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A tool for strengthening interregional cooperation in S3 areas

The Vademecum
for the participation of the Italian Regions in S3 partnerships

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Main objectives

- support a **strategic coverage** of relevant issues to the paths of smart specialization, also in terms of **strengthening the role of Italian partners** within the European networks
- facilitate the **integration** between **cooperation activities** carried out within the networks and **regional governance processes of the S3** in order to promote widespread capitalization of results
- promote an **interregional coordination at National level** to foster an inclusive governance model



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The path of elaboration



- All **21 Italian Regions** involved
- Over **300 participants**:
 - S3 responsables and other regional representatives participating in the partnerships
 - Representatives of National Technology Cluster (CTN)
 - Representatives of Regional Clusters
- **Remote meetings** with Regions and CTN (about 40)
- **Web area of collaborative work** created for the exchange of contributions (Regions and CTN): 34 documents uploaded
- Creation of a **working group** composed (ACT and Regions) for the drafting of the document



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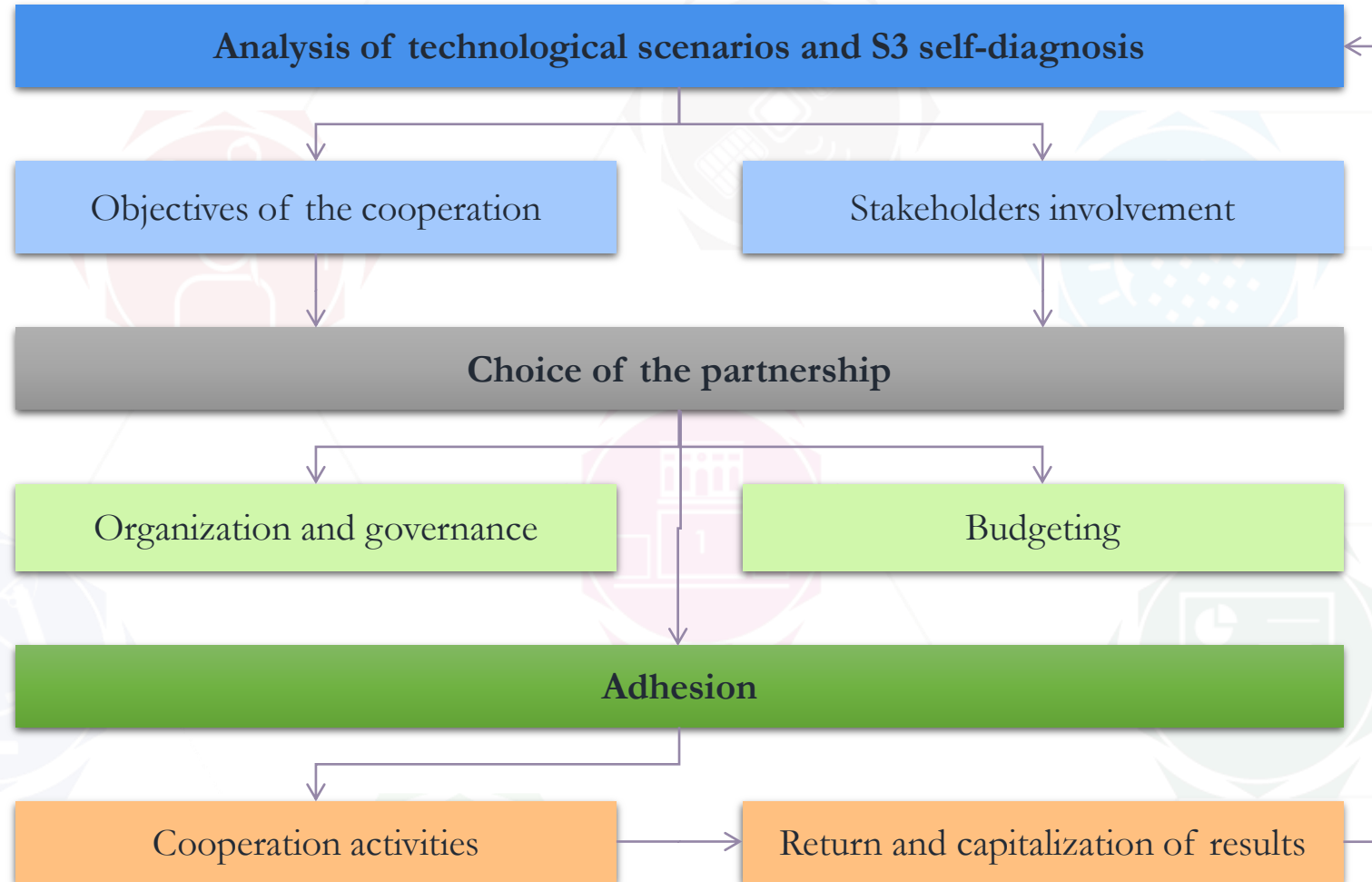
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Chapter 2. Mapping of the regional participation in S3 Partnerships

