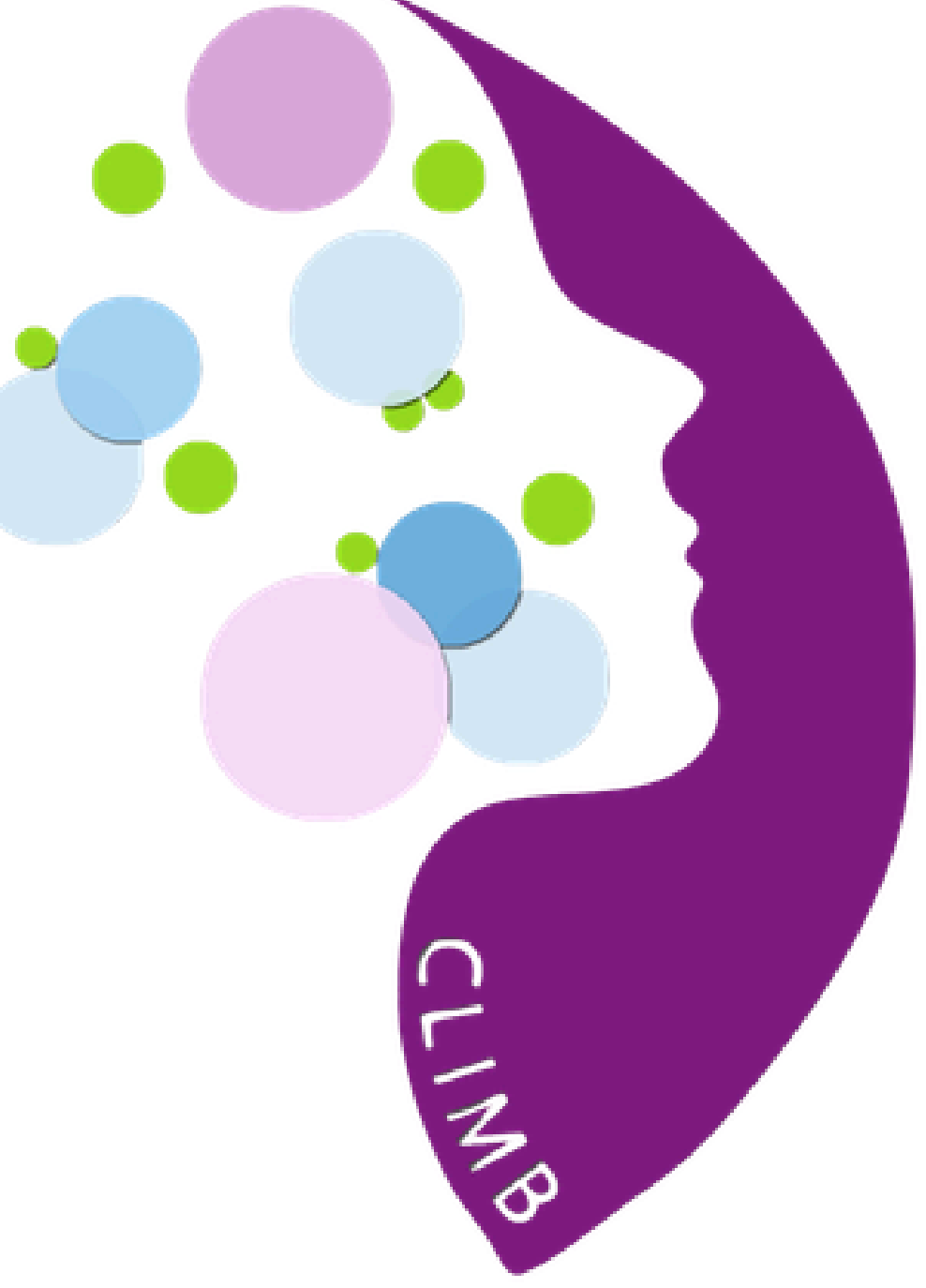
Over these months, the partnership has worked on collecting and structuring evidence: mapping relevant sources and practices, engaging with local stakeholders, and preparing the research workflow to capture real needs and barriers. The objective is to translate this evidence into actionable guidance: what helps women start and grow businesses in rural and inner areas, what obstacles are most recurrent, and which support mechanisms prove most effective.



