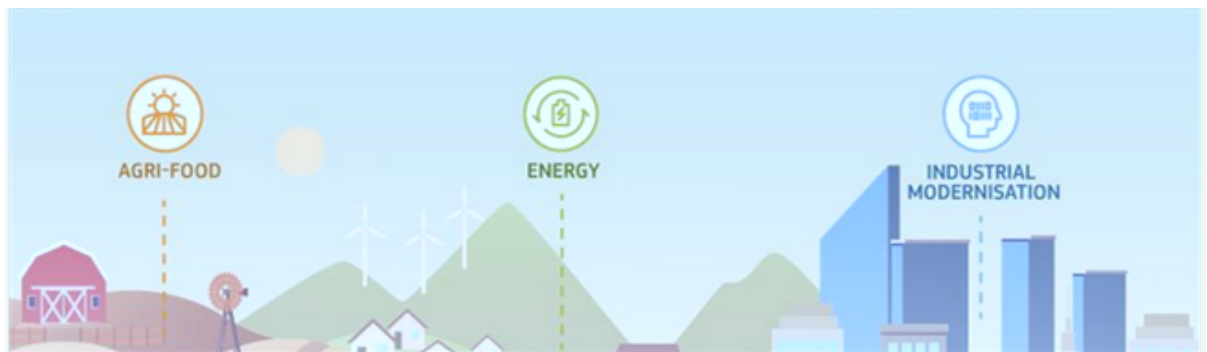


Thematic Smart Specialisation Platforms Monitoring Progress Report

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Thematic Smart Specialisation Partnership Monitoring Progress Report

This report is presented to the relevant Working/Steering Committee.

The report is updated every six months.

Confidentiality:

The management report (section I) and progress report (section II) will be made available to the public via your Partnership's web page.

The part on self-assessment is confidential.

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

* Reporting period

July - December 2020

* Please select the name of your partnership

Sport & Vitality

*** Start date of your partnership**

September 2017

*** Partnership's webpage**<https://s3platform.jrc.ec.europa.eu/sport>**I. Management report**

*** Please provide the executive summary and the objectives of your partnership**

Physical Activity and Sport are important drivers for the European economic and societal growth. Combining Smart Specialisation strategies and Cluster policies is at the heart of ClusSport (<https://s3platform.jrc.ec.europa.eu/sport>), which aims to develop a pipeline of public private investments projects to boost regional economic growth and employment. ClusSport gathers 12 European regions and their clusters, as well as EPSI, the European Platform for Sport Innovation. The process 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 July and December 2020 has experienced the continuation of the ClusSport development work for the completion of the cross regional investment ideas / protocols. During this period no formal meetings have taken place due to ongoing Covid-19 pandemic. During the reporting period, the consortium has, however, met regularly despite of the pandemic, prepared a common application to the Interreg Europe platform (Inno4Sports - Pilot action proposal) and also a European proposal that supports the internationalization activities of the cluster (Cluster Go Interantional/COSME) to the third countries.

The COVID-19 pandemic situation has still heavily affected ClusSport collaboration and caused changes in the operative level. The partnership has adapted its activities correspondingly and organized regular online meetings which has in general intensified the collaboration between the partnering regions. How to deal with the pandemic situation in the sport sector is still a major theme to be tackled with ClusSport collaboration. Many regional partners have had their own ideas and projects in the topic, and the cluster has served also as a platform to change good practices among these ideas (complementary competences).

During the second half of the 2020 the key activities of the partnership have been to prepare TAF platform in the field of sport innovation as well as the preparatory work for the abovementioned Interreg platform.

*** Please provide the list of leading regions**

Lapland region/Finland
South Netherlands region/the Netherlands

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Please provide the list of participating regions.

If possible, please follow this format: "Name of the region in English (Country abbreviation), NUTS code".

e.g.: Lapland (FI), FI1D7

Kainuu/Finland
Valencia/Spain
Catalunia/Spain
Debrecen/Hungary
Dalarna Sweden
Upper/Austria
Flanders/Belgium
Emilia Romagna/Italy
Trento/Italy
Rhones Alpes Region/France

Please provide the list of interested regions or other entities (other than national /regional authorities)

