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- **Catherine Wendt -** Head of Unit for Smart and Sustainable Growth, DG REGIO, European Commission
- **Fernando Marida -** Member of the Cabinet of the Secretary for Innovation, Spanish Ministry for Science and Innovation
- **Aleix Cubells -** General Director of European Funds of the Catalan Government
- **Thomas Wobben -** Director of Legislative Works for the COTER, ECON and SEDEC commissions, Committee of the Regions

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Presentation of the latest Developments in the S3 Community of Practice

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S3CoP: an overview

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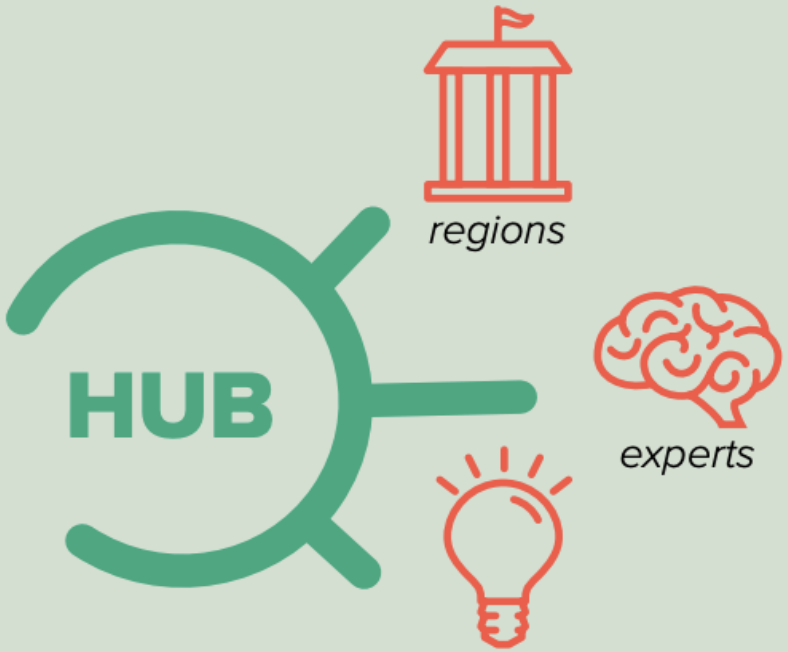
S3 COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE

The S3 Community of Practice in a nutshell

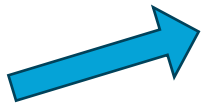


The **Smart Specialisation Community of Practice** (S3 CoP) is the central node on guidance, networking, support and peer-learning on Smart Specialisation Strategies, covering its conceptual development and its implementation.

