S3 Partnerships & Community of Practice

Opportunities & advantages for SMEs to collaborate in S3 Partnerships

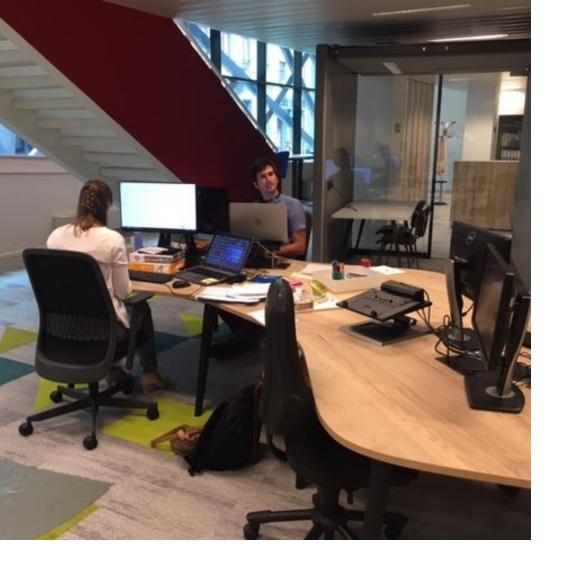
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Our DNA

The distinctive value of IDEA Consult

Research based: independent advice, based on research, facts and figures

Multidisciplinary approach: complementary teams, combining expertise in projects

Future oriented: thinking ahead, solutions that focus on the long term

Excellent partner network

Client centered: combining forces with the client to realise more impact

IDEA applies and connects knowledge to drive sustainable societal progress

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Competitiveness
& Sustainability

Labour Market & Lifelong Learning

Sustainable Development of Cities & Regions

Human Capital for Innovation & Society

Green Economy

Governance and Strategy development

Territorial
Development &
Real Estate





Today

- Overview Smart Specialisation Platforms and Thematic Partnerships
- How it works & benefits
- S3CoP
- Relation to I-3



Overview Thematic Platforms & Partnerships

S3 Thematic Platforms

- Agrifood
- Energy
- Industrial Modernisation
- Sustainable Blue Economy









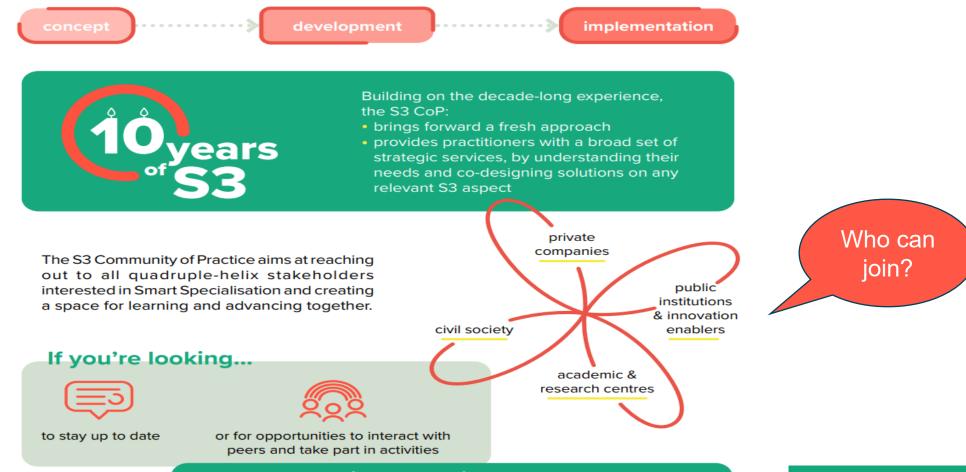
S3 Thematic Partnerships

- Creation of new Partnerships
- Support to existing Partnerships by S3CoP
- SME participation
- Birthplace for projects





Advantages Thematic Platforms & Partnerships



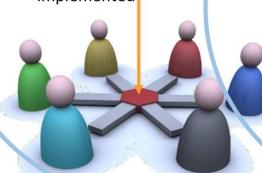


S COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE

How it works

Regional objectives and development projects – capacity building – existing, future

- Smart Specialisation link
- Regional ecosystem actors/cluster.
- Jointly agreed, developed and implemented.



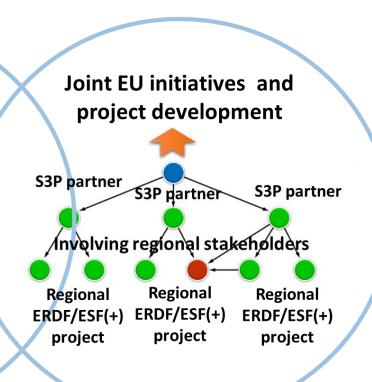
EU interregional collaboration and networking

- Contacts joint ideas
- Trust development
 - Collaboration levels sectors, cross-cutting

Active participation – shared participation

- Complementing
- Developing
- Sharing

→ Joint initiatives





Nature of an S3 Partnership

Objectives

Collaboration among regions & SMEs based on common:



Impact

Mission & vision

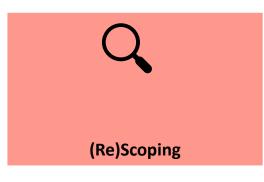




S3CoP; Support available on....





