



3 THEMATIC PLATFORMS

Joint event

1 July 2021

2 July 2021

5 July 2021

6 July 2021

Agenda

Online event



AGRI-FOOD



ENERGY



INDUSTRIAL
MODERNISATION



The current Cohesion Policy encourages regions and Member States to build regional coalitions to support the creation and development of new **European value chains**, in areas associated with strategic growth.

To support this goal, starting from 2015, the European Commission services launched **three thematic smart specialisation (S3) platforms** (TSSP Agri-Food, TSSP Energy and TSSP Industrial Modernisation), encouraging regions and their innovation actors across the EU to build strategic **S3 partnerships**, promoting business investments and complementary use of regional funding for innovation in specific smart specialisation areas.

An increasing number of **S3 partnerships** have been established in the last 5 years, creating a transnational and interregional **collaborative network of place-based innovation ecosystems** between regions and countries with similar or complementary S3 priorities. The S3 Platforms community today can count with **37 Partnerships** with a territorial and sectorial dimension.

The thematic platforms offer a structure to **exploit synergies across partnerships and across sectors**, mobilise the potential of **European Structural and Investment Funds** and offer the possibility to build strategic interregional public private investments. Building on a **bottom-up approach**, the ambition is to mobilise the regional innovation and investment potential along EU strategic priorities.

The **S3 Platforms Steering Committee meeting** brings together, twice a year, Commission services with the S3 Partnerships community in order to share relevant policy updates and upcoming initiatives. This is also the occasion for the Commission to receive **updates from the S3 partnerships** and to identify areas where there is a need for further discussion with specific services or where synergies could be created.

With the support of **several Commission Directorates-General**, including Regional and Urban Policy (REGIO), Agriculture and Rural Development (AGRI), Energy (ENER), Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs (GROW), Maritime Affairs and Fisheries (MARE) and Research and Innovation (RTD), we intend to offer to S3 Partnerships a wider **view on EU strategic priorities**, as well as opportunities for cooperation and **interaction with different EU initiatives** (such as HE partnerships, European Cluster Collaboration Platform community, etc.).

The event is launched by a **policy session** on 1 July, followed by **bilateral sessions of S3 Partnerships** active on the 3 TSSPs (2 July, 5 July) and rounded up by a thematic workshop on Blue Economy organised by DG MARE on 6 July.

This meeting is open to: a) all the **regions and their ecosystem actors involved in the S3 Partnerships**, b) the **European Cluster Collaboration Platform Community** c) relevant colleagues from different **Commission services**.

Thematic Smart Specialisation Platforms

Agri-Food-Industrial Modernisation-Energy

JOINT ONLINE EVENT -Registration link: <https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/TSSP>

1 July 2021 - 14:30-18:00 CET

AGENDA

Thursday, 1 July. 14:30-18:00

14:00 - 14:30 Connection

14:30 - 14:50 **WELCOME**

Nicola DE MICHELIS, Director, **DG REGIO, EC**

Lena ANDERSSON PENCH, Director, **DG MARE, EC**

14:50 - 16:10 SESSION 1

BOOSTING INTERREGIONAL INNOVATION AND INVESTMENT THROUGH VALUE CHAINS

Chair: **Monika ZSIGRI**, Deputy Head of Unit, DG REGIO

- **Welcome to the new S3 partnerships**
 - Go 4 COSMETICS partnership, **Christophe MASSON**, C.E.O of Cosmetic Valley, Region Centre/FR and **Iliaria MASSARI**, General Manager of REI - Reindustria Innovazione Lombardia
 - S3P SPACE - Sustainable Access to Space, **Karin HOLMQVIST**, Norrbotten Region/SE
- **Current and Future support to S3 Platforms, Monika ZSIGRI, DG REGIO EC**
 - Short and long-term support to TSSPs (2021-22 – 2023-27)
 - Presentation of the new REGIO experts, **Luigi AMATI, Cecilia GAÑÁN**
- **Update on the pilot action on interregional innovation - COVID-19 response and recovery partnerships, Laurent de MERCEY, DG REGIO**
 - HYDROGEN technologies in carbon-intensive regions, **Francisco VIGALONDO**, Aragon Exterior
 - SUSTAIN - COVID-19, Iñaki **GUTIERREZ IBARLUZEA**, Basque Foundation for Health Innovation and Research
 - REGIOTEX - Circular Economy in Health, **Ana RIBEIRO, CITEVE**, Portuguese Textile Cluster (or Felipe CARRASCO, Project coordinator)
 - Virtual and Smart Cultural TOURISM, **Sander MÜNSTER**, Time Machine Organisation
- **Updates from ReConfirm and TAF (2021), Marek Przeor, DG GROW**
- **The final self-assessment toolbox, Karel Herman HAEGEMAN, JRC**

16:10 – 16.20 – Q & A

16.20- 16.30 - BREAK

16:30 - 17:50 SESSION 2

NEW APPROACHES FOR THE NEXT PROGRAMMING PERIOD

Chair: **Thomas WOBEN**, Director, CoR

- DG Energy priorities for 2021-27, **Tudor CONSTANTINESCU**, Advisor to the director, DG ENER, EC
- DG MARE priorities for 2021-27 and S3 engagement to support blue economy, **Isabelle VIALON**, deputy HoU, Sea-basin Strategies, Maritime regional Cooperation & Maritime Security, DG MARE, EC
- The updated Industrial strategy, deputy HoU, **Crispin WAYMOUTH**, Industrial Forum, Alliances and Clusters, DG GROW, EC
- Updates on Horizon Europe Partnerships - Liaising with S3 Partnerships, **Davide VALITUTTI**, G4 HE European Partnerships, DG RTD, EC
- DG AGRI priorities for 2021-27 (Green Deal, F2F, updates from Horizon EU/Partnerships and mission on soil health). **Alexia ROUBY**, B2 Rural economics and development, DG AGRI, EC

17:45 - Wrap up by the CoR followed by Question & Answers

18:00 - Closure and announcing the program for the following days, European Commission (EC)

Bilateral thematic sessions between the S3 Partnerships and the EC services will follow the Steering Committee meeting on 2 July and 5 July. On 6 July a workshop on S3 for Blue Economy will take place.