- National mapping of the **present participation of Italian regions to the partnerships** promoted by the 3 JRC platforms and to that one promoted by the European Cluster Collaboration Platform

Chapter 3. Guide to opportunities for international collaboration on S3-related Platforms for the period 2021-2027

- National mapping based on a **matching** between the regional choices regarding the **S3 technological priorities** and the **focus** of the activities **of the S3 partnerships**
- signals regarding the current capacity of territorial innovation systems to develop collaborative research and innovation projects at European level: picture obtained through a semantic **matching** between the **object of the projects with Italian partners** financed by Horizon 2020 and the **focus** of the activities **of the S3 partnerships**



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Chapter 4. Objectives of the cooperation strategy

- identification of potential for **technological development in new sectoral domains**
- involvement of **SMEs and start-ups** in cooperation activities
- enhancement of the local **research infrastructures**
- bringing to an **international dimension** industrial research projects financed at regional level

Chapter 5. Criteria for choosing the partnerships

- **companies and other actors** of the regional innovation system interested and **ready** to participate in the development of pilot / demonstrator projects
- **contiguity** of the partnership with the **sectors** that have a significant presence at a local level
- **previous relationship** between candidate region and leading region in the platform partnership
- identification of **growth opportunities** for the regional start-up system



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Chapter 6. ORGANIZATIONAL AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES

1. **participation not coordinated** with other Regions
2. **participation coordinated** with other regions, with a view to multiregional governance

Organizational issues relevant for each type of participation:

- **work plan** that identifies the necessary resources, the expected results and a schedule of activities and outputs
- stable **involvement of specific expertise**
- regional **coordination office** / contact person
- **technical tools** that facilitate regional networking (e.g. intranets, repositories)



Chapter 6. ORGANIZATIONAL AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES

Specific governance issues relevant for multiregional approach to networking:

- **institutional sites at a national level** for a systematic sharing of experiences and identification of common opportunities
- **roles for coordination, timing and places** to continuously carry out the diffusion of the results between different Regions
- **minimum rules of conduct** for participants aimed at broad sharing of information and of **standard formats** for the circulation of information
- **technical tools** capable of facilitating interregional networking (e.g. use of open innovation platforms)



Chapter 7. CAPITALIZATION OF RESULTS

- **"database" of the projects and regional subjects** involved in the partnership activities, with a view to EDP and cross-sectoral technology transfer, also between different Regions
- regular **reporting** activity based on a precise identification of object, timing of reporting release and return tools/mechanisms to be used (e.g. technical notes, S3 website, open innovation platforms, regional events)
- **administrative structure** responsible for reporting
- **stable involvement** in the reporting activity of **regional innovation actors** actively participating in partnerships and involvement of non-regional subjects
- **stable interaction** between the **Region** which already plays a **leading role** in specific partnerships and **other Regions** (especially for multiregional governance)



Chapter 8. BUDGETING

Two aims: provide indications about

- the type of costs that regional, single or coordinated participation may entail (as operational guide for newcomers regions)
- possible sources of funding capable of ensuring on a continuous basis both the participation of single Regions and a coordinated participation with a view to multiregional governance



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About the **type of costs** related to the activities to be done main cost items and types of expertise required drawn up from the **experience of Emilia-Romagna Region**

- (in addition to the formal commitment of a regional contact person)
- involvement of a **senior with technical-scientific background** on the topic
- need of **assignment to an external consultant** to support the application of the methodology proposed by JRC, in case of lack of internal skills
- **operational costs** (travel, space rental, IT systems)



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About the sources of funding needed for a stable cooperation strategy (**STATE OF ART**)

- assignment of **operational functions** - as an additional task - to the **organizational units involved in the implementation of the S3**
- specific financial **resources coming from** the **ERDF ROPs** - Axis dedicated to TA
- **delegation** of a formal **role to specific regional (in-house) Agencies**, to which the Administration assigned wider tasks for the implementation of the policies it holds
- pilot experience of the Interreg Central Europe programme: call aimed at allowing the **integration between Horizon 2020 funds and ERDF funds** for the capitalization of results of projects already financed under one of the two instruments



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About the sources of funding needed for a stable cooperation strategy
(**FOR THE NEXT PROGRAMMING PERIOD**)

- financing of cooperation activities through **system-actions foreseen by a National program**
- **Component 5** of the new **Territorial Cooperation Objective** of ESI funds
- specific allocation of **resources** within the funds for Technical Assistance of the **ERDF** ROPs **for the fulfilment of the criteria of the enabling conditions S3**



Thanks for your attention!

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