

I3 Support Facility:

Strengthening Innovation in Europe's regions

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Interregionales en Innovación (I3)

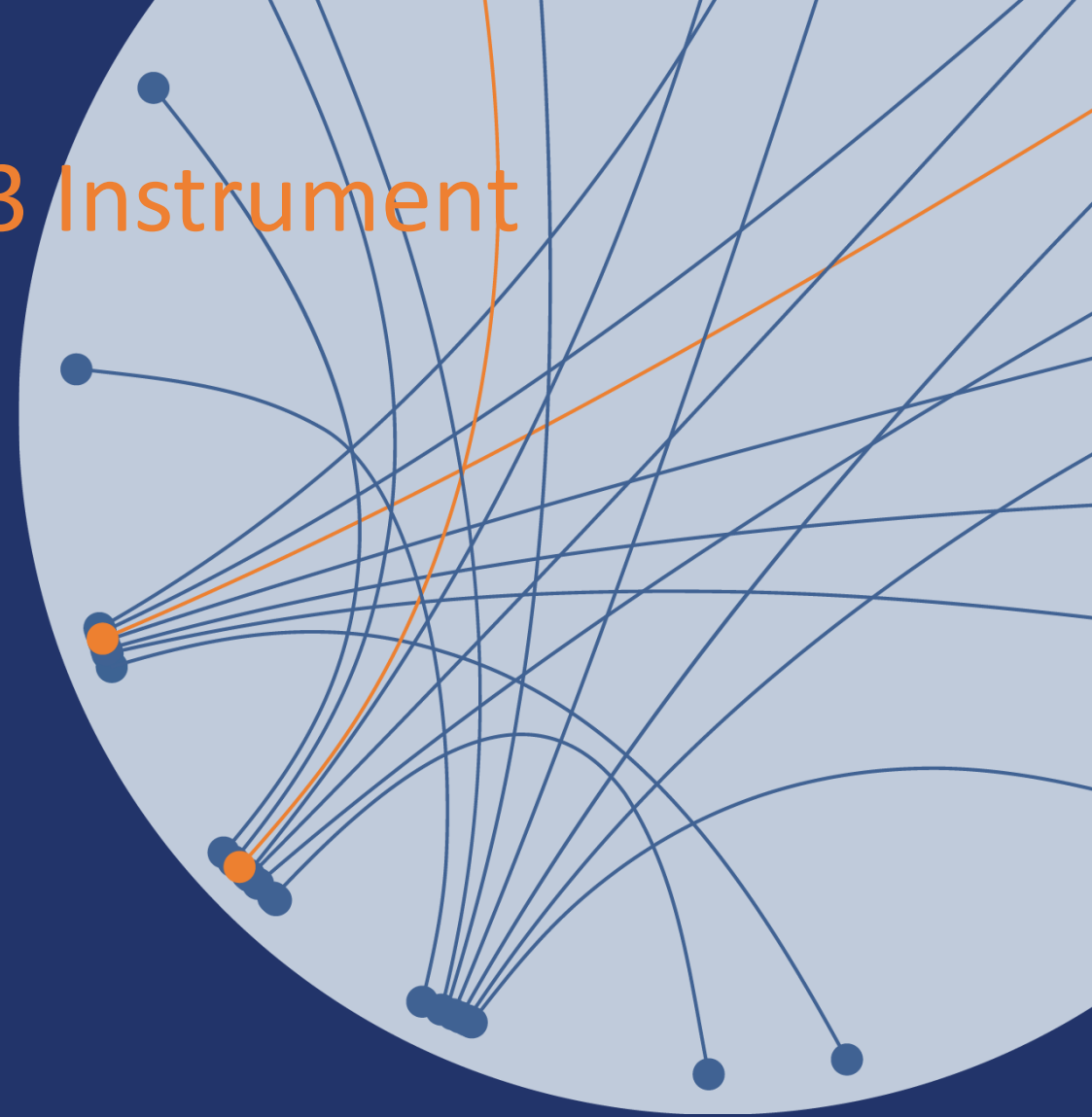
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The Support Facility for the I3 Instrument

Article 13 of ERDF Regulation (2021/1058) about Interregional Innovation Investments

Results after first I3 Instrument calls:

- High number of project's application received in first Cap2b calls
- Unbalanced participation of regions (less developed and outermost regions behind)



The Support Facility for the I3 Instrument

Objectives of the Support Facility for I3 Instrument:

- Connect regional ecosystems through shared Smart Specialisation priorities
- Promote interregional innovation ecosystems that encourage sharing and collaboration
- Enhance interregional innovation capacity, especially in LDR
- Build European value chains and support joint interregional investment project



Who is the I3 Instrument Support Facility for?

The Support Facility helps less developed, outermost, and challenged regions, involving others when it strengthens interregional innovation capacity, value chains, and joint investments. Type of entities:



Innovation Stakeholders

- SMEs
- Research/education organisations
- Clusters
- Innovation agencies, chambers.