Services

S3 Expert Group

Working Groups



S3 Events

S3 CoP Website

Policy reflection	Policy support	Community engagement

Targeted support to regions

Thematic Platform and Partnerships

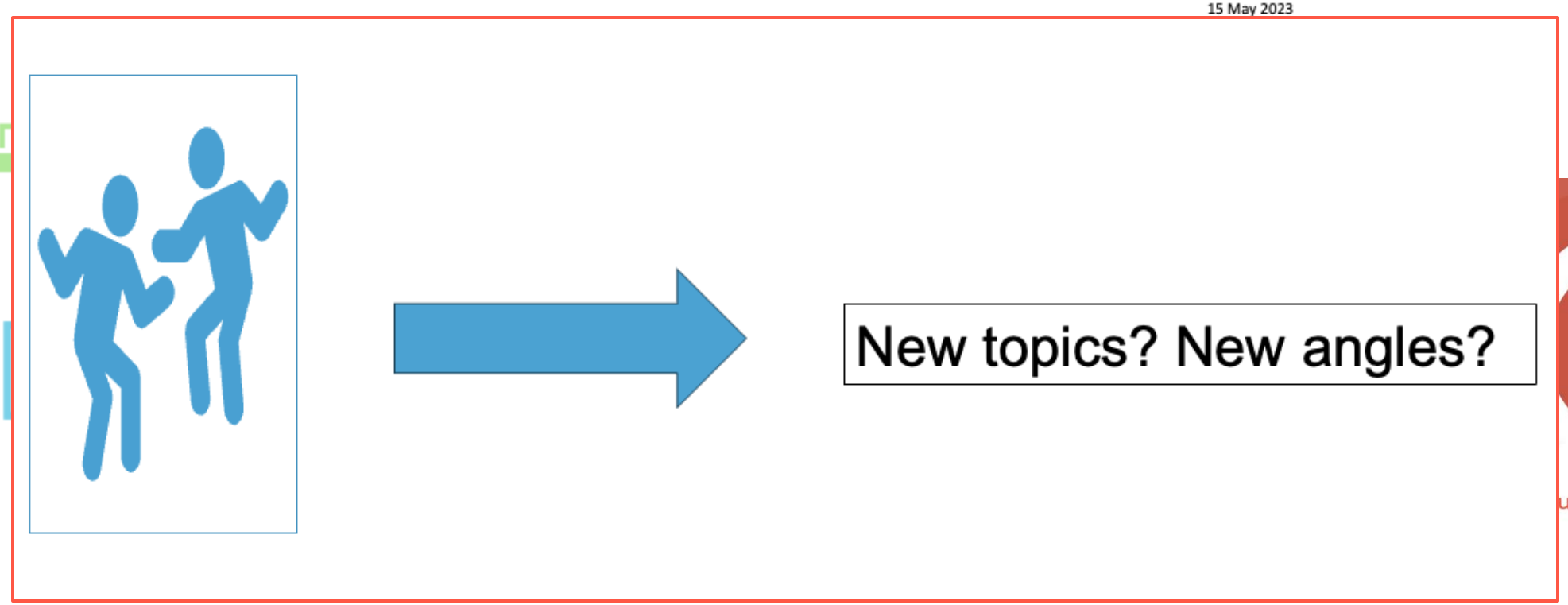
Expert group

Expert group

Meetings

Feb/Sept 2023

Twice per year



Working Groups: purposes

The main purpose of each Working Group is to...

- Collect and document existing knowledge and good practices
- Identify common needs, problems and challenges
- Co-develop with the regions potential solutions
- Create a process of successful implementation of those solutions tailored to the particularities of each region

Working Groups: challenges

Interregional Collaboration

- **Building capacity for interregional cooperation**

Innovation Diffusion:

- **Lack c**
- **Weak**

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- **Under**
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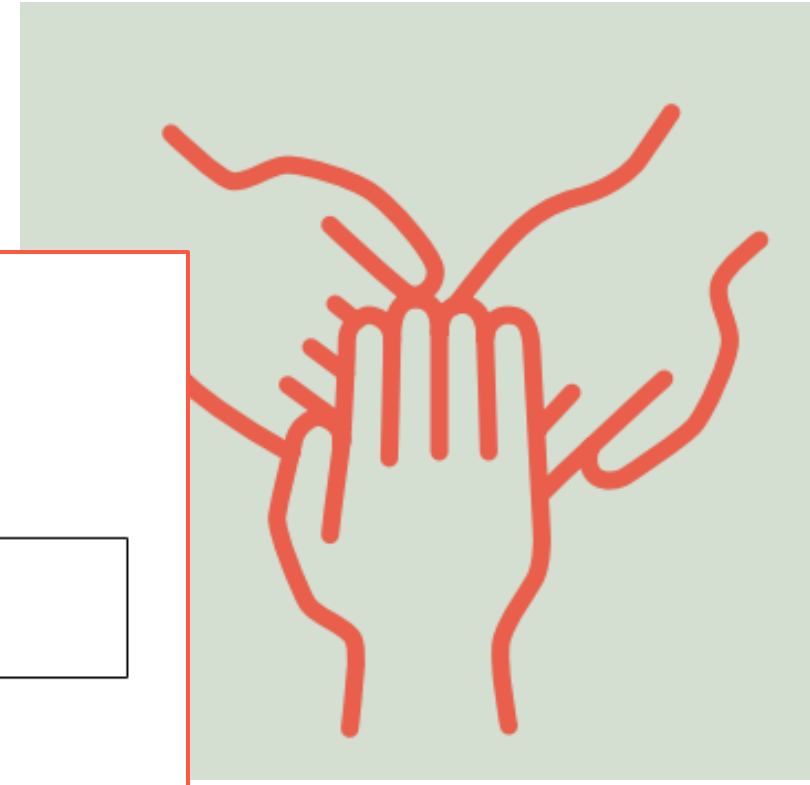
Parallel sessions, feedbacks, webinars



