

Smart Specialisation Platform for Industrial Modernisation

Thematic Partnership

Sport Innovation Partnership- ClusSport

Start Date September 2017

MONITORING PROGRESS REPORT

Reporting Period: from November 2017 to June 2018

This Report is presented to the relevant Working/Steering Committee.
It contains three parts:

- I. Management Report prepared by the Lead Region(s)***
- II. Progress Report prepared by the Lead Region(s)***
- III. Previous versions of the Progress Report; i.e., part II of past reporting periods***

The report is a “cumulative” report, i.e. it is updated annually and covers the entire period of the Partnership.

Confidentiality: the documents will be made available to the public via the Partnership's web page except for chapter *II.E. Self evaluation*.

Based on the monitoring results, the European Commission will decide on the following year's support.

Executive summary (max. 250 words):

Physical Activity and Sport are important drivers for the European growth. Their cross sectoral impact with many disciplines and sectors such as health, tourism, construction, education, urban planning and environment has exponential spillover effects for the development of cross regional cooperation and supporting territorial and business competitiveness all over Europe. Combining Smart Specialisation strategies and Cluster policies is at the heart of the Sport Innovation Partnership also called ClusSport, which aims to develop a pipeline of public private investments projects to boost regional economic growth and employment.

ClusSport gathers 10 European regions and their clusters. The project has successfully led to two types of mapping delivered the the support of ReConfirm: one stakeholder mapping taking into account all European actors (public and private) related to sport, and another one, focusing on the 10 participating regions, which sought to identify key regional assets and areas of convergence. They built on a scoping report, delivered in 2017.

A workshop, and multilateral exchanges between the participating regions, facilitated the emergence of 12 cooperation projects.

At this stage, the cooperation projects are delivered with the aim of being turned into co-investment protocols which will have practical socio-economic impacts on the partnering regions and beyond.

I. Management Report prepared by the Thematic Platform/Lead Region(s)

I.A. Partnership Action Fact Sheet

- **Partnership** *ClusSport..*

- **Partnership's web-page:** <http://s3platform.jrc.ec.europa.eu/sport>

- **S3 Thematic Platform** *Industrial Modernisation*

- **Objectives:** *to develop a pipeline of public private investments projects / protocols in the sport sector to boost regional economic growth and employment.*

- **Lead Region(s):** *list of regions/countries*

<i>Lapland / Finland.</i>
<i>South Netherland : The Netherlands.</i>
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- **Other partner regions:** *list of regions/countries*

<i>Kainuu / Finland</i>	<i>Dalarna / Sweden.</i>	
<i>Valencia / Spain.</i>	<i>Trento / Italy.</i>	
<i>Catalunia / Spain.</i>		
<i>Auvergne Rhone Alpes / France.</i>		
<i>Upper Austria / Austria.</i>		
<i>Flanders / Belgium..</i>		
<i>Any other comments</i>		

- **Intentions to join:** *list of regions/countries*

Västra götaland Region, Sweden, joined the Lapland Partner Meeting as observers in order to assess the process of joining or not the partnership. As agreed in Sport4Inno meeting it would be good for whole consortium to be member of the ClusSport too. That we will be discussen more deteild in the next meeting on September.

- **Other participants (other than regions):** *(Institution Name, Country, Town)*

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I.B. Thematic Working Areas

- **Thematic Working Areas** (if any, please list of WAs, region(s) in charge of it, names and affiliations of involved regional/national authorities, and other actors)

Working Area	Region in Charge	Involved regions	Other actors
ICT4SELF Cooperation project 1: Fablabs for the acceleration of innovation Cooperation project 2: Smart Sport products	Cooperation project 1: Flanders Cooperation project 2: TBC	Cooperation project 1: South Netherlands, Lapland, Kainuu, Dalarna, Strento, Valencia and Barcelona TBC Cooperation project 2: TBC	
ICT4ENV Cooperation project 3: Smart gyms Cooperation project 4: Living labs for acceleration of innovation	Cooperation project 3: Valencia TBC Cooperation project 4: South Netherlands	Cooperation project 3: Lapland, Kainuu, South Netherlands, Flanders TBC Cooperation project 4: Valencia, Flanders EPSI	
SPORT4VITALITY Cooperation project 5: Smart Sport events for all Cooperation project 6: Smart vital cities Cooperation project 7: Exergames in education Cooperation project 8: occupational vitality Cooperation project 9: Education in movement/movement in education	Cooperation project 5: South Netherlands Cooperation project 6: South Netherlands Cooperation project 7: Kainuu Cooperation project 8: South Netherlands Cooperation project 9: Kainuu	Cooperation project 5: Valencia, Trento, Lapland, Goteborg, Flanders Cooperation project 6: Valencia, Lapland, Flanders Cooperation project 7: Lapland, Flanders, TBC Cooperation project 8: Goteborg, Flanders, Lapland Cooperation project 9: TBC	
TRANSVERSAL Projects Cooperation project 10: Mapping of future technology and its impact Cooperation project 11: Cross-cluster collaboration to create new value proposition Cooperation project 12: EU sport Education (network of masters)	Cooperation project 10: TBC Cooperation project 11: TBC Cooperation project 12: TBC	Cooperation project 10: TBC Cooperation project 11: TBC Cooperation project 12: TBC	

The table above has subdivided the identified projects by thematic areas. Regions are identified at this level.