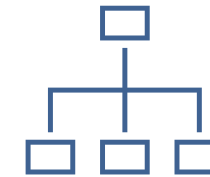
Expand networks, proposals, and results from I3 projects



Public Authorities

- Smart Specialisation authorities
- ERDF Managing Authorities
- Innovation-related public administrations

Engaged, or aiming to engage, in interregional collaboration



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Collect feedback, identify bottlenecks, and disseminate outcomes to improve I3 implementation.



Key target groups, how they benefit?



Collaboration & Knowledge sharing

- Promote ideas
- Find partners,
- Showcase I3 project achievements



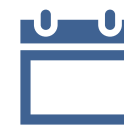
Monitor project progress

Explore the I3 Observatory to track projects and trends and alignment with Smart Specialisation Strategies.



Share your perspective

Participate in ad-hoc groups to share knowledge and experiences in regional challenges and improve the I3 Instrument deployment.



Networking & events

Connect at webinars, workshops, and the Annual I3 Instrument Forum.

All services in one website



Website in testing



<https://interregional-innovation-investments.ec.europa.eu/>



EISMEA website about I3 SF :



https://eismaa.ec.europa.eu/interregional-innovation-investments-i3-support-facility_en

Services



I3 Instrument observatory

Dashboard with key analytics, trends and insights from I3 projects.

[Learn more](#)



Partner search

Find partners to build I3 project proposals.

[Coming soon](#)



I3 Projects hub

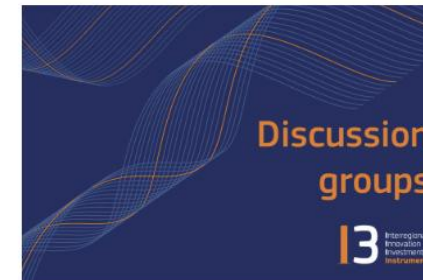
Presentation of I3 projects, success stories and impact on less developed regions

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The facility also complements the S3 Community of Practice (S3 COP) by facilitating knowledge-sharing through S3 COP channels and collaborating with S3 thematic platforms and partnerships. It builds on valuable experience gained from actions supported under the I3 Instrument's Capacity building calls.



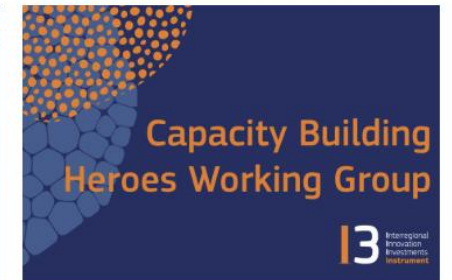
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Discussion groups

The I3 Discussion Groups help policymakers share insights and develop interregional innovation policies by building on I3 results and good practices.

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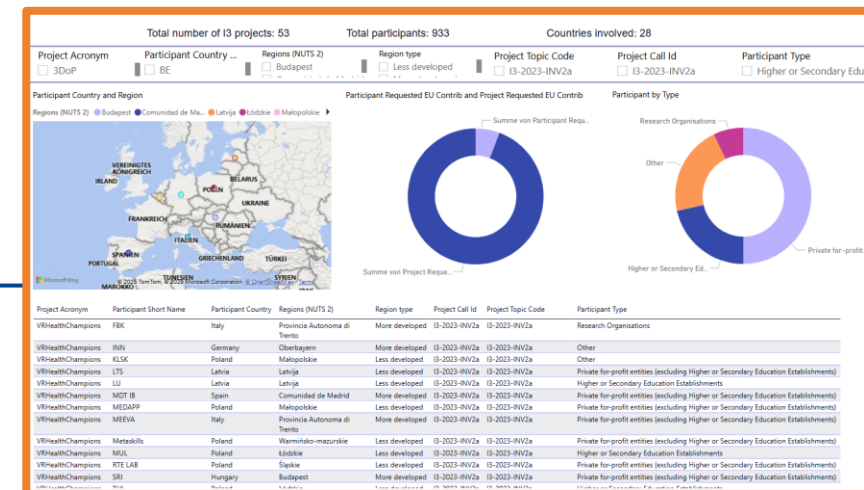


Capacity Building Heroes Working Group

A space for Capacity Building project coordinators working on capacity building to exchange ideas, share good practices, promote new I3 initiatives, and engage in peer learning.

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I3 Observatory



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- Covering all I3 consortia (70 so far)
- Standardised, web-based, searchable
- **Focus:**
 - Value chains
 - Innovation
 - Interregional collaboration

I3 Observatory

Dashboard

- Covering all I3 consortia
- Interactive
- **Filters** for project, country, region, region type, call, participant type, ...
- **Map:** partner locations & types
- **Charts:** Funding & types of participants (business, research, etc.)

