

S3P Thematic Platform on Agri-food Working Committee Semi-annual Meeting 'Working Towards the Long-Term Sustainability'

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Rural Development Innovation Week

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Smart Sensors 4 Agri-food

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Flanders' FOOD

Progress of our partnership up-to-date

**Scoping note
finalized**



**2 EU projects
submitted and
approved (see
further)**



**Governance
structure:**

- Feedback gathered
from partners



Progress of our partnership up-to-date: Governance Structure

- **Should we involve authorities and policy makers? If yes, how?**
- **Do we need a full-time partnership manager? Or part-time?**
- **Do we need to establish a management board and how should it be structured?**
 - # members?
 - Responsibilities + how distribute responsibilities?
- **Do we need a kind of contract or MoU?**
- **Financial engagement/support of the different regions/clusters?**
- **Do we need to set-up a separate advisory board as ad hoc mirror group to the partnership?**

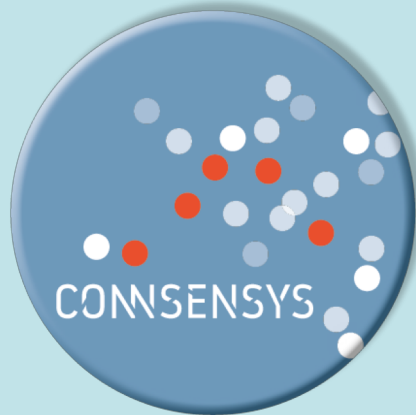
Progress of our partnership up-to-date

- **Governance structure:**

- Draft governance structure → forward to partners by May '19
- Meeting in June '19 to discuss and finalize the governance structure

Achievements

Smart Sensors 4 Agri-food: **2 approved projects**



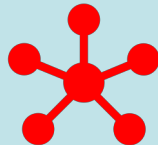
Connecting smart sensor systems for the food industry

COSME

1/11/'18 – 31/10/'20



Strategy
Roadmap



EU
network
living labs



Study visits
Matchmaking



Demo
cases



S3FOOD

Smart sensor systems for food safety, quality control and resource efficiency in the food processing industry

INNOSUP

1/05/'19 – 30/04/'22



Vouchers (€) for SMEs - 2 open calls:

- € 5 mio → 79% for SMEs
- Direct (vouchers): € 2.875.000
- Max € 60.000 / SME



Achievements

- **Connsensys** → focus on inventORIZATION, mapping and matching of needs of agri-food industry with technological solutions
- **S3FOOD** → starting up the project
- **Looking into possibilities and interlinkages with DIH activities and European DIHs:**
 - Digital Innovation Hubs workshop on 3rd of April '19, Brussels

Future plans

- **Finalize and implement governance structure by September '19**
- **Start-up / roll-out both projects (Connnsensys and S3FOOD) with as concrete results:**
 - Strategy and implementation roadmap by end of '19
 - EU network of living labs with operational handbook by mid '20 + gaps detected
 - Demo cases by mid '20
 - Concrete cross-regional and cross-sectoral collaboration projects '20 and '21

Working Towards the Long-Term Sustainability

1. What kind of support do the existing partnerships need in order to secure their long-term sustainability after 2020?

With the 2 running projects we have resources to elaborate our partnership and strategy.

On the other hand when we detect specific gaps in the different pilot facilities or if a crucial living lab is missing, there is no funding scheme available that can help us to fill this gap and invest in these facilities

→ cross-regional investment projects no funding available

Working Towards the Long-Term Sustainability

2. What difficulties do the existing Agri-Food partnerships encounter when combining different funds and programmes to support their ongoing activities?

The different funding schemes are competitive, so there is no guarantee we will be successful. This can for sure jeopardize the continuity of the partnerships and will hinder the roll-out of their strategy and roadmap.

→ Also linked to question 1 (securing long-term sustainability)



Thank you!

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