Objectives of the bilateral sessions on 2 July and 5 July:

- *Bringing together the partnerships of the same platform*
- *Promoting cross fertilization between partnerships*
- *Providing updates on the progress of S3 partnerships and plans for the future*
- *Having bilateral discussions between the EC services and the S3 partnerships*
- *Exploring potential links with HE Partnerships*
- *Raising awareness on S3 partnership among EU clusters in order to enhance cooperation with ECCP*

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Friday, 2 July 09:00 – 13:30
BILATERAL SESSION – INDUSTRIAL MODERNISATION PLATFORM

Link for registration: <https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/TSSP>

09h.00- 10h.20- GROUP A: 80'/8 = 10'

1. Advanced manufacturing for energy applications
2. Efficient and Sustainable manufacturing
3. SME integration in Industry 4.0
4. 3D Printing

5. Batteries
6. Hydrogen
7. Mining
8. Mobility

EC Directorates: DG REGIO, DG GROW, DG ENER, DG AGRI (tbc), DG R&I (tbc), DG MARE

10h.20-11h.20 GROUP B: 60'/6=10'

1. Artificial Intelligence
2. Cybersecurity
3. Go4Space
4. New Nano-enabled products
5. Photonics
6. Wireless ICT

EC Directorates: DG REGIO, DG GROW, DG AGRI (tbc)

11h.20-11h.30 Break

11h.30- 12h.10 GROUP C: 40'/4=10'

1. Cultural & creative ecosystems
2. Social economy
3. Sport and vitality
4. Digitalisation and Safety for Tourism

EC Directorates: DG REGIO, DG GROW, DG MARE

12h.10-12h.40 GROUP D: 30'/3=10'

1. Medical Technology
2. Personalized medicine
3. Textile

EC Directorates: DG REGIO, DG GROW, DG R&I (tbc), DG AGRI (tbc)

12h.40-13h.30. GROUP E: 50'/5=10'

1. Berry +
2. Bio economy
3. Chemicals
4. Cosmetics
5. Water

EC Directorates: DG REGIO, DG GROW, DG R&I (tbc), DG AGRI (tbc)

BILATERAL SESSION – ENERGY PLATFORM

Friday, 2 July 09h.30 – 13:30

Link for registration: <https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/TSSP>

09h.30- 10h.30- GROUP A: 20'

1. Bioenergy
2. Marine and Renewable
3. Geothermal

EC Directorates: DG REGIO, DG GROW, DG ENER, DG AGRI, DG MARE

10h.30-10h.50 Break

10h.50- 11h.30 GROUP B: 20'

1. Solar
2. Smart Buildings

EC Directorates: DG REGIO, DG GROW, DG ENER

Monday, 5 July – 09h.30 – 12h.00

BILATERAL SESSION – AGRIFOOD PLATFORM

Link for registration: <https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/TSSP>

09h.30- 10h.30- GROUP A: 30'

1. High Tech Farming
2. Traceability and Big Data

EC Directorates: DG REGIO, DG GROW, DG AGRI, DG ENER, DG R&I (tbc)

10h.30-10h.45 Break

10h.45- 11h.45 GROUP B: 20'

1. Consumers' involvement
2. Nutritional ingredients
3. Smart sensors

EC Directorates: DG REGIO, DG GROW, DG AGRI, DG R&I (tbc)

Points to be addressed by the partnerships in their presentations:

- Who is involved in the partnership and list of regions – contact persons in lead regions (ONE SLIDE -Map)
- Field of operation/ Domain of activity / Focus – Main activities and achievements in the last period (12-18 months...) ONE SLIDE.
- What is envisaged for the coming 6 months, both at partnership and at business case level. TWO SLIDES
- Main bottlenecks faced and envisaged in the development of pilot projects and business cases ONE SLIDE
- Would the contact with relevant-clusters from European Cluster Collaboration Platform be useful to reinforce the S3 partnership/ mobilize companies?
- Should European Cluster Collaboration Platform be interested to cooperate with S3 partnerships, would your partnership be interested in organizing a follow up meeting?
- Have you considered potential connections with HE Partnerships?

Tuesday, 6 July 9h.00- 12h.45

S3 STRATEGIES for the BLUE ECONOMY WORKSHOP

Objectives of the S3 for Blue Economy workshop:

- *Launching new S3 based approaches to promote interregional/international collaboration and innovative investments in the blue economy.*
- *Exploring the possibility to launch a new S3 Thematic Platform on Blue Economy*
- *Promoting cross-fertilization, valorizing the potential of existing S3 Partnerships relevant Blue Economy areas*
- *Supporting the development of S3 partnerships in the field of blue economy, in particular on marine renewable energies, coastal and maritime tourism, fishery and aquaculture and blue biotechnologies*
- *S3 approach in Macro regional and sea basin dimension*

Link for registration

<https://s3platform.jrc.ec.europa.eu/en-US/w/smart-specialisation-for-blue-economy-workshop>

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