European Commission

BOOSTING INTERREGIONAL COOPERATION IN INNOVATION

Smart Pilot action: interregional partnerships for innovative projects

The new **interregional innovation pilot action** involves public authorities, businesses, academics and researchers from at least four different EU countries, with the aim to:

- **Commercialise and scale-up** interregional innovation projects that can create or reshape European value chains.
- **Attract private investment** for promising innovation projects.
- Explore and strengthen **synergies between different EU instruments (Cohesion Policy funds, the Investment Plan, Horizon 2020)**.

Timeline

DEC 2017

SELECTION of 8 interregional partnerships for innovation investments in smart specialisation areas

JAN 2018

Kick-off meeting of each partnership

1st HALF 2018

TAILORED SUPPORT provided to every partnership by Commission and external experts

2nd HALF 2018

FINALISATION of the business case for the investment project or pipeline of investment projects

EARLY 2019

CAPITALISATION and **LESSONS LEARNED** from this pilot action

Budget

In addition to this hands-on support from the Commission, each partnership can benefit from external advisory service up to a value of €200,000.

Regional and Urban Policy

List of Selected Partnerships

The partnerships will work closely with existing **thematic smart specialisation platforms** in the following areas: energy, agri-food, industrial modernisation. These platforms will act as the coordination structure where the selected partnership can work with teams established within the Commission. Partnerships working in new thematic areas not covered by a platform will work directly with the relevant departments in the Commission.

THEMATIC AREA	COORDINATED BY	LEAD REGIONS	PARTICIPATING REGIONS
3Dprinting	Thematic Smart Specialisation Platform for Industrial modernisation	Flanders (BE), Noord-Brabant (NL), Norte (PT)	Emilia-Romagna (IT), Wallonia (BE), Lombardy (IT), Aragon (ES), Saxony (DE)
Bio-economy	Thematic Smart Specialisation Platform for Industrial modernisation	Flanders (BE)	Wallonia (BE), Lower-Austria (AT),North Rhine-Westphalia (DE), Emilia-Romagna (IT), Navarra (ES), Noord-Brabant (NL), Helsinki-Uusimaa (FI), Łódzkie (PL)
Cybersecurity	New thematic area	Brittany (FR)	Estonia, North Rhine Westphalia (DE), Central Finland (FI), Castilla y Leon (ES)
De- & re-manufacturing for circular economy	Thematic Smart Specialisation Platform for Industrial modernisation	Lombardy (IT)	Tampere (FI), Norte (PT), Scotland (UK), Saxony (DE), Basque Country (ES), Flanders (BE), Emilia Romagna (IT)
High-tech farming	Thematic Smart Specialisation Platform for Agri-food	Tuscany (IT)	Estonia, Flanders (BE), Weser–Ems (DE), Central Macedonia (EL), West Macedonia (EL), Galicia (ES), Extremadura (ES), South Ostrobothnia (FI), Pays De la Loire (FR), Marche (IT), Veneto (IT), Emilia-Romagna (IT), North East Romania (RO), East Central Sweden (SE), Northern Netherlands (NL), Gelderland (NL), Noord Holland (NL), Zuid Holland (NL), North-Brabant (NL), Limburg (BE), Northern Ireland (UK), Centro (PT)
Marine renewable energy	Thematic Smart Specialisation Platform for Energy	Basque Country (ES) & Scotland (UK)	Asturias (ES), Andalucia (ES), Navarra (ES), Norte (PT), Flanders (BE), Emilia Romagna (IT), Lombardy (IT), South Denmark (DK), Skåne (SE), Dalarna (SE), Ostrobothnia (FI), Brittany (FR), Cornwall (UK), Sogn og Fjordane (N)
Sustainable buildings	Thematic Smart Specialisation Platform for Energy	Andalucía (ES)	Friuli Venezia Giulia Region (IT), Central Slovenia (SI), South Karelia (FI), Provence-Alpes-Côte-d'Azur (FR), Algarve (PT)
Traceability and big data in agri-food	Thematic Smart Specialisation Platform for Agri-food	Andalucía (ES), Emilia-Romagna (IT)	Pays de la Loire (FR), Friuli Venezia Giulia (IT), Aragon (ES), Extremadura (ES), Pazardzhik (BG), South Ostrobothnia Region (FI), South Savo (FI)

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