Targeted Support

Ad-hoc expert support

30 assignments

3 publications

Flexible and demand-led

Support in articulating needs

Matching expert from EU wide pool

Focus on implementation:

Visits to the region

Meetings/Workshops with stakeholders

Analysis of the situation

Recommendations and guidelines

Targeted Support

Support to Entrepreneurial Discovery Process

Support to S3 Governance

Support to monitoring and evaluation

Understanding current gaps for interregional cooperation

Applications open on a rolling basis

Support to the integration of clusters in Smart Specialisation

Website and communication

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🤝 Targeted support, one of the services offered by the #S3CoP, aims to provide tailored guidance and support to regions to design and implement their #SmartSpecialisation Strategy.

If interested, make sure to express your interest before 30/09 🚨
tinyurl.com/59uauw52

S3: An Introduction

The European Commission has long recognised that research and innovation are key for sustainable and smart economic transformation. In the current programming programming period, such committement has become stronger and clearer, as it is clearly embedded in the "Policy Objective 1" of the European Regional Development Fund.

A smarter Europe by promoting innovative and smart economic transformation.

Smart Specialisation is considered essential to deliver this objective. This is why, increased emphasis is placed on having good governance for regional and national S3s, ensuring that strategies do not remain abstract documents, and that mechanisms and instruments are in place to reach and engage the territory.

Learn more >

Innovation diffusion

S3 Governance

Monitoring

Evaluation

Entrepreneurial discovery

Strengthening innovation systems

Industrial transitions

Interregional collaboration

S3 Observatory

Filter by

Keywords

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European Innovation Ecosystem

