

# CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

## SMART REGIONS FOR CO-INVESTING IN

# INDUSTRIAL MODERNISATION

### S3 INDUSTRIAL MODERNISATION - INFO DAY

**SAVE THE DATE**

11 May 2016, Brussels, Belgium

This event is open to regional and national authorities as well as other actors interested in taking part in a new S3 Platform on Industrial Modernisation and Investment to jointly align priorities, investment efforts and innovation support activities in this thematic area.

If you wish to attend the event, [please sign up here](#). You will also be invited to answer a number of questions regarding your region's experience and ambition in the context of Industrial Modernisation related investment and innovation.

**Call for Expression of Interest:** we look forward to receiving your ideas for joining forces with other regions in the area of Industrial modernisation. You are invited to submit your ideas through this [tool](#).



#### ABOUT THE S3 INDUSTRIAL MODERNISATION PLATFORM

**THE S3 PLATFORM FOR INDUSTRIAL MODERNISATION** will improve the targeting of public funding in priority areas identified by regions and member states in view of exploring new growth opportunities in global value chains.

#### ENTREPRENEURIAL DISCOVERY PROCESS

The Platform will enable the entrepreneurial discovery process at European level: focusing innovation efforts of regions and scaling up innovation projects that have the potential to be a business driver across regions.

#### JOINT PILOTS AND DEMONSTRATIONS

The Platform will facilitate the uptake of new technologies and business-models.

#### COORDINATE INVESTMENTS RELATED TO INDUSTRIAL MODERNISATION INVESTMENTS THROUGH SMART SPECIALISATION

The European Commission is organising a workshop for regions, regional clusters who are actively interested in co-creating a smart specialisation platform to share best practices, jointly promote investments and innovation, and develop positions in new global value chains in the field of Industrial Modernisation.

The workshop, which will take place in **Brussels on 11 May 2016**, will give regions the possibility to define sub-themes of common strategic interest – such as for instance advanced manufacturing systems' or advanced materials' application in other industry areas such as creative industries, health or construction.

The sub-themes defined at the workshop will feed into the launch of a **Smart Specialisation Platform for Industrial modernisation in June 2016**. In practical terms, this could mean that these sub-themes will become a priority for the work of the platform, granting the regional partnerships behind support from the Commission to develop. In the longer term, the aim is also to help regional partnerships develop common projects and investment platforms that could target support from the European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI).

**THIS WORKSHOP IS ORGANISED BY THE S3 PLATFORM, ON THE INITIATIVE OF DG REGIO AND DG GROW**  
<http://s3platform.jrc.ec.europa.eu>

### HIGH-LEVEL EVENT 1-2 JUNE 2016, BRUSSELS

**'SMART REGIONS: driving smart specialisation investments in priority areas for European growth.'**

The S3 Platform for INDUSTRIAL MODERNISATION will be officially launched at this conference which will bring together stakeholders for smart specialisation investments. Regions that have indicated their interest to start a partnership in specific Industrial Modernisation value chains will be invited to present their proposal at the launch event. Further information, please find event page [here](#).