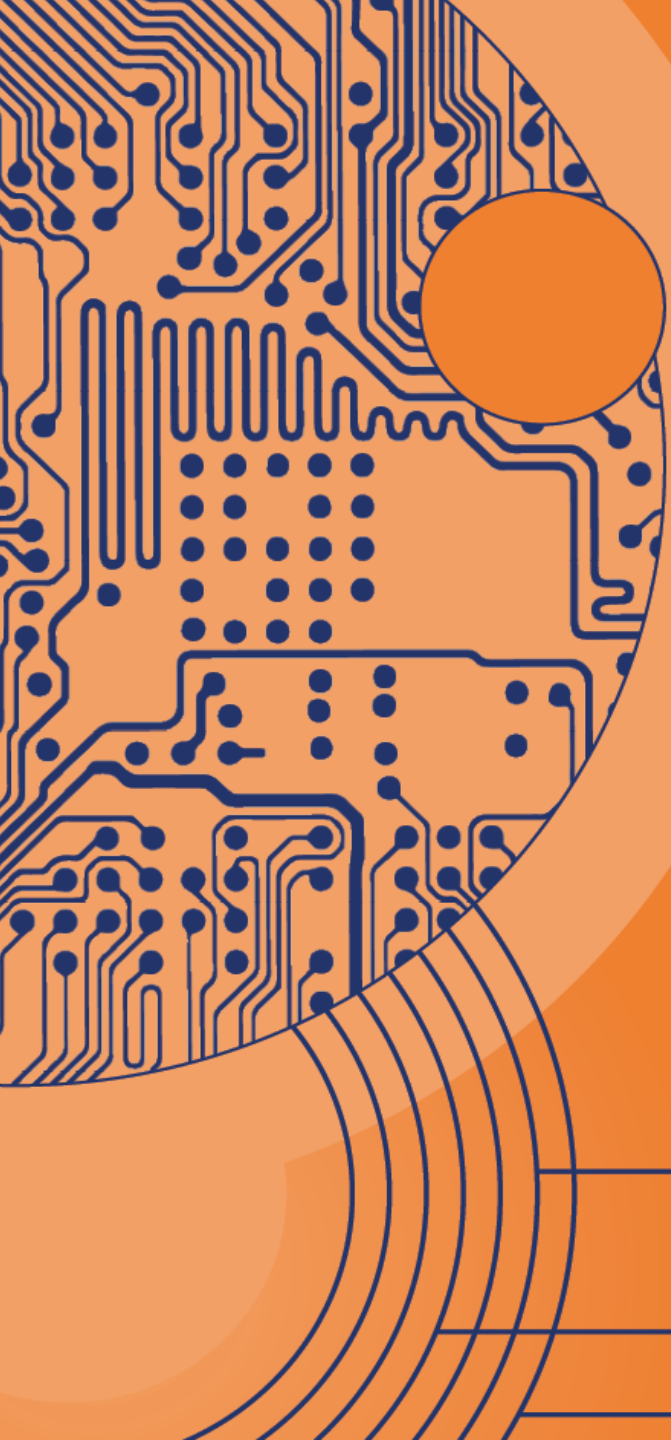




**Info Day:**

**Interregional Innovation Investments (I3)**

**Instrument calls - Strand 1 and 2a**



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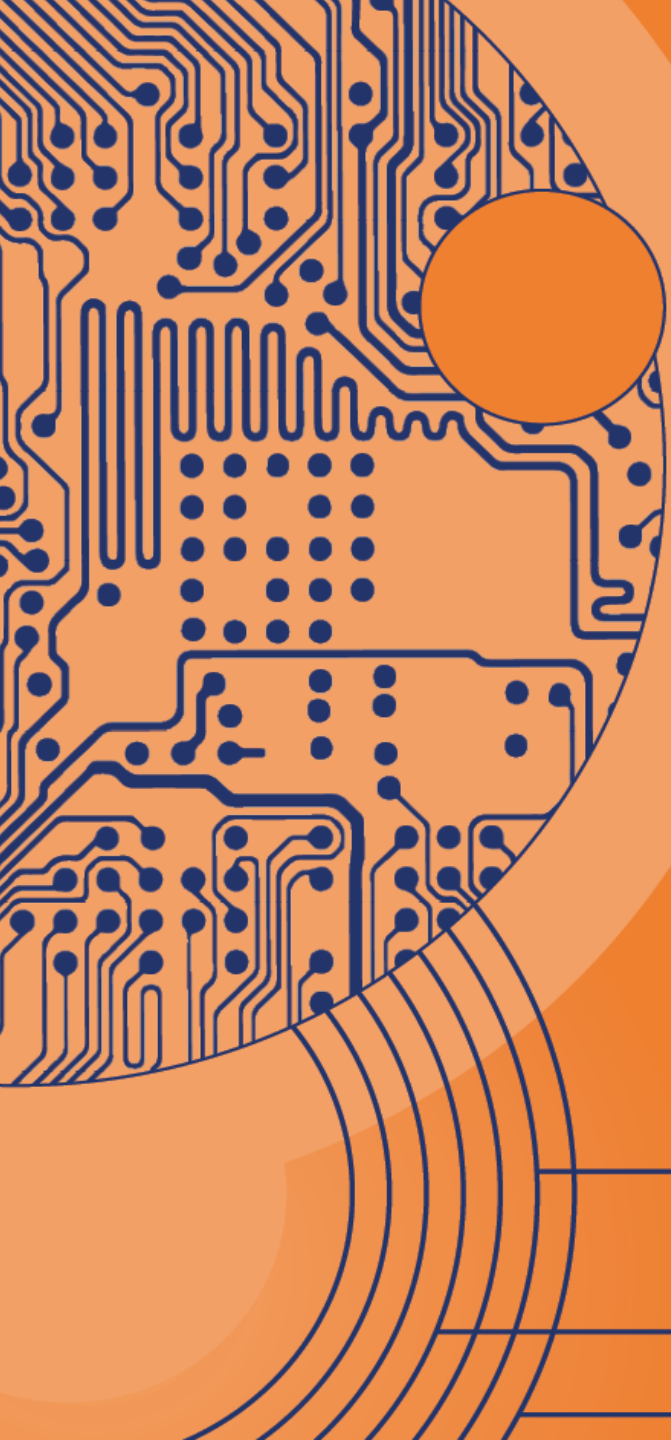
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# Agenda

