

S3 Community of Practice (S3 CoP)

S3 CoP Working Group on Innovation Diffusion

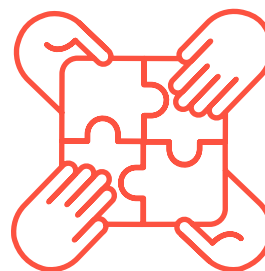
Overall objective

The main purpose of this Working Group is four-fold:

- to collect and document existing knowledge and good practices;
- to identify common needs, problems and challenges;
- to co-develop with the regions potential solutions (new approaches, policies, instruments, and coordination mechanisms);
- to support and monitor the deployment of solutions and adapt them to regional specificities.

Approach

The activities of the WG will follow a bottom-up, iterative and peer learning approach to facilitate exchanges of experience and knowledge among regional stakeholders. Special focus will be placed on the regional institutional context.



Main focus

The **two main implementation challenges** selected for this WG are: **lack of systemic approach and weak articulation of the demand for innovation and for innovation support services**. The discussions will be framed considering the **four key issues** for the success of smart specialisation strategies:

- The adoption of new technologies, innovations, business practices and digital tools across the business population (and especially among SMEs) from leading firms to those lagging behind.
- Collaboration between universities and RTOs and the local business community.
- Knowledge spillovers and innovation diffusion channels between large firms and indigenous smaller enterprises.
- The role of innovation agencies and other public bodies in facilitating knowledge flows.

Visit the [website](#) for more information.

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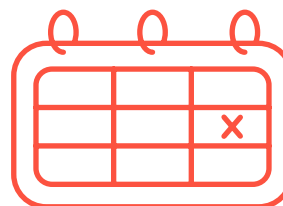
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Scheduled meetings:

Kick off **June 2023**

1st WG meeting **September 2023**

2nd WG meeting **November 2023**

2 WG meetings **in 2024**

2 WG meetings **in 2025**

Expected outputs:

Concept note, input notes, policy briefs, webinars, summary of the WG's meetings.