

# S<sup>3</sup> THEMATIC PLATFORMS

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**Session 3.**  
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# 1. Lessons learnt

- **Governance**, support to the development of collaborative projects.
- Learning about concrete **outcomes/investments** from this cooperation.
- Experience on development of interregional **investment projects**.
- DG's take on **how the work done** by the regions in the S3 Partnerships are intended **to translate into cooperation projects in the next MFF**. Why cooperate through S3 Partnerships instead of having a separate multi-lateral cooperation?
- Adapting **best practices to local conditions** based on targeted approaches to S3 trans-regional cooperation between the regions of EaP (Eastern Partnership) and EU, including related issues such as administrative liability, risks and terms of reference.
- The partnerships' **impact on business**.
- Boosting the activity of the partnership, improving **communication and cooperation** within the partnership.
- Building **strategic synergies** with regions.

# 2. Future of TSSPs and S3 partnerships (1/3)

→ Instruments for interregional cooperation

→ Synergies with other initiatives and policies 2021-2027

## □ General topics

- **Challenges and opportunities** of the Thematic Smart Specialisation Platforms and the role of the S3Platforms.
- The future of the partnerships and how they could **continue cooperating**.
- Interregional cooperation business models, funding opportunities.
- What **specific support instruments** for the partnerships are planned in 2021-2027 to ensure high level involvement of the participants?
- Regional **stakeholders' involvement** in S3 platforms activities.
- **Guidelines** given by the EC to the partnerships.
- Boost R&D activities through PP partnership and interregional partnership.
- Would it possible for DG Regio & JRC to help on a **regular promotion of each S3 partnership** (e.g., Communication, newsletters, etc.)?

# 2. Future of TSSPs and S3 partnerships (2/3)

## □ I3 Related issues

- **I3 prospective**, ways to consolidate links with other regions.
- I3 Instrument and support for the Partnerships from January 2021.
- Functioning of I3 and the **role of the S3Platforms**.
- I3 possibilities for the **transregional internationalisation** and commercialisation of RDI and R2B & R2I.
- An update about **future calls** focused on **I3 on agri-food**.

## □ Policy Cohesion

- Support from regional Operational Programmes for the S3 Partnerships.
- Structural funds programming in 2021-2027 regarding agriculture and digitisation.

# 2. Future of TSSPs and S3 partnerships (3/3)

## ☐ Horizon Europe

- **Financial sustainability**: What are the financial tools under Horizon Europe that can be used by the S3 partnerships.
- Opportunities for the S3 Partnerships linked to the **European Innovation Ecosystems**.

## ☐ Other initiatives

- Collaboration between different **EDIHs** (European Digital Innovation Hubs): How? What are the expectations? What support can we expect?
- **EIT** Regional innovation Scheme and RIS3 in post 2020 period.

# Thank you!



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