- 9:30** Welcome & introduction
- 9:35** I3 Instrument Policy Background
- 9:50** Presentation of I3 Instrument Calls Strand 1 and Strand 2a
- 10:20** Good practices from I3 Instrument projects
- 10:35** Detailed budget table
- 10:55** Financial Support to Third Parties (FSTP)
- 11:15** Q&A via Slido
- 11:55** Closing remarks





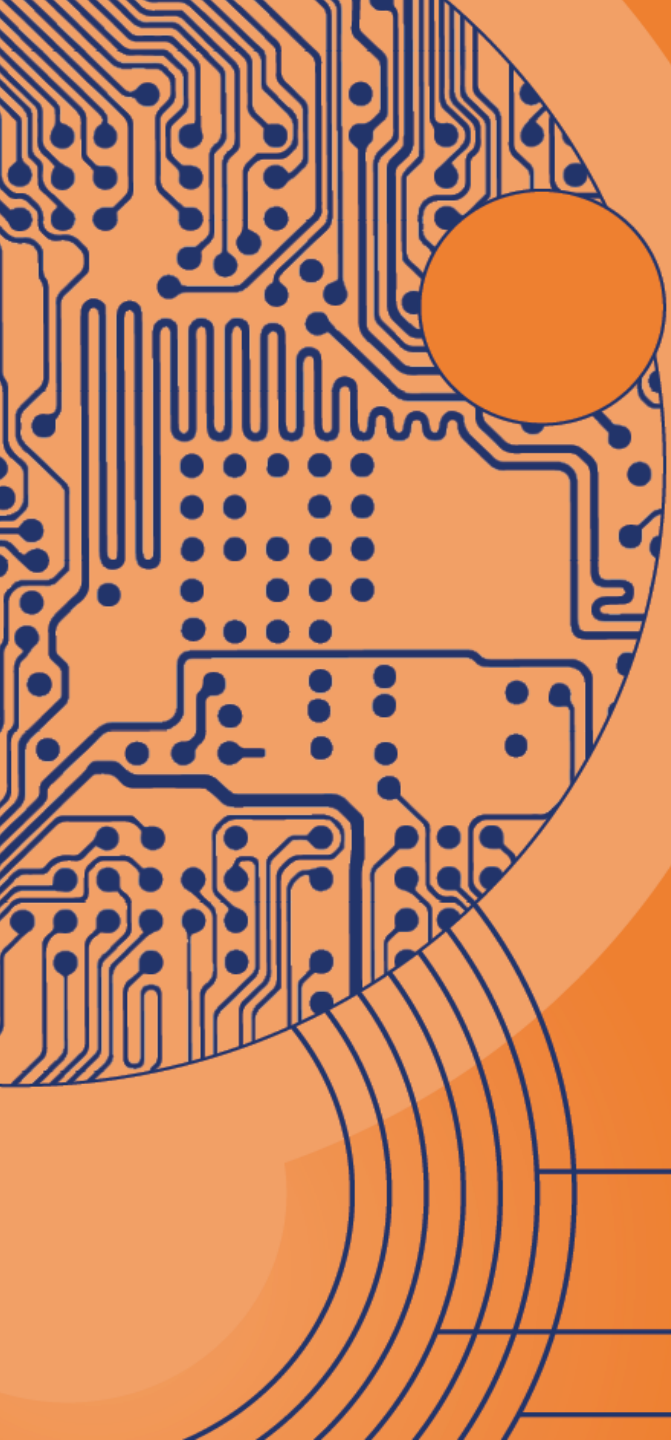
# Welcome & Introduction

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# 13 Instrument Policy Background