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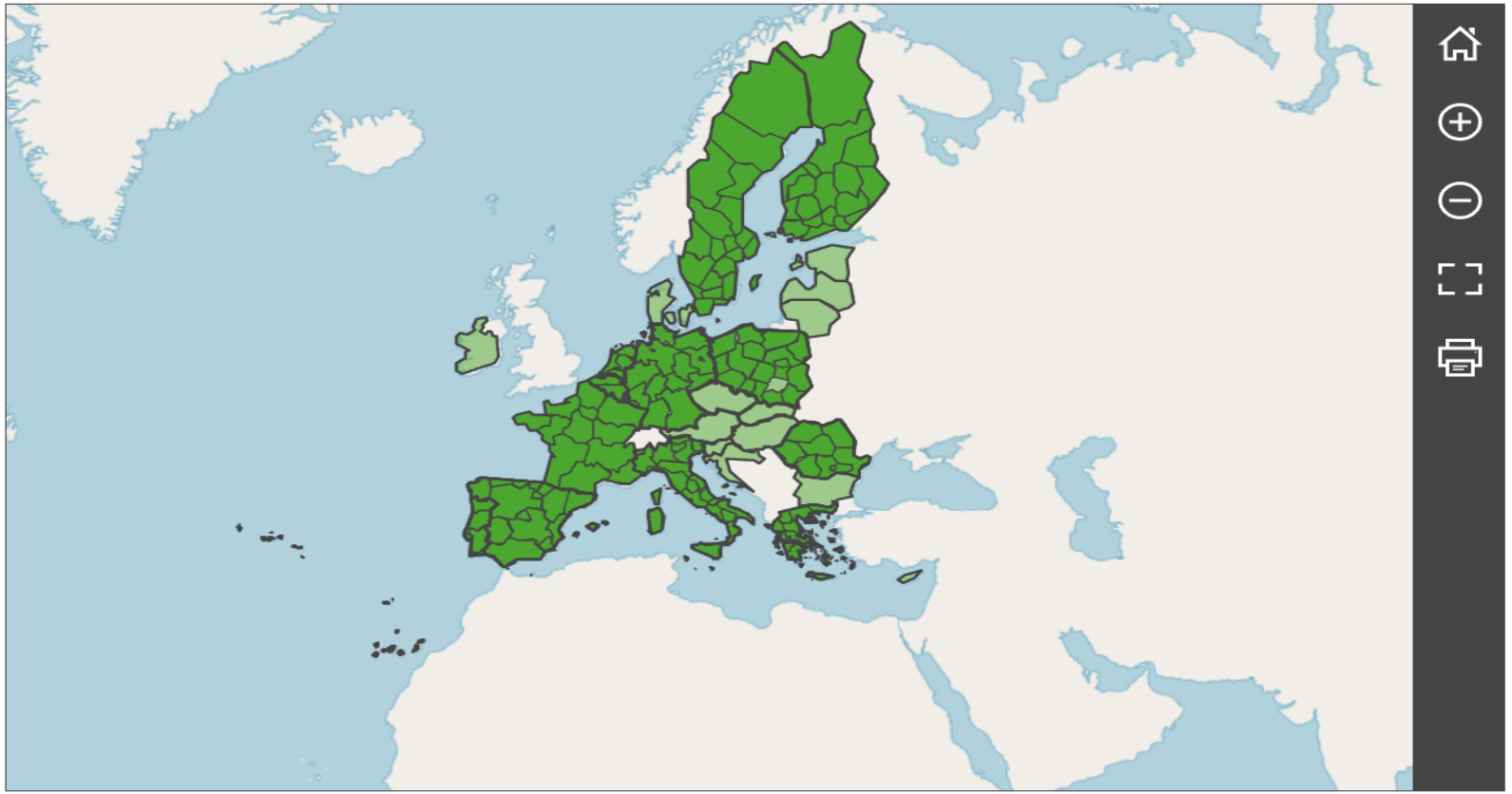

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S3 Observatory: Agrifood

Link to the profile

Link to priorities and keywords

Link to the strategy:

Region name (NUTS ID)	Priority	Strategy
+ Walloon (BE3)	FutureAgri-Food chains and innovative management of the environment (Sustainable farming,ecosystem services,food traceability,biodiversity conservation)	Smart Specialisation Strategy of Wallonia 2021-2027
+ Croatia (HR)	Sustainable and circular food (Sustainable management,sustainable development,agriculture,mariculture,forestry)	Smart Specialisation Strategy 2029
+ Cyprus (CY)	Ecosystems: agrifood, renewable energy, maritime and shipping (Farming equipment,farming tools,agroecology principles,ship ownership,ship management,shipping insurance)	Cyprus Smart Specialisation Strategy 2030

Regional and country profiles

Download the full document about Catalonia

PDF document

Spain

Catalonia(English)

Cataluña(National language)

NUTS Level: NUTS 2 - NUTS CODE/MS:ES51

Statistics

- Area: 32110 km2
- Population: 7679192
- GDP at current prices (M EUR): 229417.94
- GDP per capita at current prices (EUR): 31700
- % of National GDP: No information available.
- % of Unemployment: 9.7%
- Regional GERD (%): 1.51 %

Thematic platforms and partnership

Industrial Modernisation

Wireless ICT	Partner	More info →
Water Smart Territories	Partner	More info →
CLUSSPORT (SPORT & VITALITY)	Partner	More info →
Smart Regional Investments in Textile Innovation	Partner	More info →
Photonics	Partner	More info →
Medical Technologies	Partner	More info →
Hydrogen Valleys S3 Partnership	Partner	More info →