Lahti
Sheffield

Please provide an overview of the **working areas** of your partnership

	Working area	Region in charge	Involved regions	Other actors
*1	ICT4SELF-Cooperation project 1: Fablabs for the acceleration of innovation-Cooperation project 2: Smart Sport products	Cooperation project 1: FlandersCooperation project 2: TBC	Cooperation project 1: South Netherlands, Lapland, Kainuu, Dalarna, Strento, Valencia and Barcelona TrentinoTBCCooperation project 2: Trentino, TBC	EPSI, regional clusters
*2	ICT4ENV-Cooperation project 3: Smart gyms-Cooperation project 4: Living labs for acceleration of innovation-Cooperation Project 5: Valo4Sport	Cooperation project 3: KainuuCooperation project 4: South NetherlandsCooperation Project 5:Lapland	Cooperation project 3: South Netherlands, DebrecenCooperation project 4: Trentino, Valencia, Flanders EPSICooperation Project 5:Kainuu, Upper Austria, Valencia, Trent	EPSI, regional clusters
*3	SPORT4VITALITYCooperation project 6:Smart Sport events for allCooperation project 7: Smart vital Urban regions	Cooperation project 6:South NetherlandsCooperation project 7: South NetherlandsCooperation project 8: KainuuCoooperation project 9: South NetherlandsCooperation project 10: Kainuu	Trentino, Birmingham, Sheffield & Danish regionCooperation project 8: Lapland, Flanders, TBCCoooperation project 9: Kainuu, Lapland, EPSI, Valencia, Upper Austria, TrentoCooperation project 10: TBC	EPSI, regional clusters
*4	TRANSVERSAL ProjectsCooperation project 11: Mapping of future technology and its impactCooperation project 12: Sport innovation 4.0 (data-driven)	Cooperation project 11: TBCCooperation project 13: Valencia	Cooperation project 11: Trentino, TBCCooperation project 13: Suggestion at 9/2018 meeting that all partner regions join	EPSI, regional clusters

*5	EU network of Innovation Hubs for Sports&Vitality (TAF supported initiative)	South of Netherlands	Valencia, Kainuu, Lapland, Trentino, Sheffield	EPSI, regional clusters
*6	-	-	-	-
*7	-	-	-	-
*8	-	-	-	-
*9	-	-	-	-
*10	-	-	-	-

Please provide information regarding past meetings, workshops and dissemination activities (six months prior to filling out the survey)

	Event	Date	Place	Any other information
1	ClusSport online meetings (sport and vitality webpage)	16.9.2020	Web meeting	-
2	Meeting of October 7th among ClusSport and DG EAC, Inno4Sport and other stakeholders	7. October 2020	Web meeting	https://europa.eu/regions-and-cities/programme/sessions/1555_en
3	TAF initiative support meetings	15. October 2020 19. November, 2020, 3 December 2020, 16 December	Web meetings	https://s3platform.jrc.ec.europa.eu/taf
4	ClusSport online meeting	26.10.2020	Web meetings	-
5	ClusSport online meeting	17.12.2020	Web meeting	-
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7	-	-	-	-
8	-	-	-	-
9	-	-	-	-
10	-	-	-	-

Please provide information regarding planned future meetings, workshops and dissemination activities

	Event	Date	Place	Any other information
1	TAF supported innovation hub workshop	14. January and 4. February 2021	Online meeting	Based on regional preferences
2	Monthly ClusSport meetings	Every 2 months	Online meetings	Discussion and elaboration, TAF, other initiatives, communication and synergies of ClusSport partners
3	ClusSport event related to EU sport forum	tba	Online event	Website opened later on
4	ClusSport event related to European week of sport	23-30. September 2021	Online event	https://ec.europa.eu/sport/week_en , double check the dates
5	Interregional larger online event of physical activity related to ClusSport	11-14. October 2021	Webinar	https://europa.eu/regions-and-cities/
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II. Progress report

Innovative results

Please describe innovative results and achievements that could be attributed to the partnership (specific examples of results vs. objectives)

- The partnership has applied together a Cluster internationalization scheme from EC/COSME/Cluster go international call for proposals (3.12.2020), including also collaboration between two S3 networks in Lapland (sport and Digitalization and safety in tourism networks)
- ClusSport is currently elaborating 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 a pilot project: Smart Vital Urban regions, where 5 of ClusSport regions (South Netherlands, Lapland, Kainuu, Valencia, Trento) and EPSI, have together submitted an application for TAF. The pilot has been granted 10+5 days of TAF support and during the reporting period the work is ongoing. Next meetings take place in 14. January and in 4. February 2021
- Several ClusSport partners have joined together to tackle the impacts of Covid-19 pandemic to sport and vitality. The region of South Netherlands has granted a project/financial support from the region authorities to support the further development of the regional Innovation Hub for Sports & Vitality. The region of Lapland has implemented an ERDF funded activity tackling COVID-19 in the field of sport (June-Dec 2020) that has included local sport resorts, companies and sport clubs. The initiative of EC in this field is well noted.
(link: <https://s3platform.jrc.ec.europa.eu/-/coronavirus-response-and-recovery-eu-support-for-regions-to-work-together-in-innovative-pilot-projects?inheritRedirect=true>)