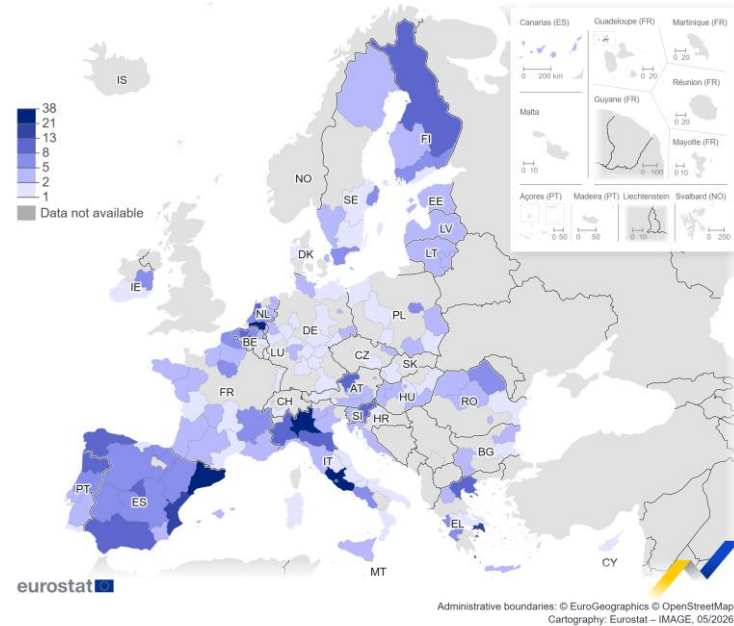
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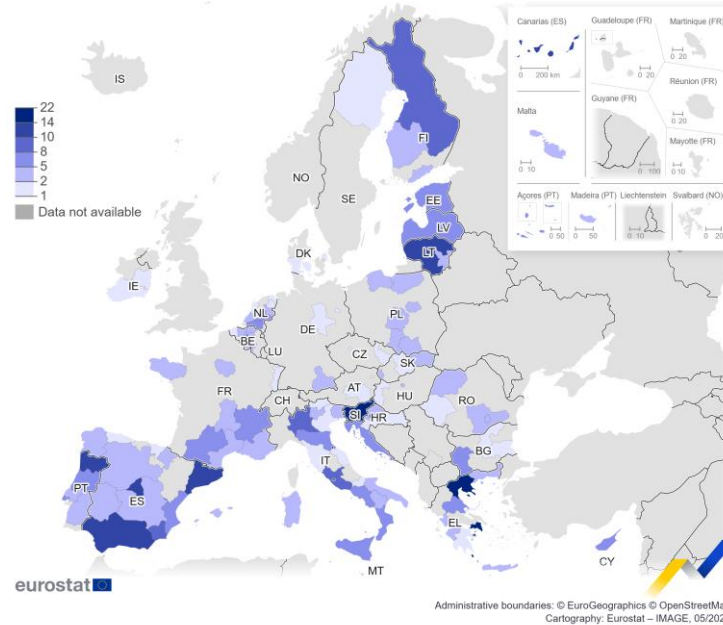
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Calls INV1 2021-25