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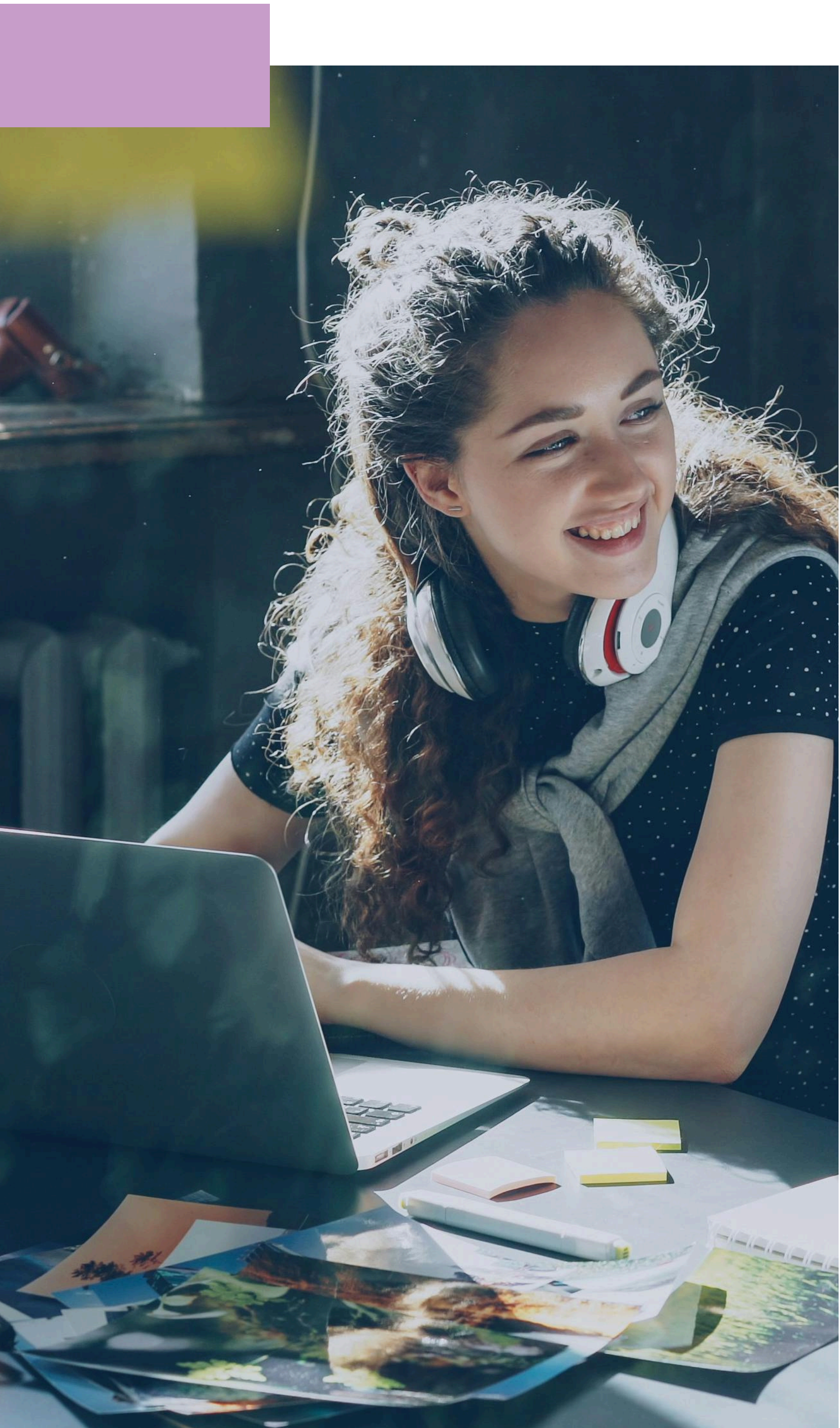


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Emerging themes: barriers and opportunities

While the analysis is ongoing, early insights highlight recurring themes that we are exploring further, such as access to services and networks, confidence and local support, entrepreneurial and digital skills, work-life balance constraints, and opportunities linked to local value chains, responsible tourism, proximity services and social innovation. These insights will shape the structure and priorities of the training phase.