Analytics

- **Annual Observatory Report**
 - In-depth analysis of programme implementation and project trajectories
- **Synergies analysis**
 - Study on embedment of I3 instrument in EU funding landscape



I3 Partner Search

Goal: Facilitate search for I3 partners across...

- Quadruple helix actor groups
- Regional development levels

Key features:

- **Simple registration** for innovation actors and project coordinators
- **Project history** to show individual track record
- **S3 priorities** to look for matching partner regions
- **Event integration** to boost live matchmaking



Launch planned after the website (i.e October 25)

Share your perspective in the I3 Discussion Groups

Peer-learning and knowledge sharing in policymaking:

- Collect good practices in interregional innovation
- Leverage I3 project results
- Enhance capacity of policymaker for new policy solutions supporting interregional

9 I3DGs for the whole duration of the Project, 3 per year

Expression of interest (Eoi) via EU Survey (**next round in November 2025**)

I3 DGs set up in 2025

I3DG on **how to engage managing authorities in interregional collaboration**

I3DG on **regional, national, European, and global value chain creation**, and challenges for EU regions

I3DG on **management of regional innovation ecosystem**



Virtual Events

Monthly events about **specific relevant topics** related to interregional collaboration and specifically to I3 Instrument and I3 projects or calls

9 virtual events are completed on topics like :

- **Innovation ecosystems** (From S3 partnerships to I3 projects, how interact QH actors)
- **Support and funding** (access to finance and investors, opportunities for interregional projects, financial support to third parties)
- **I3 project management and project proposals** (financial reporting and communication)

Registration to all upcoming virtual events and access to all recordings, presentations, and additional information. can be found (still) in EISMEA website [here](#).



Upcoming Virtual Events 2025

Interregional Innovation Project Management: case study and best practice

- Date: 17 September 2025
- Time: 14:00 -15:30 CET
- Register [here](#)



Next:

Matchmaking event in the light of the upcoming Stand 2b (23 October). Date: 8 October 2025 (tbc)

How I3 can support industrial transition. Date: 8 October 2025 (tbc). Dat 22 Ocotber 2025



Annual I3 Instrument Forum 2025

Brussels, 24-25 September.

- Day 1: high-level event, spotlighting the I3 Instrument's impact. Registrations closed. Web streaming will be available
- Day 2: I3 Coordinator's day to bring together beneficiaries for learning and peer exchange

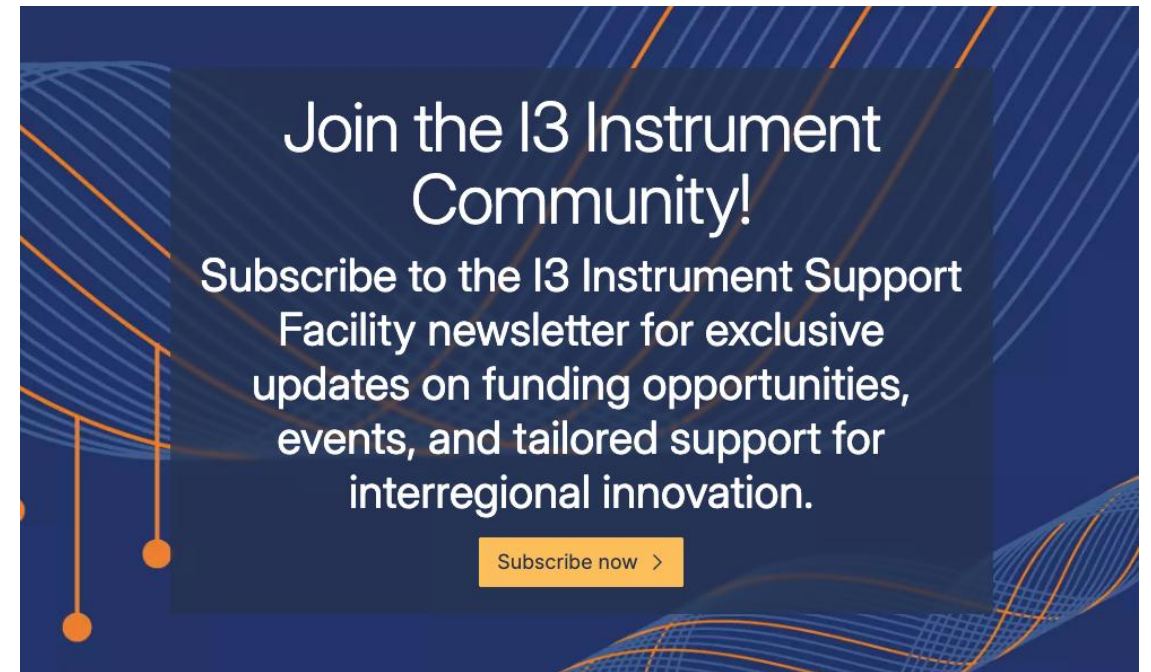


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