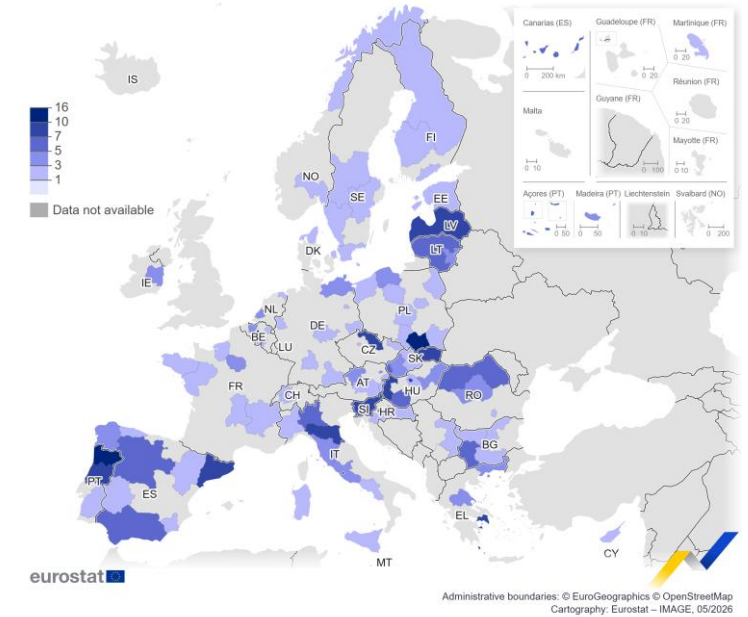
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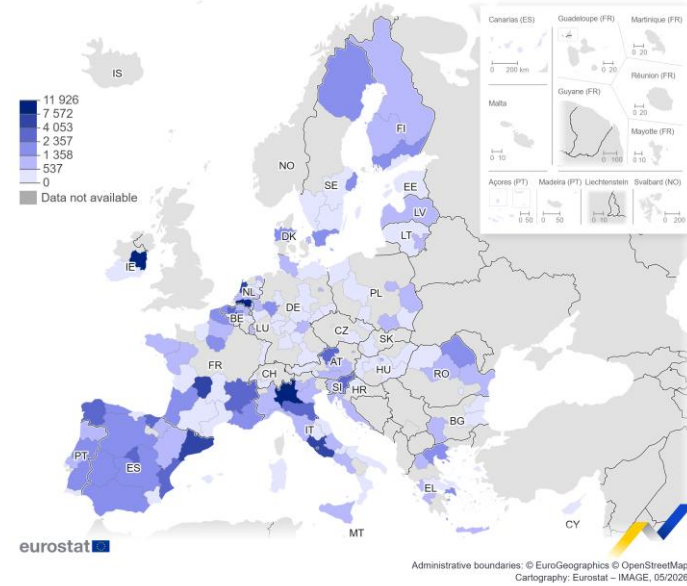
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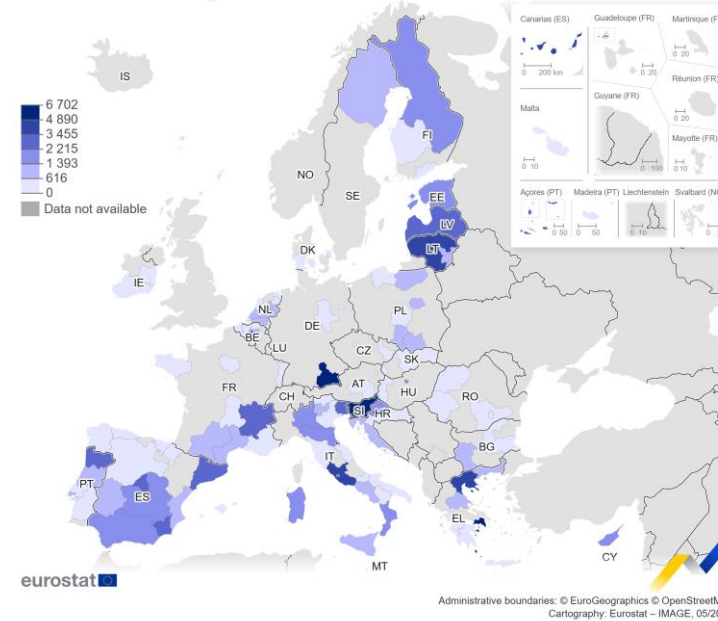
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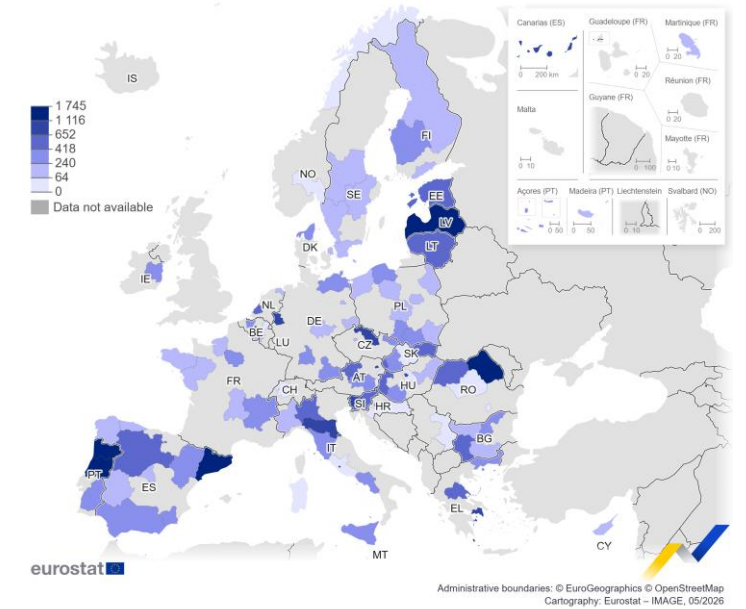
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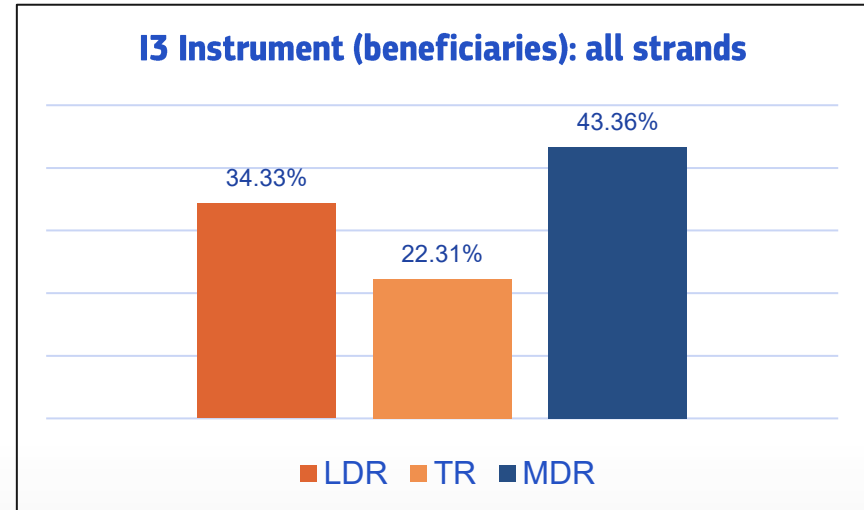
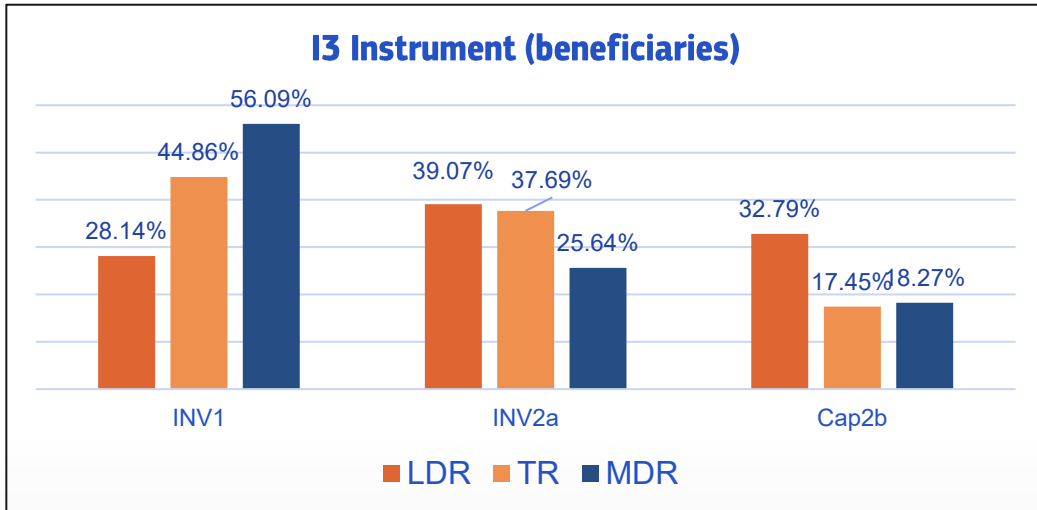
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# Where do we stand today?