Ecosystem label

Aerospace & Defence →	No	Healthcare →	Yes
Agri-food →	No	Mobility, Transport & Automotive →	Yes
Construction →	No	Proximity Economy →	No

Contact points

Name	Position
Juan Luis Aparicio Romero	Generalitat de Catalunya

Scientific classification - NABS digit 1 and 2

- 8 - Agriculture 6 - Industrial production and technology
  - : 06.57 - Manufacture of computer, electronic and optical products

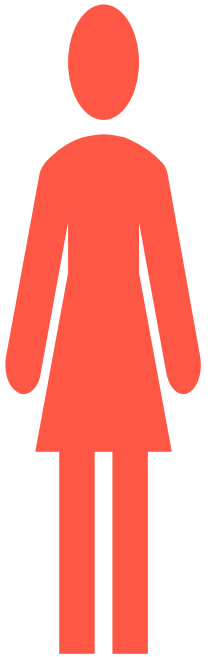
Economic classification - Nace section and division

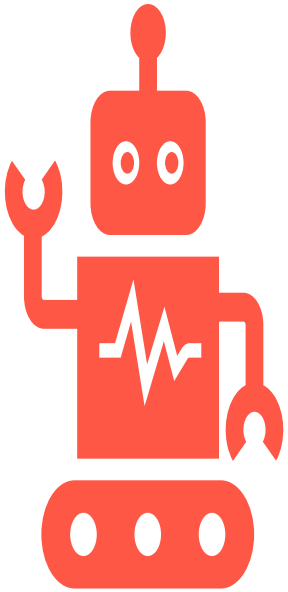
- A - Agriculture, forestry and fishing
  - A.01 - Crop and animal production, hunting and related service activities
  - A.02 - Forestry and logging
  - A.03 - Fishing and aquaculture

AI with a human in the loop

AI is great, but you never know…

Process required human intervention





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Thematic Platforms and Thematic Smart Specialisation Partnerships

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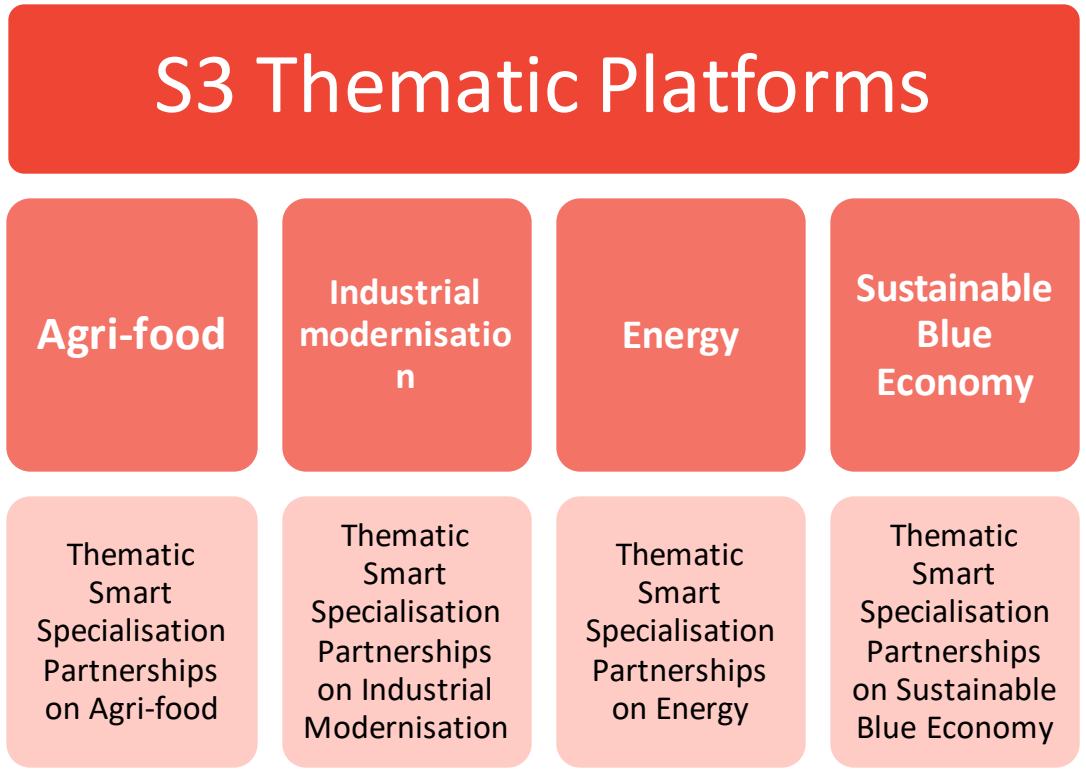


