**Slido Q&A**

**Joint online event for the three Thematic Smart Specialisation Platforms (TSSPs)**

**for Agri-Food, Energy and Industrial Modernisation**

**December 18, from 13h to 15h30**

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| **Questions** | **Answers** |
| * @Alison and Pierre. From your experience which capacities and skills are missing in the partnerships members (reg./nat. authorities + other partners) to set up those projects? | * Investment, but if the projects are really driven by companies, the investment projects themselves should be fine ! Because companies know what they set up. But the issue comes at portfolio level (structuring the portfolio). * The second one is market analysis, on average too poor when considering the projects that are often proposed by partnerships (missing competitive positioning, no demonstrated willingness to pay, etc.). Market analysis = demonstrated scale ! this is a key to the "upscale" (and in the eyes of potential investors) |
| * @Alison, Pierre. What do you see as the biggest challenge as of 2021 building on your experiences? |  |
| * You mentioned that companies should have an incentive to participate. Could you please give an example of "carrot" that could be given to companies? Participation. In EU projects? |  |
| * The European Commission is making a great effort to create support instruments, but I believe that an inclusive approach is needed to achieve strong commitment from companies and regions. |  |
| * @Peter B. Thank you for the presentation. My question: Is there a public report on the pilots exercise from DG REGIO to share with the other partnerships? | * A summary with main lessons learned has been prepared. |
| * Platforms are a powerful tool to raise projects, but it is weak in the field of transferring it to bankable projects, it implies a different way of working, and because the lack of resources for the initial states. How can this be solved? |  |
| * How are the S3 platforms related to the partnerships? * What could be the role of the regions in these EU Partnerships,? I understood that these Partnerships are more oriented to Member States. * Can a region be a signatory in the European Partnerships? or how will regions be represented in the governance of the partnerships? | * Regions should not hesitate to come forward as potential partners. The Green Deal targets bring concrete challenges to regions by 2030, which is tomorrow). The Horizon Partnerships can advance solutions that can benefit regions. |
| * For DG REGIO: Will pilot projects still be financed in 2021/2017? How I3 partnership and HE partnerships will be coordinated? | * Part of I3 (2% of resources) will be used for capitalisation, experimentation and policy learning. Those activities will not start immediately but will be continued in the future programme implementation period. * Call for I3 proposals foreseen by the Summer. New Pilot projects be launched at a later stage of programme . 2% of resources for capitalisation, experimentation and policy learning, including pilot actions |
| * How can we reduce fragmentation and improve connectivity in buildings EU value chains? |  |
| * Not a question, just to mention that DG MARE is preparing an event on S3 for blue economy value chains/partnerships in 1st sem 2021, with the support of JRC. DG MARE will coordinate also with DG REGIO and DG RTD accordingly. |  |