Strand	Funded (finished) projects	Budget [M EUR]
INV1	24 (6)	179.87
INV2a	29 (8)	134.77
Cap2b	25 (9)	35.92
Total	78 (23)	350.57 out of 490 (71.5%)



# I3 Instrument – success and challenges encountered



#I3Instrument

### Business-driven partnerships

**63%** Initiated by clusters or SMEs

**91%** Based on previous consortium collaboration

Building on strong existing networks

European Commission | I3 Interregional Innovation Investments Instrument



Read the report in full and find out more key figures and insights!

[Download it now on the I3 Support Facility Website](#)

### Advancing innovation to market

**80%** Started at TRL 6

**75%** Progressed to TRL 7 by Q3 of 2025

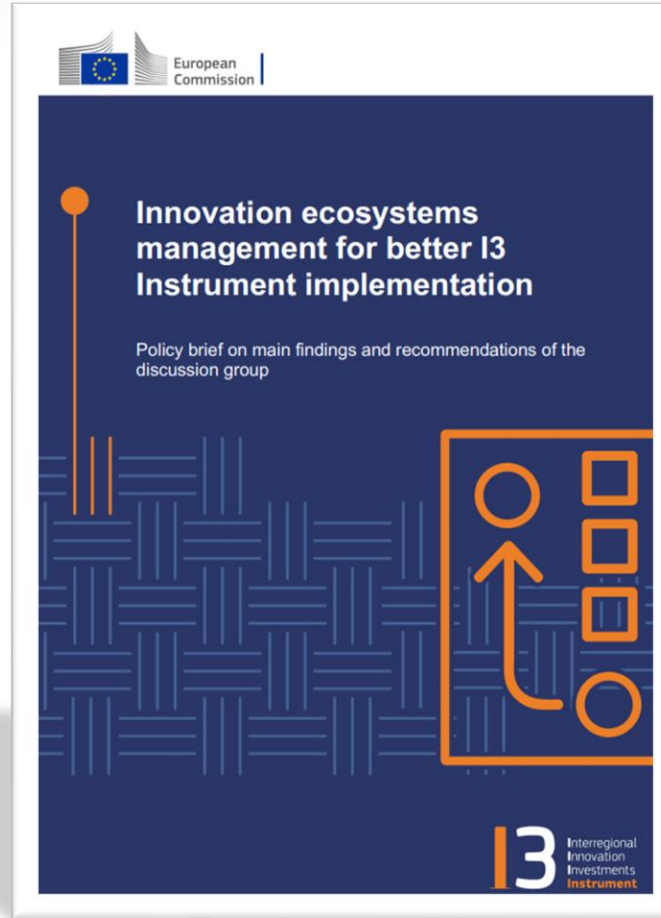
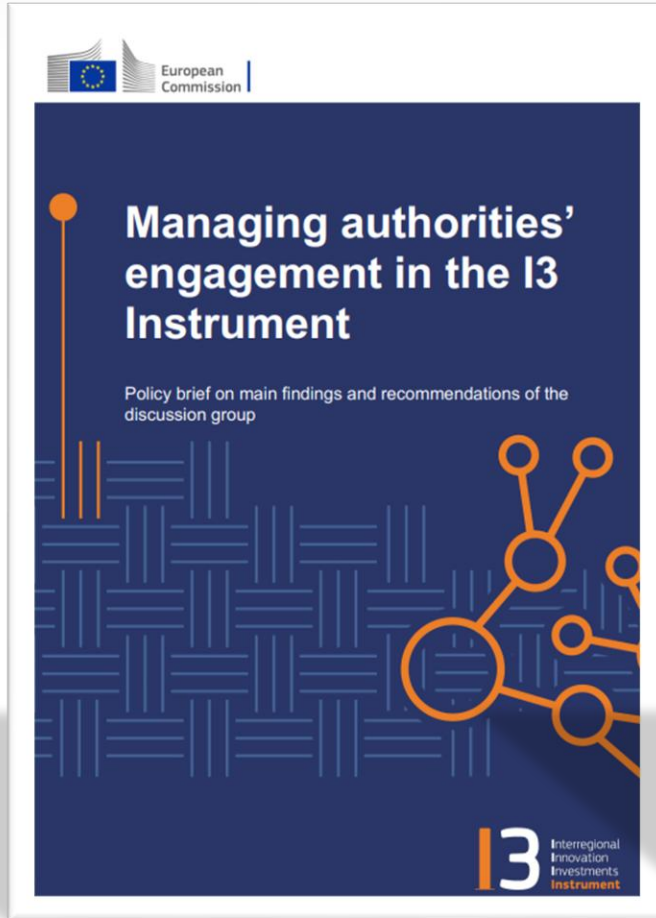
**90%** Expected to reach TRL 8/9 by project end

