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The issue opens with the second part of a monographic section, edited and introduced by **Francesco Giubileo** and **Gianluca Scarano**, on **active labour market policies**. **Massimo De Minicis** and **Francesco Giubileo** provide an overview of the complex **reform** process that led to the **involvement of private providers in the implementation of active labour policies** in Italy. The essay by **Dan Finn** reviews policies and research findings from the **United Kingdom** on the **procurement of contracted-out employment services**. Drawing on Cedefop's classification, the article by **Lucia Tardani** outlines the **main existing methods and tools for skills needs anticipation**, with a particular emphasis on those adopted by European Public Employment Services (PES). **Giovanna Linfante**, **Debora Radicchia**, and **Enrico Toti** analyse the implementation process of the **Workers' Employability Guarantee Programme (GOL)**, paying particular attention to the profiling of beneficiaries, territorial differences in the organisation of employment services, and the timeliness of the start of active policy measures. **Vanessa Lupo**, **Debora Radicchia**, and **Enrico Toti** examine the **state of implementation of the GOL programme**, focusing on the temporal evolution of active labour policies and on the territorial disparities in the implementation of the measures. Starting from the content that emerges from regional operational strategies for the implementation of the GOL programme, the essay by **Gianluca Scarano** focuses on three crucial areas of investment: a) **strengthening information systems**; b) **user profiling**; and c) **forecasting employment needs**. Next is the contribution by **Leonardo Evangelista** and **Simona Satta**, which focuses on the **role of generative artificial intelligence platforms in guidance activities**. The monographic section ends with an essay by **Federica Deyme**, which analyses the **organisational evolution of Agenzia Piemonte Lavoro (APL)** over the five-year period from 2020 to 2025.

Next is the contribution by **Paolo Maranzano** and **Roberto Romano**, which investigates the **qualitative and quantitative changes in employment in Italy, France, Germany, and Spain**, starting from **Engel's Law**: the demand for goods and services, as well as inputs, evolves over time.

The issue ends with a contribution by **Emanuele Leonardi** and **Elena Musolino**, which, starting from a comparison between the theoretical premises of **circular economy**, as well as from the debate on its critiques, provides an analysis focusing on the **inclusion of workers (and unions) into the just transition process**, as well as on the importance of ensuring an equitable approach that accounts for the **intersectionality of power dimensions**.

#### **Book Reviews**

**S. Bologna**, *Le mansioni del lavoratore tra garantismo e liberalizzazione* (by Marina Brollo)

**R. Bellofiore**, *La passione della ragione. Scienza economica e teoria critica in Claudio Napoleoni* (by Laura Pennacchi)