- **4 S3 Thematic Platforms**
  - Collaborative network of strategic Thematic Smart Specialisation Partnerships
  - Promoting complementarity of regional funding for innovation in S3 areas
- **38 Thematic Smart Specialisation Partnerships (TSSPs)**
  - Initiate and explore new value chains in specific priority areas
  - Actors: committed regions, cluster organisations, businesses and innovation actors as well as civil society (quadruple helix)
- **Involving 191 unique regions**

Benefits of interregional collaboration

- Participation in interregional collaboration through TSSPs requires **clear scope of activities** based on a **shared interests in their smart specialisation strategies**, as well as **strong regional commitment** together with the involvement of the **quadruple helix**.
- Benefits of participation include:
  - **Access to resources, skills, knowledge, and capabilities** that do not necessarily exist within their own regional ecosystem
  - **Support SME innovation through the 'test before invest' mechanism**
  - Being able to position one's knowledge among other regions **increase the credibility and support** in one's own region

Services offered by the S3 CoP Secretariat

Training and capacity building on interregional collaboration (incl. **support for community backing)**

Governance

(Re)Scoping

Mapping

Smart Partnering

Funding, finance, and investment assistance

Demonstration

Scale-up and commercialisation

Phases of support

Phase 1

- Starting October 2023

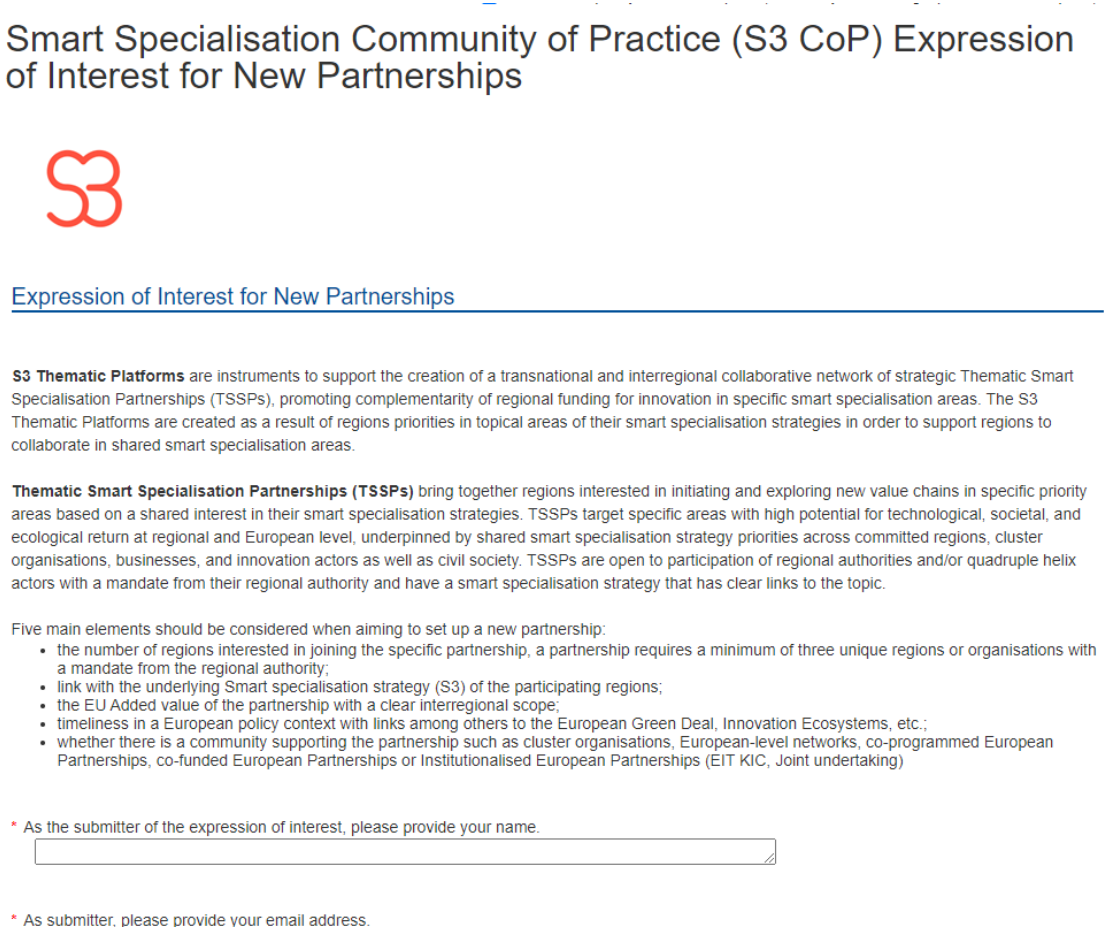
Phase 2

- Starting April 2024

Phase 3

- Starting 2025

Call for expression of interest for new partnerships



Smart Specialisation Community of Practice (S3 CoP) Expression of Interest for New Partnerships

Expression of Interest for New Partnerships

S3 Thematic Platforms are instruments to support the creation of a transnational and interregional collaborative network of strategic Thematic Smart Specialisation Partnerships (TSSPs), promoting complementarity of regional funding for innovation in specific smart specialisation areas. The S3 Thematic Platforms are created as a result of regions priorities in topical areas of their smart specialisation strategies in order to support regions to collaborate in shared smart specialisation areas.

