

From Policy to Practice

Experience talks on the Role of Smart Specialisation Strategies
in the Future National and Regional Partnership Plans

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09:30–10:00 | Registration, light breakfast and networking

Participants are welcomed with a light breakfast.

10:00–10:10 | Welcome remarks

Institutional welcome and introduction to the purpose of the event and its relevance to the post-2027 debate.

10:10–10:25 | Setting the scene

Short expert intervention on the evolution of Smart Specialisation Strategies (S3), the emerging partnership-plan framework and the principal governance and implementation questions facing regions.

10:25–10:40 | Fireside Chat I: Entrepreneurial Discovery Process

Moderated discussion followed by audience questions.

Guiding question: How will the Entrepreneurial Discovery Process be organised and implemented in practice under the future framework?

10:40–11:00 | Fireside Chat II: Priority-setting

Moderated discussion followed by audience questions.

Guiding question: How can regions align with new EU priorities while preserving the place-based logic of S3?

11:00–11:20 | Fireside Chat III: Funding and implementation

Moderated discussion followed by audience questions.

Guiding question: How can S3 connect regional priorities with EU, national and regional funding instruments?

11:20–11:30 | EU institutional perspective

A short response to the regional discussions and reflection on how the experiences and recommendations could inform the future policy framework.

11:30–11:35 | Closing remarks

Summary of key messages, explanation of the follow-up process with the Practical Recommendations output.