Testing prototype → Operational prototype → Market-ready solution

European Commission | I3 Interregional Innovation Investments Instrument



# I3 Instrument – policy briefs



[interregional-innovation-investments.ec.europa.eu/discussion-groups](https://interregional-innovation-investments.ec.europa.eu/discussion-groups)

#I3Instrument

**I3** Interregional  
Innovation  
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Instrument

# Annual I3 Instrument Forum 2026

Save the date

01.10.2026 - Brussels, Belgium  
30.09.2026 - I3 Instrument Coordinators' Day



**S3** COMMUNITY  
OF PRACTICE



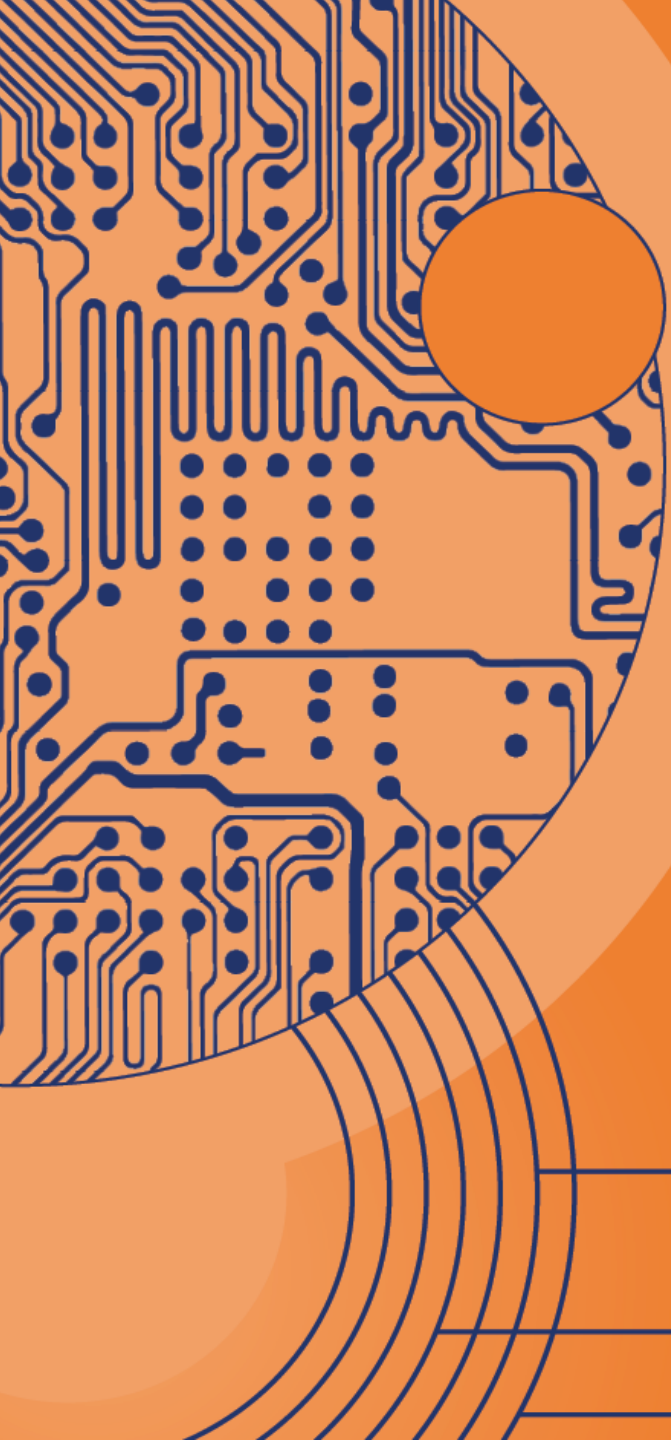
# REGIONS DRIVING EUROPEAN INNOVATION AND COMPETITIVENESS

S3 COP ANNUAL CONFERENCE

23 – 24 June 2026  
Autoworld  
Brussels, Belgium

5th Annual Conference of the  
Smart Specialisation Community of  
Practice  
Registration open





# Presentation of 13 Instrument Calls Strand 1 and Strand 2a

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# 13 Instrument Strands

€ 490 million  
2021–2027

## Thematic priorities



**Green Transition**



**Smart Manufacturing**



**Digital Transition**

**Strand 1** | support for investments in interregional innovation projects in shared smart specialisation areas

**Strand 2a** | support for investments in interregional innovation projects for the development of value chains in less developed regions

**Strand 2b** | Capacity building for the development of value chains in less developed regions

**I3SF** Technical assistance & experimentation

# I3 Instrument - Upstream and downstream dependency

## CAPACITY BUILDING

I3 Instrument's success and impact is contingent on the existence of the many partnerships, networks as well as partners' capacity to engage in joint projects.

