

Smart Specialisation Platform for Industrial Modernisation

Thematic Partnership

ClusSport

Start Date (September 2017)

MONITORING PROGRESS REPORT

Reporting Period: from January 2019 to June 2019

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 every six months and covers the entire period of the Partnership.

Confidentiality: this document (part I) 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. Combining Smart Specialisation strategies and Cluster policies is at the heart of ClusSport, which aims to develop a pipeline for public private investments projects to boost regional economic growth and employment.

ClusSport gathers 11 European regions and their clusters, as well as EPSI. Emilia-Romagne joined the partnership during the reporting period.

The project has successfully led to one scoping note done by Idea Consult and two types of mapping exercises delivered with the support of ReConfirm.

Different workshops, and multilateral exchanges facilitated the emergence of 12 cooperation projects / investment ideas.

They aim at being turned into both eligible joint projects and to co-investment protocols which will have practical socio-economic impacts on the partnering regions and beyond.

The period between January and June 2019 has experienced the continuation of the ClusSport development work for the completion of the cross regional investment ideas / protocols. Two meetings took place, in Rovereto (Italy) and Valencia (Spain), to finetune the cooperation projects and elaborate/update the ClusSport Strategy. The main achievement of the consortium is the formalisation of the Smart Sport Innovation Hub concept, which will enable the implementation of the cooperation project. The SSI Hub concept will be elaborated while implementing a pilot project: Smart Vital Urban Regions. Creating Smart Vital Urban regions entails the creation of networks, infrastructures and programmes to support business development ideas, facilitate PPP's and encourage citizens to practice more physical activities. The ClusSport Smart Vital Urban regions address this challenge by creating urban living labs which connect social and (smart) product innovation. Each region develops a complementary living lab facility that are networked together and that can specialise in various areas (in public spaces, at work, at school...). The main challenges here are the public private collaborations and the creation of sustainable public private business cases.

ClusSport consortium successfully submitted one MoU, committing the partners to co-invest in the SSI hub concept Smart Vital Urban Regions project. A TAF application was submitted to finetune the project. At the end of June, ClusSport will finalise its strategy.

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:** *Develop Cross regional investments for the regional industrial modernisation..*
- **Lead Region(s):** *list of regions/countries leading this partnership*

<i>Lapland.</i>
<i>South Netherland..</i>
<i>Any other comments</i>

- **Official partner regions:** *list of regions/countries that have officially committed to follow this partnership and have been active in the last six months.*

<i>Kainuu. / Finland</i>	<i>Valencia / Spain</i>	<i>Catalunia / Spain</i>
<i>Debrecen (Hungary)</i>	<i>Upper Austria / Austria</i>	<i>Flanders / Belgium</i>
<i>Emilia Romagna (Italy).</i>	<i>Trento / Italy</i>	<i>Please enter here...</i>
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<i>Dalarna Sweden and Auvergne Rhône-Alpes France haven't participated to actions</i>		

- **Other regions:** *list of regions/countries that have expressed their interest in this partnership but have not signed a commitment letter).*

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- **Intentions to join:** *list any regional/national authorities*
Lombardia

- **Other participants (other than national/regional authorities):**
(Please list here all other (non-region) participants (clusters, institutes, RTOs, etc.))

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I.B. Thematic Working Areas (WA)

- **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
<p>ICT4SELF Cooperation project 1: Fablabs for the acceleration of innovation</p> <p>Cooperation project 2: Smart Sport products</p>	<p>Cooperation project 1: Flanders</p> <p>Cooperation project 2: TBC</p>	<p>Cooperation project 1: South Netherlands, Lapland, Kainuu, Dalarna, Strento, Valencia and Barcelona</p> <p>Trentino</p> <p>TBC</p> <p>Cooperation project 2: Trentino, TBC</p>	<p>Other actors</p>
<p>ICT4ENV Cooperation project 3: Smart gyms</p> <p>Cooperation project 4: Living labs for acceleration of innovation</p> <p>Cooperation Project 5: Valo4Sport</p>	<p>Cooperation project 3: Kainuu</p> <p>Cooperation project 4: South Netherlands</p> <p>Cooperation Project 5: Lapland</p>	<p>Cooperation project 3: South Netherlands, Debrecen</p> <p>Cooperation project 4: Trentino, Valencia, Flanders EPSI</p> <p>Cooperation Project 5: Kainuu, Upper Austria, Valencia, Trento</p>	<p>Other actors</p>
<p>SPORT4VITALITY Cooperation project 6: Smart Sport events for all</p> <p>Cooperation project 7: Smart vital Urban regions</p>	<p>Cooperation project 6: South Netherlands</p> <p>Cooperation project 7: South Netherlands</p> <p>Cooperation project 8: Kainuu</p> <p>Coooperation project 9:</p>	<p>Cooperation project 6: Valencia, Trento, Lapland, Goteborg, Flanders, Trentino</p> <p>Cooperation project 7: Valencia, Lapland, Kainuu, Flanders,</p>	<p>Other actors</p>