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

Achieved impact: development of cluster excellence project (SS4GL) (600K€), started in 2020-2022, South Netherlands runs a Vitality Living Lab project (5M€, ERDF, 2018-2022). Interreg Europe project Inno4Sport (from 2018-2020 phase 1, now starts phase 2 (2021, 2022); request for pilot project on data usage and innovation hub in Interreg EU (2021-)

Expected impact of the Smart Innovation Hubs for Sport&Vitality:

-5-10 million invested to develop in Network of Smart Innovation Hubs for Sport&Vitality in four counties /regions

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

Expected impact of covid-19 actions:

- Increased understanding of the sport & vitality industry as strategically important sector on both regional and EU-level in tackling Covid (awareness, health concerns of population in all age groups)

- Increased innovation capacity of European businesses in the field of sport & vitality considering especially the pandemic situation, increasing use of digitalisation and technological solutions and green economy.

Inter-regional and inter-partnership collaborative results

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

Joint application to Cluster go international scheme by COSME, internationalization of clusters

Joint application Interreg Europe - Inno4Sports - Pilot action proposal during the reporting period

Common Expression of interest on COVID-19 innovation - Personalised Medicine and ClusSport partnerships

Evaluation of the involvement of relevant business sector (clusters, SMEs, business associations, chambers of commerce, Digital Innovation Hubs (DIHs), 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. This work is ongoing also during this period. All involved regions have been able to link private sector participants into the collaboration. With each region also a clustering of SME's is involved in ClusSport. This ensures a link between regions, clusters and smart specialisation excellences and ambitions; currently ClusSport is actively mobilizing the cluster participation in the ClusSport as a means to structurize the links towards the market impact.

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 also in this reporting period. Despite of the COVID-19 we have been regularly in touch using online tools and digital means. The regional funds provided to the regions have been actively applied (E.g Lapland and COVID-19 initiative). For instance the impact is indicated by the following facts:

- ERDF funded COVID-initiative in regional level in Lapland, linked with the European expression of interest, developing questionnaire in this field for local sport clubs and receiving round 50 answers (data analysis ongoing)
 - Linking local stakeholders to the European initiatives (data-driven innovation, Cluster go-initiative)
 - Follow up of upcoming European funds to develop the network in the future as well
 - Development of snow-related innovation based on the regional needs
 - Putting together a ClusSport edited publication and motivating Lapland University of Applied Sciences to support its translation into English (possible to change experiences with S3 members)
- ClusSport members have updated together the ClusSport strategy/website focusing even clearer on economical and societal impact; e.g. expressed by the focus towards "sports and vitality".

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

Initiation of new Q-helix projects and programs:

Smart vital city with EPSI

Exergaming with EPSI

Vitality @work with EPSI

Clusters go international

Thematic month of Snow in Lapland (www.snowember.fi), plan of the future 2021-22.

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)

Promoting ClusSport on the national levels and presentation to EPSI members.

Producing a S3 related publication and translating it in English in late 2020 (sharing with S3 partners in early 2021).

Creation of an infographics started to explain the EU network of innovation hubs for sports&vitality.

Activities and projects with partnerships working under other S3 Thematic Platforms (AgriFood, Energy and Industrial Modernisation)

Communication with other S3 partnerships have been started in order to create synergies. Collaboration with Personalised Medicine platform and Digitalization and Safety in Tourism platform are under discussion. Together with the latter we were invited to develop a cluster internationalization programme application (Cluster go). Work to prepare collaboration with AgriFood cluster is ongoing. Also other S3 partnerships have been contacted.

Your Partnership and the UN 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

The EU has a strong position when it comes to sustainable development and is also fully committed to be a frontrunner in implementing the UN's 2030 Agenda, together with its member countries and regions. Many interregional partnerships under the thematic S3 Platforms contribute strongly to the attainment of these 17 goals.

Please indicate to which Sustainable Development Goals and to what extent your thematic Partnership contributes?

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Not applicable
Goal 1. End poverty in all its forms everywhere	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Goal 2. End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition & promote sustainable agriculture	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>

Goal 3. Ensure healthy lives & promote well-being for all at all ages	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Goal 4. Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Goal 5. Achieve gender equality & empower all women and girls	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Goal 6. Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Goal 7. Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Goal 8. Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment & decent work for all	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Goal 9. Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialisation & foster innovation	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Goal 10. Reduce inequality within and among countries	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Goal 11. Make cities & human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Goal 12. Ensure sustainable consumption & production patterns	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Goal 13. Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Goal 14. Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas & marine resources for sustainable development	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Goal 15. Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of						

terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Goal 16. Promote peaceful & inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Goal 17. Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalise the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