- I3 Strand Cap2b
- I3 support facility
- Smart Specialisation Community of Practice (S3 COP)

CONNECT

LEARN

INVESTMENT (TRL 6-9)

SCALE-UP

COMMERCIALISE

DEMONSTRATE

**I3 Strand 1:** support for investments in interregional innovation projects in shared smart specialisation areas (S3)

**I3 Strand 2a:** support for investments in interregional innovation projects for the development of value chains in less developed regions



# Maturity of innovation project - TRLs

TRL 6 – technology demonstrated in relevant environment

TRL 7 – system prototype demonstration in operational environment

TRL 8 – system complete and qualified

TRL 9 – actual system proven in operational environment

**Technology  
development &  
demonstration**

**Business &  
Investment  
Development**



# Specific objectives

## STRAND 1

- to increase the **competitiveness and the resilience of EU value chains** in **shared smart specialisation areas**
- the development of already existing or the creation of new interregional and cross-border value chains, better connection between regional innovation ecosystems
- the collaboration between innovation actors (SMEs) using **S3 as coordination principle**
- the support of innovation actors with investment ideas that are ready to be developed into **mature business cases**

## STRAND 2a

- the **creation of new value chains in LDRs and TRs** and the integration into interregional and cross-border value chains with MDRs
- the interaction and collaboration of SMEs from LDRs and TRs in interregional/multi-national value chains with innovation actors from MDRs
- the application and deployment of innovative technologies and solutions in LDRs and TRs
- the identification of new regional technological domains and market opportunities and bridging the gap between supply and demand sides to help innovation ecosystems overcome market failures
- the improvement of knowledge and practical skills in business and investment planning (for SMEs and other consortium partners)
- the support of innovation actors to develop mature business cases

# Expected impact

*Non-exhaustive list*

## • STRAND 1

## • STRAND 2a

**Short** term at the end of the project

- **Innovative technologies tested and adopted by the market**
- Innovative solutions deployed
- Market uptake of new solutions
- Innovative technologies adopted by SMEs
- **Strengthening innovation diffusion channels**
- Reinforcing the capacity of regions to co-invest together

- **Creation of new value chains in LDRs and TRs**
- **Application and deployment of innovative technologies and solutions (new to the region) in LDRs and TRs (innovation diffusion)**
- **Exploitation of research results**
- Innovative technologies tested and adopted by the market
- Innovative solutions deployed
- Market uptake of new solutions
- Reinforcing the capacity of regions to co-invest together, joining forces on common S3 investment priorities (interregional investments).

**Long** term

- Increased innovation capacity across EU regions
- **Increased competitiveness and resilience of EU Value Chains**
- Increased productivity and efficiency
- Reinforcing/reshaping EU value chains whilst increasing **EU competitiveness** in global markets; Improved level of digital skills
- **Unlocking the innovation potential** of EU regions/countries
- EU industry more efficient and sustainable

- **Reduction of the innovation divide between MDRs and LDRs;**
- Increased productivity and efficiency
- Improved public services
- Improved level of digital skills
- Improved EU innovation capacity and competitiveness
- New market opportunities for EU companies
- Unlocking the innovation potential of EU regions/countries

# Consortium composition

## • STRAND 1

- at least *5 independent legal entities* established in *5 different regions* of at least *3 eligible countries*
- at least *2 legal entities* established in a *less developed region*

## • STRAND 2a

- at least *3 independent legal entities* established in *3 different regions* of at least *2 eligible countries*
- at least *1 legal entity* established in a *more developed region*

The ***consortium coordinator*** must be a:

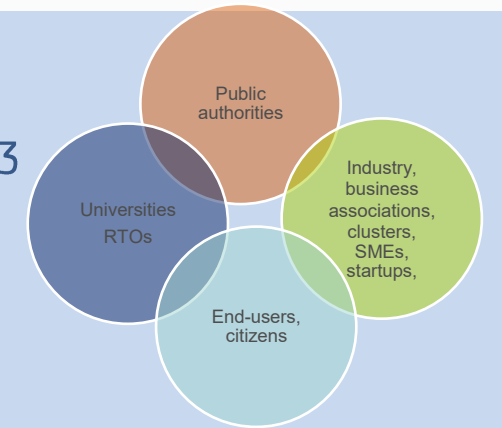
- Public body or
- Non-for-profit organisation or
- **Entity entrusted by national or regional governments** to develop or implement innovation and investment actions for SMEs (i.e. a cluster organisations, development agencies, or innovation agencies etc.).

# The 3 'Is' – *both calls*



## Interregional Dimension

- Interrelated innovation investments across regional value chains, coordinated through S3
- Balanced portfolio involving MDRs, LDRs, transition & outermost regions
- Q-helix partnerships in the regional / national ecosystems
- Cross-regional collaboration accelerating innovation deployment and market uptake



## Innovation dimension

- TRL 6–9 innovation investments targeting market-ready technologies and solutions
- Testing, validation & demonstration in real operational environments
- Commercialisation & scale-up activities accelerating market uptake

## Investment dimension

- Tangible & intangible investments aligned with ERDF regulation
- Investments supported by market analysis and business/investment plans
- Public & private co-investments leveraged by the project
- Multi-level investment architecture: regional, national & EU

## PORTFOLIO APPROACH:

Identification and development of investment-ready sub-projects addressing shared regional value chain challenges and bottlenecks.

# Type of support & specific requirements – both calls



## FINANCIAL SUPPORT

- Direct funding of consortium's beneficiaries
- Through cascade funding / financial support to third parties (optional)

## NON FINANCIAL SUPPORT

- Advisory support (i.e. IPR, standardisation certification, etc.)
- Networking activities (matchmaking for market penetration, trainings for the introduction of innovative technologies and solution etc.)