I.C. Overview of past activities (past six months, the 1st half of 2018)**Past Meetings**

Title	Date	Place
Review of action plan	08/01/2018	Brussels, Belgium
Preliminary mapping of project assets	29/01/2018	Brussels, Belgium
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Any other comments		

Past Workshops

Title	Date	Place
Brussels partner meeting	29/01/2018	Brussels Belgium
Lapland partner meeting.	10/04/2018.	Rovaniemi, Finland
as part of the meeting in Turin we also had ClusSport meeting		

Past Dissemination Activities

Title	Date	Place
DG EAC Sport annual event	22/03/2018.	Sofia, Bulgaria
Turin	28/06/2018.	Turin, Italy.
Any other comments		

I.C. Overview of future activities (the next 6 months – the 2nd half of 2018)**Future Meetings**

Title	Date	Place
Marathon- Webinar	06/07/2018.	Online
EPSI Annual Conference TBC	25 / 26 October 2018.	Ghent, Belgium .
ClusSport - management meeting	6 September 2018	Brussels.
More online meetings will be on the way in order to proceed with the		

Future Workshops

Title	Date	Place
ClusSport meeting/WS	Last week of September.	Hungary..
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Meeting is organised jointly with Inno4Sport consortium. We will try to have future meetings organised as such as much as possible.		

Future Dissemination Activities

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Any other comments		

II. Progress Report prepared by the Lead Region(s) of the partnership, describing **results achieved during this period**, in no more than 3 pages (the report is “cumulative”).
All items listed in Sections A, B, and C, below, must be addressed.

Additional documentation such as extended technical reports and/or proceedings of workshops may be provided separately as an annex to this report (and should be referenced in the report).

II.A. Innovative results

- Innovative results and achievements that could be attributed to the Partnership.
(Specific examples of Results vs. Objectives)
@Partners to complete
- Tangible short- and medium-term socio-economic impacts achieved or expected.
(Specific examples)
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II.B. Inter-regional and inter-partnership collaborative results

- Additional results obtained from working *with other partnerships* under the thematic S3 Platforms. (Specific examples)
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- Evaluation of the involvement of relevant business sector (clusters, SMEs, business associations, chambers of commerce, etcetera) in the Partnership activities. (Specific examples)

The ReConfirm sport team has fostered a reflexion on the involvement of clusters, SMEs and so on, since the inception of the process:

- In the questionnaire designed to prepare the mapping, all regions were specifically asked about the private actors they were involved with or with who they would like to get involved

- The stakeholder mapping realised by SPI identified all the actors revolving around the sport industry, which includes actors from the private sector, notably clusters and companies.

- In the conception of the pitch asset, as well as in the project factsheets which summarise the characteristics of the cooperation projects, specific questions were asked about the private actors (cluster and SMEs) to ensure that they are taken into account;

This has enabled fruitful results:

Clusters are well involved in the project. Four out of ten regions (Flanders, BE Catalonia and Valencia, SP, and South Netherland, NL) have actively involved their clusters in the project.

The presence of EPSI in the partnership brings the cluster sphere closer from the partnership.

The organisation of a matchmaking event in Turin, involving SME, enables to connect the cooperation projects with SMEs. This allows to validate the relevance of the cooperation project with the market needs, as well as involve SMEs efficiently.

- Evaluation of whether **the level of inter-regional cooperation is sufficient** to potentially provide **practical and relevant socio-economic impacts**. (Specific examples)

The regions have seized the potential for developing cooperation projects (preliminary to the co-investments) as a mean to create new activities and economic growth. Therefore, and with regards to the 12 cooperations projects which have already been designed, it is likely that regions mutually benefit from practical and relevant socio-economic impact.

II.C. New activities

- Involvement of regions from EU13 Member States in the Partnership, in particular with respect to scoping, mapping and/or matchmaking. *In addition, justification should be provided if no EU13 regions are involved.*

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- Involvement of regions/countries from outside of EU28 Countries. *(Number of participants from non-EU countries. Specify their contribution)*

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- Advancement and promotion of the Partnership through publications and other communication/outreach activities. *(Number of outreach activities that resulted from the Partnership. A complete list with references and web-links should be given in an annex)*

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- Activities and projects with partnerships working under other S3 Thematic Platforms (*Agri-Food, Energy and Industrial Modernisation*).

In Lapland, in april 2018, the partnership organised a joint conference with Wiatify on tourism. A workshp was also organised with JRC and Interreg Europe @Partners to complete.