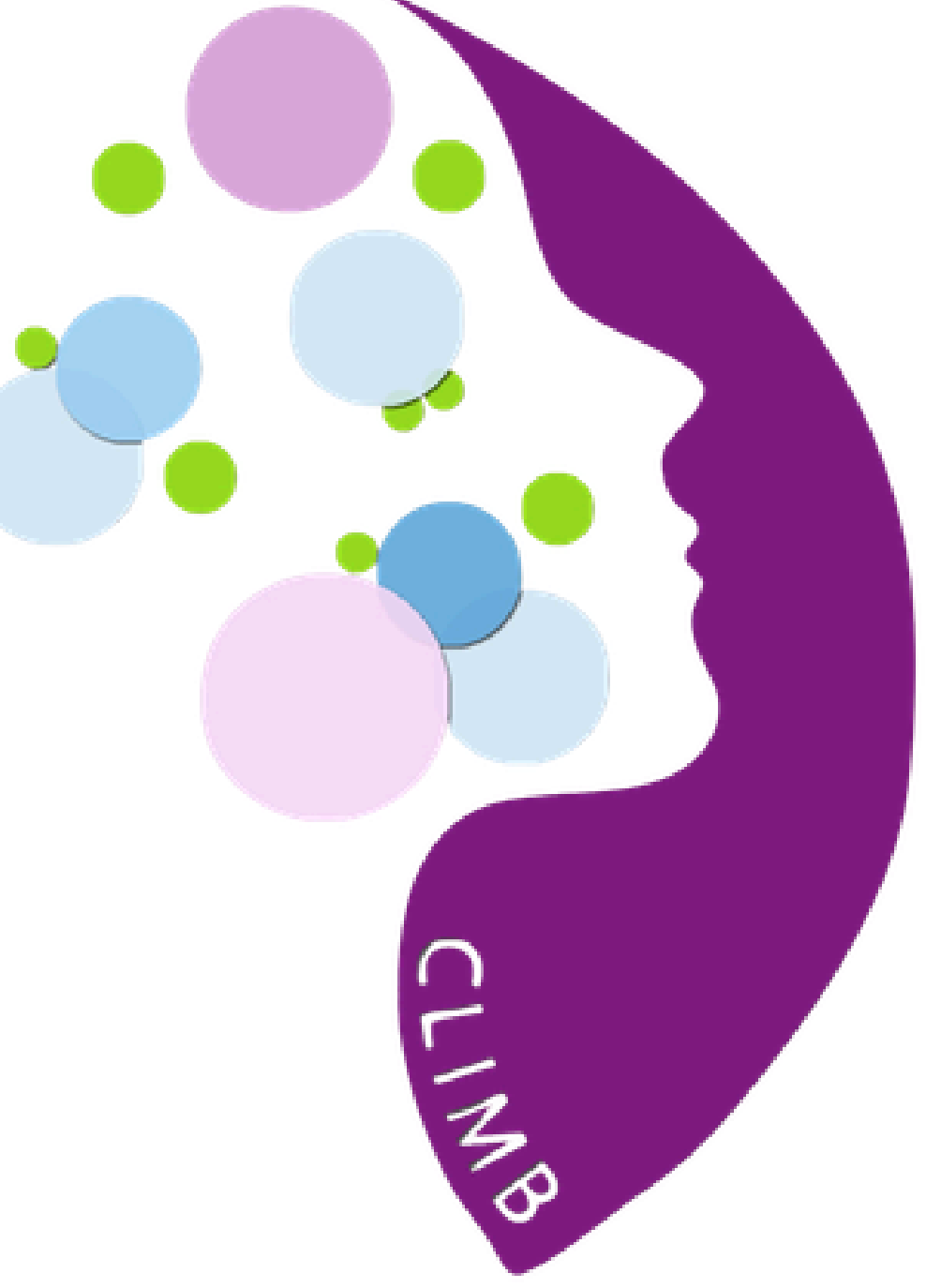


Starting the training phase: what we are preparing

Building on the research work, the project is now beginning the overview and co-design of training modules for women who aspire to become entrepreneurs in rural and inner areas. The aim is to develop resources that are practical, accessible and testable through piloting.

In parallel, the project's digital component continues to develop: the Digital Learning Hub will host the training modules and support community features (peer exchange, networking and mentorship), helping ensure continuity and scalability of the results.





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Next updates

In the next period we will share updates on:

1. progress towards the first analysis report,
2. the structure and focus of the training modules, and
3. the next milestones of the platform and engagement activities.
4. 2nd international project meeting in Thessaloniki

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