Thematic Smart Specialisation Partnerships (TSSPs) bring together regions interested in initiating and exploring new value chains in specific priority areas based on a shared interest in their smart specialisation strategies. TSSPs target specific areas with high potential for technological, societal, and ecological return at regional and European level, underpinned by shared smart specialisation strategy priorities across committed regions, cluster organisations, businesses, and innovation actors as well as civil society. TSSPs are open to participation of regional authorities and/or quadruple helix actors with a mandate from their regional authority and have a smart specialisation strategy that has clear links to the topic.

Five main elements should be considered when aiming to set up a new partnership:

- the number of regions interested in joining the specific partnership, a partnership requires a minimum of three unique regions or organisations with a mandate from the regional authority;
- link with the underlying Smart specialisation strategy (S3) of the participating regions;
- the EU Added value of the partnership with a clear interregional scope;
- timeliness in a European policy context with links among others to the European Green Deal, Innovation Ecosystems, etc.;
- whether there is a community supporting the partnership such as cluster organisations, European-level networks, co-programmed European Partnerships, co-funded European Partnerships or Institutionalised European Partnerships (EIT KIC, Joint undertaking)

* As the submitter of the expression of interest, please provide your name.

* As submitter, please provide your email address.

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English

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- Concise template
- Open continuously
- Two cut-off dates per year (next **29 March 2024**)
- More information under: https://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/policy/communities-and-networks/s3-community-of-practice/call_partnerships_en

Monitoring Reports – Key Performance Indicators

77

EU projects launched under the partnership

18

EU projects launched in the last six months

1004

Active partners, including universities, technology centres, cluster organisations, and companies engaged

Practicalities

- Coffee break in the patio 10:40 to 11:00

- Parallel session 11:00 to 12:30
  - Complex building
  - 3 Floors

Thanks and let's^3 enjoy the S3 Forum!