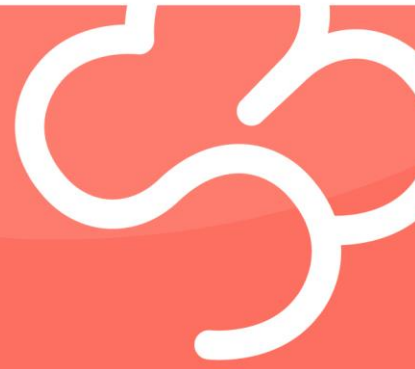




S3 Conference
Launch
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Thursday 30 March 2023



The European Commission, with the support of the S3 CoP Secretariat, is organising the highly anticipated

S3 Conference

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09:30 – 16:00 CET

Online & in English

Please register here:

<https://s3-conference.regio-events.eu/>

The **Smart Specialisation Strategies (S3) Conference 2023** is the first in a series of events that the European Commission's Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy, with the support of the S3 Community of Practice Secretariat, is organising for S3 stakeholders from across regions in EU Member States. The S3 Conference is the launch event for the S3 Community of Practice, DG REGIO's major source of support for S3 implementation.

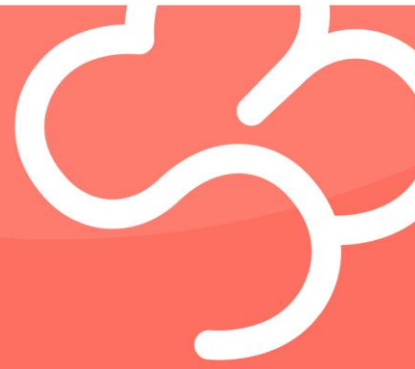
This is a very timely moment, as the operationalisation of the EU Cohesion Policy for the 2021-2027 period is still in the early stages and the emphasis now will be on putting smart specialisation strategies into practice and delivering the necessary investments.

You are therefore kindly invited to join S3 practitioners, experts, policymakers, and other key stakeholders to discuss **Smart Specialisation and debate on the S3 role in driving local economic development and EU priorities**. Together with speakers from the European Commission, managing authorities and governmental bodies implementing S3, coordinators for granted projects under the Interregional Innovation Investments (I3) Instrument, S3 experts, as well as the S3 CoP Secretariat, and the OECD, the Conference will highlight:

- the **support** provided by the new S3 CoP, such as working groups, expert groups, targeted support activities as well as event and online tools;
- a **policy** debate on win-win opportunities for local economic development and EU priorities from experts and regional practitioners;
- interesting **complementary initiatives** that foster interregional cooperation and innovation investments such as the I3 Instrument and the European Innovation Ecosystems. Furthermore, DG REGIO ongoing work with the OECD shows how foreign direct investment can support local SMEs ecosystems.



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Don't miss the opportunity to contribute to the development of S3 CoP and gain valuable knowledge along with other stakeholders!

This S3 Conference is the first major events that DG REGIO is organising for S3 stakeholders across regions in EU Member States. Subsequent events in person and in EU regions will follow this conference. The next one is scheduled for November 2023.

Online participation

The event is planned as a live recording from a Brussels-based studio and will be broadcasted for an online audience. The audience will follow the event online and will have the opportunity to ask questions using interactive tools.

Stakeholders will be able to interact virtually and share their thoughts and experience about the implementation of S3 CoP in their member state and region.

More information?

More information will soon follow including a detailed agenda. For any queries, you are welcome to contact us at events@S3-cop.eu.

We look forward to welcoming you at the event!

S3 CoP Secretariat