

# WEBINAR

## Smart Specialisation Platform on Energy – Opportunities for cooperation and future development trends for the next programming period

Date: 10.09.2020, 16:00 (CET), Brussels time

**Brief introduction:** The Smart Specialisation Platform (S3) assists EU countries and regions to develop, implement and review their Research and Innovation Strategies for Smart Specialisation (RIS3). The current Cohesion Policy encourages regions and Member States to build regional coalitions to support the creation of new European value chains, in areas associated with strategic growth. To support this goal, starting in 2015, the European Commission services launched three thematic smart specialisation (S3) platforms. These platforms have been put in place to provide an interactive and participatory environment supporting interregional cooperation in the context of smart specialisation areas related to Agri-Food, Energy and Industrial Modernisation. The thematic platforms offer a structure to exploit synergies across partnerships and sectors. These platforms are joint initiatives, managed and coordinated by the Joint Research Centre (JRC), with the support of several EC's Directorates-General.

The Smart Specialisation Platform on Energy (S3PEnergy) is the space where the Member States, regions and energy stakeholders receive support for optimal and effective uptake of European Structural and Investment Funds for sustainable energy. The Platform does that by providing expert support, sharing of information, fostering and facilitating cooperation and collaboration, supporting innovation and interregional partnerships across the EU. In light of the above, the main objectives of the webinar are to:

- Provide a brief overview of the S3 approach
- Present the main objectives and activities of the S3Energy Platform
- Provide an overview of the new MFF, the future of S3 and the planned support for interregional cooperation with a focus on the green and digital transition

### Guest speakers

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### AGENDA

<b>16:00 – 16:10</b>	Brief intro by the moderators
<b>16:10 – 16:20</b>	Brief intro into the Smart Specialisation (S3) concept and the S3 Platform, thematic platforms, etc.
<b>16:20 – 16:35</b>	S3PEnergy – main objective, activities, participating regions, opportunities for cooperation
<b>16:35 – 16:50</b>	Future of S3 and the new MFF updates and planned support for interregional cooperation with a focus on the green and digital transition.
<b>16:50 – 17:15</b>	Q&A session

This online event is being co-organised by the **Smart Specialisation Platform on Energy** (S3PEnergy) and the **Sector Group Intelligent Energy** (SGIE) of the Enterprise Europe Network.