	South Netherlands Cooperation project 10: Kainuu	Trentino, Birmingham, Sheffield & Danish region Cooperation project 8: Lapland, Flanders, TBC Cooperation project 9: Kainuu, Lapland, EPSI, Valencia, Upper Austria, Trento Cooperation project 10: TBC	
TRANSVERSAL Projects Cooperation project 11: Mapping of future technology and its impact Cooperation project 12: Sport innovation 4.0 (data-driven)	Cooperation project 11: TBC Cooperation project 13: Valencia	Cooperation project 11: Trentino, TBC Cooperation project 13: Suggestion at 9/2018 meeting that all partner regions join	Other actors
At the moment projects 3, 5, 7, 9 and 12 are very actively making progress. One MoU signed based on the merger of n°7 and 12 being the 1st consortium able to do so.. TAF application submitted.			

I.C. Overview of past activities (past six months, the 2nd half of 2018)

Past Meetings

Title	Date	Place
ClusSport meeting	25-26.2.2019	25Rovereto (Italy).
ClusSport meeting	28.3.2019	Valencia (Italy).
ClusSport meetings	Regular webmeetings February- June	Skype/GoToMeeting
In addition lead regions representatives have had regular updates, partners have organised project development meetings in the relation of individual ideas		

Past Workshops

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Past Dissemination Activities

Title	Date	Place
Spor Forum	8-9 April 2019	Bucarest (Romania)
EWoS	23-24 Mai	Sintra -Portugal
Dissemination will also be done at stakeholders meetings of Inno4Sport (interreg Europe) in participating regions		

I.C. Overview of future activities (the next 6 months – the 1st half of 2019)**Future Meetings**

<i>Title</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Place</i>
<i>ClusSport meeting .</i>	<i>September/October 2019</i>	<i>Jointly with Inno4Sport.</i>
<i>Regular web meeting will take place, future meeting and workshops will be agreed after Warsaw meeting</i>		

Future Workshops

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<i>Future meeting and workshops will be agreed after Warsaw meetings</i>		

Future Dissemination Activities

<i>Title</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Place</i>
<i>EPSI annual conference..</i>	<i>July 2019 .</i>	<i>Brussels (Belgium)..</i>
<i>TARTU Call Final Conference...</i>	<i>19 June 2019..</i>	<i>Brussels (Belgium)...</i>
<i>Dissemination will also be done at stakeholders meetings of Inno4Sport (interreg Europe) in participating regions</i>		

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)

All ClusSport partners have come to the elaboration of the Smart Sport Innovation Hub concept, which creates a network of regions, infrastructures, stakeholders and programmes to accelerate cross-regional innovation

The concept will be tested on a pilot project: Smart Vital Urban regions

4 of the ClusSport regions (South Netherlands, Lapland, Valencia and EPSI, have signed a MoU to commit to co-invest in the smart vital urban region project

The project was proposed to the TAF in order to be finetuned

- Tangible short- and medium-term socio-economic impacts achieved or expected.
(Specific examples)

o Expected impact of the Smart Vital Urban Regions

5-10 million invested to develop data generation infrastructures in four regions

Expected health benefits for the population in each of the smart vital urban regions

II.B. Inter-regional and inter-partnership collaborative results

- Additional results obtained from working with other partnerships under the thematic S3 Platforms. (Specific examples)

Joint initiatives with the Tourism partnership - InnoSup I proposal FeelGood.

- Evaluation of the involvement of relevant business sector (clusters, SMEs, business associations, chambers of commerce, etcetera) in the Partnership activities. (Specific examples)

The ReConfirm support 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 from ReConfirm 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, has enabled to connect the cooperation projects with SMEs. This allowed partners to test the relevance of the cooperation projects 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 are well-advanced in cooperating: 5 out of the 12 cooperation ideas, have turned into cooperation projects and two of them are well-advanced. These two projects (smart vital urban regions and vitality@work) are gathering a sizeable number of ClusSport partner regions. Regions participating in Smart Vital Urban Regions have signed an MoU to commit to the submission of a co-investment protocol Their level of involvement is sufficient to potentially provide practical and relevant socio-economic impacts. These socio-economic impacts would be that the project would foster innovation in SMES and the partnership would enable them to develop their solution in several markets. The regions have seized the potential for developing co-investment as a means to create new activities and economic growth. Participating in the TAF will help the Smart Vital Urban Region project to fine-tune its business model and maximise its 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.*

The joint meeting between ClusSport and Interreg inno4Sport has enabled the partnership to create relations with Debrecen region in Hungary

- 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).

Communication with other S3 partnerships have been started in order to create synergies. Collaboration with AgriFood partnerships would be particularly interesting in the relation of nutrition and healthy diet.