

Smart Specialisation Platform on Energy

Rationale and results of the Learning Lab on "Supporting the effective uptake of ESI funds in energy" S3 as a tool to enhance innovation capabilities in EU13

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- ❑ Event is co-organised by the Stairway to Excellence (S2E) project and the Smart Specialisation Platform on Energy (S3PEnergy), managed by the Joint Research Centre (JRC) of the European Commission (EC).
- ❑ Smart Specialisation Platform on Energy (S3PEnergy) was created to assist MS and regions towards an effective implementation of their S3 related to the energy sector and to assist them in the uptake of the funding opportunities for energy from the European structural and investment (ESI) funds.
- ❑ Learning lab focuses on the challenges faced by EU13 regions regarding energy-related innovation policies in their territories through a participatory dialogue and active debates between Managing Authorities, EC representatives and other energy-related stakeholders.

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❑ Objectives

- ❑ To understand better the challenges faced by EU13 regions regarding energy-related innovation policies,
- ❑ engage the dialogue among public authorities responsible for Cohesion Policy funding related to Energy, as well as representatives from the research and business sectors,
- ❑ understanding better of territorial innovation ecosystem of EU13 in the field of energy: assess main challenges and barriers regarding energy-related innovation policies, raise awareness of the EU networking and the actions needed to be involved in the global value chains, share experience and showcase good practices,
- ❑ prepare for the prospect of capacity building activities, and draw lessons for the future and identifying follow-up actions to strengthen the engagement in S3PEnergy

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❑ Objectives (cont.)

- ❑ improve governance models in EU13, including the increase of strategic alignment of territorial capacities for the post-2020 framework,
- ❑ build and reinforce appropriate managerial skills and capacities of the Managing Authorities of ESI Funds dealing with energy and innovation, and
- ❑ reinforce the EU13's internationalization and connectedness with the wider EU R&I landscape, in particular to initiatives supporting value chains (KICs, Strategic Value Chains) and R&I missions (H2020 and Horizon Europe).

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In Plenary

- pitches from selected regional and/or national representatives on their current situation on governance including the alignment of R&I and Energy policies,
- Split into two parallel groups
- Each group will address the following:
 - What are the main challenges in your country/region regarding energy-related innovation governance?
 - Which have been the initiatives developed to enhance the quality of governance of the energy and innovation system?
 - What have been the successes or failures of those actions? How to increase the interaction between i) Research & Innovation and ii) Energy policies in your region?

In Plenary

- The rapporteur for each group reports back on the groups' discussions.

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- In Plenary
 - pitches from selected regional and/or national representatives on their current situation on capacities & appropriate skills, the audience will be divided into several groups.
 - Split into two parallel groups
 - Each group will address the following:
 - Do you have sufficient expertise/staff to undertake your activities? Which are the challenges related with human capacities and skills that could affect a successful implementation of low carbon economy initiatives?
 - To what extent your country/region is facing the need to update the required skills and competences for a clean, fair and effective energy transition? Which would be your training needs?
 - To what extent is your country/region active in international environments where to get competences for working in wider value chains?
- In Plenary
 - The rapporteur for each group reports back on the groups' discussions.

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- pitches from selected regional and/or national representatives on their current situation on their current situation on internationalisation and connectedness with the wider EU R&I landscape, the audience will be divided into several groups.
- Split into two parallel groups
- Each group will address the following:
 - What are the main weaknesses in your country/region regarding connectedness with the wider EU R&I landscape in energy (KICs, H2020, Interreg, S3 thematic platforms, COSME...)?
 - What actions can be taken to overcome the main issues? By whom? Which have been the successes or failures of those actions?
 - Do you think it will be possible in the current programming period to set any exchange with other regions or MS to increase the effectiveness of your policies in energy? And for the next 2021-2027 period, would you be interested in developing strategic alignment?

In Plenary

- The rapporteur for each group reports back on the groups' discussions.



Thank you!



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