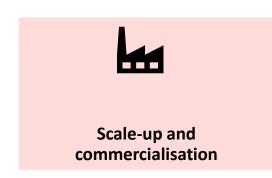
















Lessons learnt from S3 CoP

Thematic Smart Specialisation Partnerships



•innovation diffusion
•industrial transition
•interregional cooperation

Projects

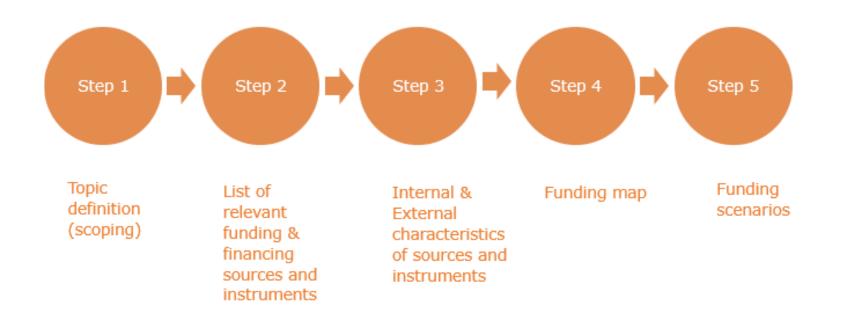
- > Clear mission, vision and objectives necessary
- Committed partners are the key to success
- Regular moments (& points) of contact are vital
- Connecting ecosystems in stead of "stand alone" activities

S3 CoP Guidance on Lessons Learnt.pdf





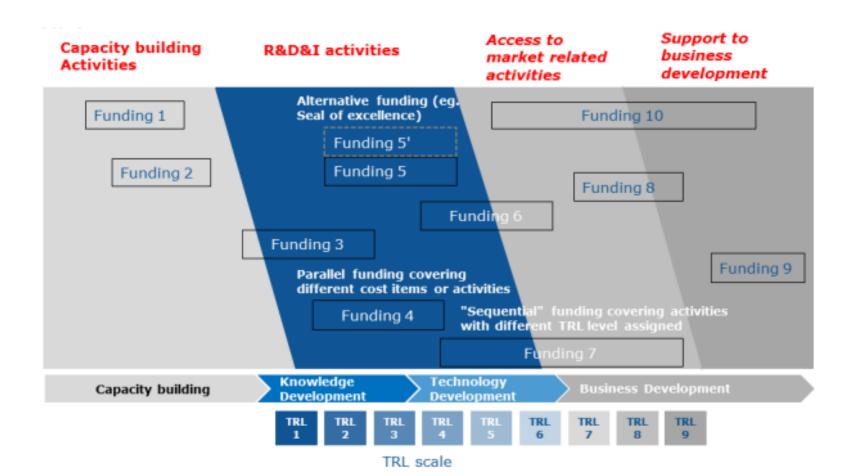
Examples of TSSP's and Funding







Example





S3 Observatory







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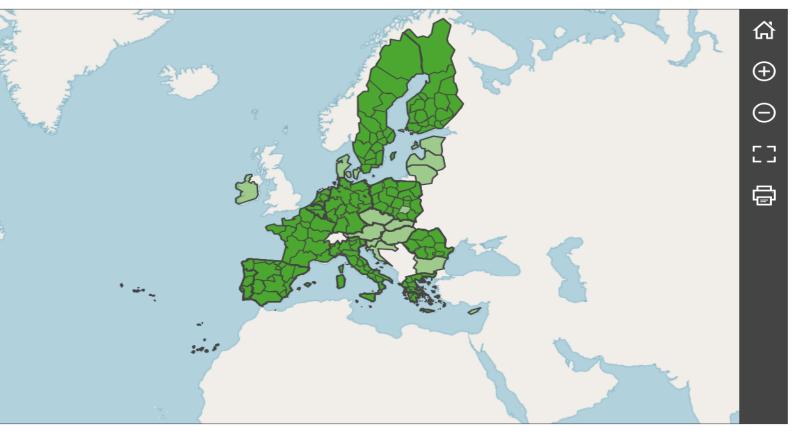
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I-3:

- Part of ERDF
- Supporting interregional innovation projects
- Commercialisation and <u>scale-up phases</u>
- Tools to <u>overcome</u> regulatory and other <u>barriers</u>
- Bring projects to <u>investment level</u>
- SME focus: 70% of the budget
- Support to LDR's (50%)
- Grants up to €60 K for SMEs via FSTP







Thanks for your attention!

Questions?

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