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S3 CONFERENCE
#S3Conference

11 & 12 December 2024
Rimini, Emilia-Romagna

Agenda for the S3 Conference 2024

Title of the event	S3 Conference 2024
Date of the event	11-12 December 2024
Location of event	**Palacongressi di Rimini,** Via della Fiera, 23, 47923 Rimini RN

Day 1: 11 December 2024

S3 Conference programme

The S3 Conference is open to all participants. Plenaries will be livestreamed.

TIMING (in CET)	SESSIONS
8:30 – 9:00	**Registration and welcome coffee**
9:00 - 9:15	Welcome and introductions
9:15 – 9:25	Updates from the S3 Community of Practice
9:25 – 10:45	Panel on the future of place-based industrial transition and innovation support
10:45 – 11:15	**Coffee break**
11:15 – 12:30	**Breakout session I**
	Parallel 1: Funding instruments and their synergies
	Parallel 2: S3 governance and reforms
	Parallel 3: S3 Monitoring and Evaluation
	Parallel 4: Governance and management of interregional collaboration
12:30 – 13:45	**Lunch break**
13:45 – 15:15	**Breakout Session II**
	Parallel 5: Industrial Transition: Competitiveness, Security, Sovereignty
	Parallel 6: S3 Implementation in regions and Innovation Diffusion
	Parallel 7: Skills and capacity for S3: where we stand and challenges
	Parallel 8: Regional Innovation Valleys (RIVs): objectives and the way ahead
15:15 – 15:45	**Coffee Break**
15:45 – 17:00	**Interactive Breakout Session III for all participants:** Interregional collaboration, RIVs and the 5 burning challenges: Achieving circularity; Digital transformation; Food security; Improving healthcare; Reduce fossil fuels
17:00 – 17:30	**Closing section**
18:00 – 20:30	**Dinner and networking**

Day 2: 12 December 2024

S3 Thematic Platforms Steering Committee meeting

This event is primarily intended for the lead and partner regions of the S3 Thematic Platforms but is also open to participants interested in the work of the Thematic Smart Specialisation Partnerships (TSSPs). There will be no live streaming.

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8:30 - 9:00	Registration and welcome coffee
9:00 - 9:15	Welcome and opening
9:15 – 9:30	Presentation on lesson learnt & key insights obtained from monitoring reports
9:30 – 9:50	Welcoming new partnerships
9:50 – 10:00	Transfer into break-out rooms
10:00 – 11:15	Session per S3 Thematic Platform: Agri-food, Energy, Industrial Modernisation, Sustainable Blue Economy
11:15 - 11:30	Coffee break & networking
11:30 - 12:30	Speed dating to get to know the thematic platform specific DGs, create new links and exchange with other partners
12:30 - 14:00	Lunch & networking

Emilia Romagna's S3 in Action

The Role of the Regions for the Future of European Policies: *Engines of Industrial Change and Socio-economic Cohesion*

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TIMING (in CET)	Sessions
14:30 – 14:45	**Welcome and opening address** *Emilia-Romagna Region institutional representatives*
14:45 – 15:45	**Part A** Prospecting the Scene - **How the regions are driving the development of territories between cohesion and competitiveness** *Conversation between 3 high-level influential experts, institutional representatives, academics*
15:45 – 16:45	**Part B** The voice of the Regions - **A shared vision for stronger EU smart place-based policies** *Round table of 5 regional representatives from across Europe, reflecting the diversity of the regions*
16:45 – 17:00	**Session's Concluding remarks** *Representative of European Commission, DG Regio - DG RTD*
17:00 – 18:00	**Happening at the Closure** City of Rimini	**An Imaginative moment to conclude the S3 COP Conference: Rethinking Green and Blue Spaces, the Rimini Blue Lab Experience**
18:00	**A farewell networking cocktail, courtesy of the City of Rimini**