

# Session 3. ReThinking Interregional Cooperation

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# Cooperation Experience along La Raya/ A Raia

- Building upon a common history
- More than 30 years of Interreg POPTEC successful cooperation.

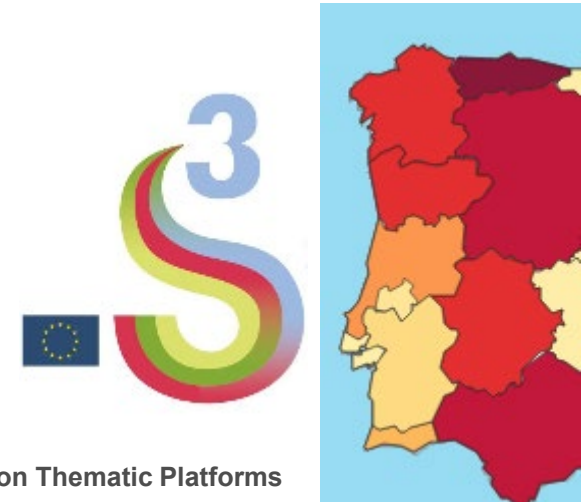


238 projects, 461 M€  
 187 centers participate in research  
 349 researchers out their work in infrastructures supported by POCTEP.  
 8,000 companies have received support  
 Data 2014-2020



<span style="color: red;">—</span>	(1) Galicia-Norte de Portugal
<span style="color: green;">—</span>	(2) Duero-Douro
<span style="color: blue;">—</span>	(3) Zas-Net
<span style="color: cyan;">—</span>	(11) Faja Piritica Ibérica
<span style="color: purple;">—</span>	(12) Eurocidade Chaves-Verín
<span style="color: yellow;">—</span>	(21) León-Bragança
<span style="color: pink;">—</span>	(23) Interpal-Medio Tejo
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European Grouping for Territorial Cooperation (EGTC)



Participation on Thematic Platforms

	Industrial Modernisation	Energy	Agrifood
<b>Andalusia</b>	5	3	2
<b>Alentejo</b>	1	1	
<b>Algarve</b>	1	1	
<b>Castilla León</b>	7	1	
<b>Centro</b>	3		1
<b>Extremadura</b>	2	2	2
<b>Galicia</b>	2		4
<b>Norte</b>	5	1	

# What are the new common challenges(\*)

Economy reactivation and employment recovery to after covid level

Basic social and health services

Digitalization, in particular rural areas

According to the 2021 Regional Innovation Index, the regions of the cooperation space are at a moderate level (Center, North, Galicia and Castilla y León) or emerging (Algarve, Alentejo, Extremadura and Andalusia)

Low rate of public-private collaboration in the generation and dissemination of knowledge and innovation,

Consolidation and transformation of the economic model towards a modern, sustainable and digitized industry, based on endogenous resources, such as mining

Energy Efficiency and renewable energy production

Climate change adaptation. Protection of Biodiversity in the area of cross-border cooperation

Sustainable transport, promoting comprehensive mobility plans

Exploitation of existing raw materials in the area of cross-border cooperation as well as the use and development of other alternatives such as hydrogen-linked technology.

**Governance**

A total of 40 formal border structures have been identified at the regional and subregional level in different sectoral and geographical areas within the territorial POPTEC framework. This situation supposes an important institutional complexity.

Capacities and trust building

# How to connect cross border innovation ecosystems

- The current challenges have a systemic nature, requiring a **system-level innovation approach to address them. Transformative innovation policies are being explored.**
- **Experimentation in cooperation.** Co design Innovation-driven territorial transition process, connecting regions experiences on Smart Specialisation.
- Cross border challenges must be linked to national (RRPs, National funds and strategies) and EU priorities
- Integrating different levels of governance, **multilevel governance**, and all the departments involved, **whole of governance**, avoiding fragmentation and overlapping.
- **Open Discovery Process**, enables the definition of **cross border missions** under a coherent directional logic and the building of open agendas.
- Integrating cross border ecosystems with common cooperation plans, mobilizing local, national, European additional instruments to support the initiatives identified



Learnings from PRI towards the aims of the New European Innovation Agenda.

# The session 3 ReThinking Interregional Cooperation

- The experience gathered by Alentejo, Algarve and Andalusia
- Current challenges
- Proposals for Joint missions

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# Thank you

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