### Specific requirements:

- **Min 70%** of the total direct eligible costs must be allocated to investments in companies with focus on SMEs:
  - SMEs Consortium partners
  - Financial Support to Third Parties (FSTP)
  - non-financial support provided to the SMEs belonging to the portfolio.
- **Min 50%** of the total eligible costs must be incurred in LDRs
- **Max 30%** of the total eligible costs for FSTP

**The proposal should describe how these 3 requirements are met**

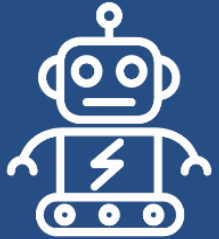
# KPIs – cohesion & territorial indicators – both calls



Location - Interregional dimension



Type of project participants



Innovation dimension



Socio-economic benefits



Employment



Investment



IPR dimension



Gender balance



## Application form - *Mandatory*

- Part A — administrative information about the participants and summarized budget (*online*)
- Part B — technical description of the project, max. 70 pages (*template available*)
- Part C - additional project data (TRL, innovation type, NUTS level etc.) (*online*)

## Annexes - *Mandatory*

- Detailed budget table (*simplified template*)
- Self-declaration (**only from the Coordinator**) to confirm the alignment with the national/regional S3 policies, strategies and priorities of all Member States and Regions represented by organisations participating in this application (*template available*)



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# Mandatory deliverables – both calls

- annual report on the **engagement with the managing authorities** of ERDF programmes and the authorities responsible for S3 in the regions represented in the consortium
- **data management plan**
- full **dissemination and exploitation plan**
- yearly report for **cumulative payments** (for projects with more than EUR 5 million requested EU contribution)
- **business and investment plan**
- report on the **implementation of the business investments** belonging to the portfolio
- **assessment of the innovation readiness at the end of the project** (technology, market or investment readiness)
- list of remaining **bottlenecks**



# Budget, duration & funding rate

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## Budget

€ 2 – 10 million

## Duration

18 – 36 months

## Funding rate

70% for all other cost categories

100% for FSTP – Up to 100.000,00 euros

## Strand 1

€ 28.2 million  
2026

## Strand 2a

€ 30.2 million  
2026

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# Payment arrangements

**prefinancing**

**70% of the maximum grant amount paid  
after the grant signature**



**interim payment**

**Interim payment cannot exceed 90% of  
maximum grant amount**



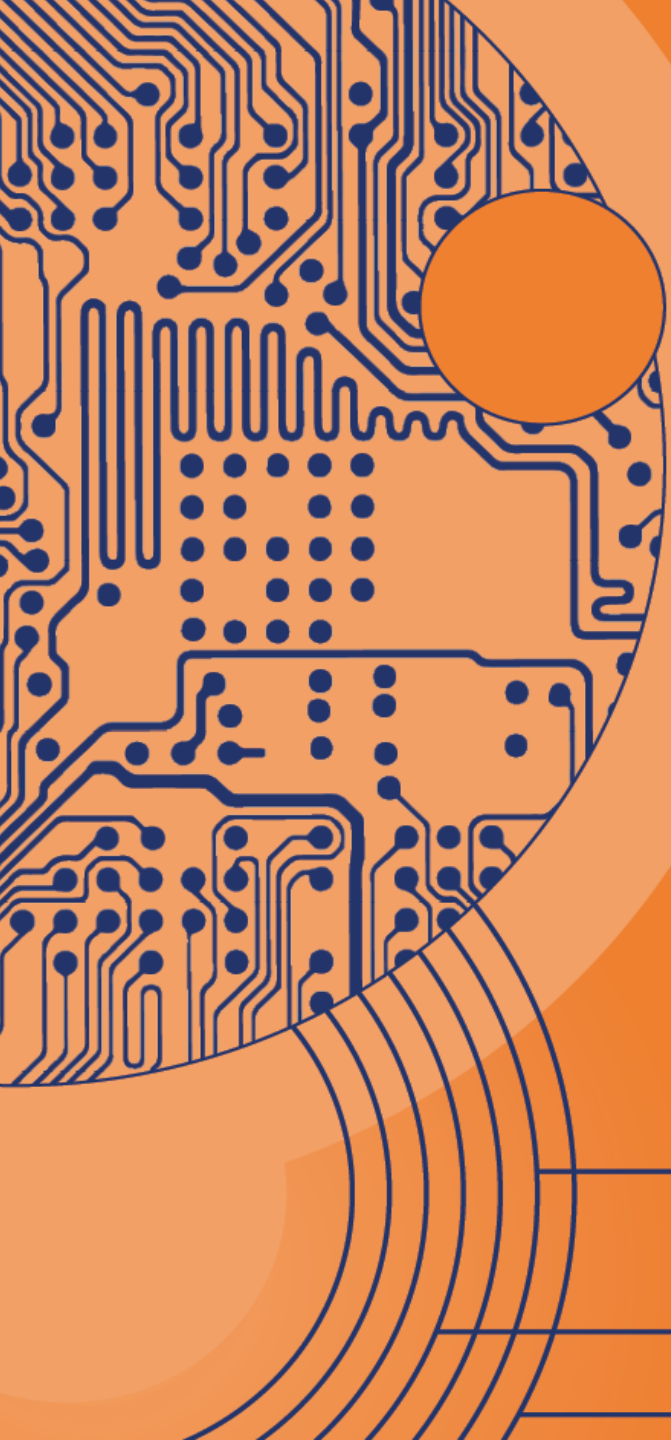
**payment of the  
balance**

**At the end of the project**



# Indicative timeline





# Differences between Strand 1 & Strand 2a

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# Differences between strands 1 and 2a

## • STRAND 1

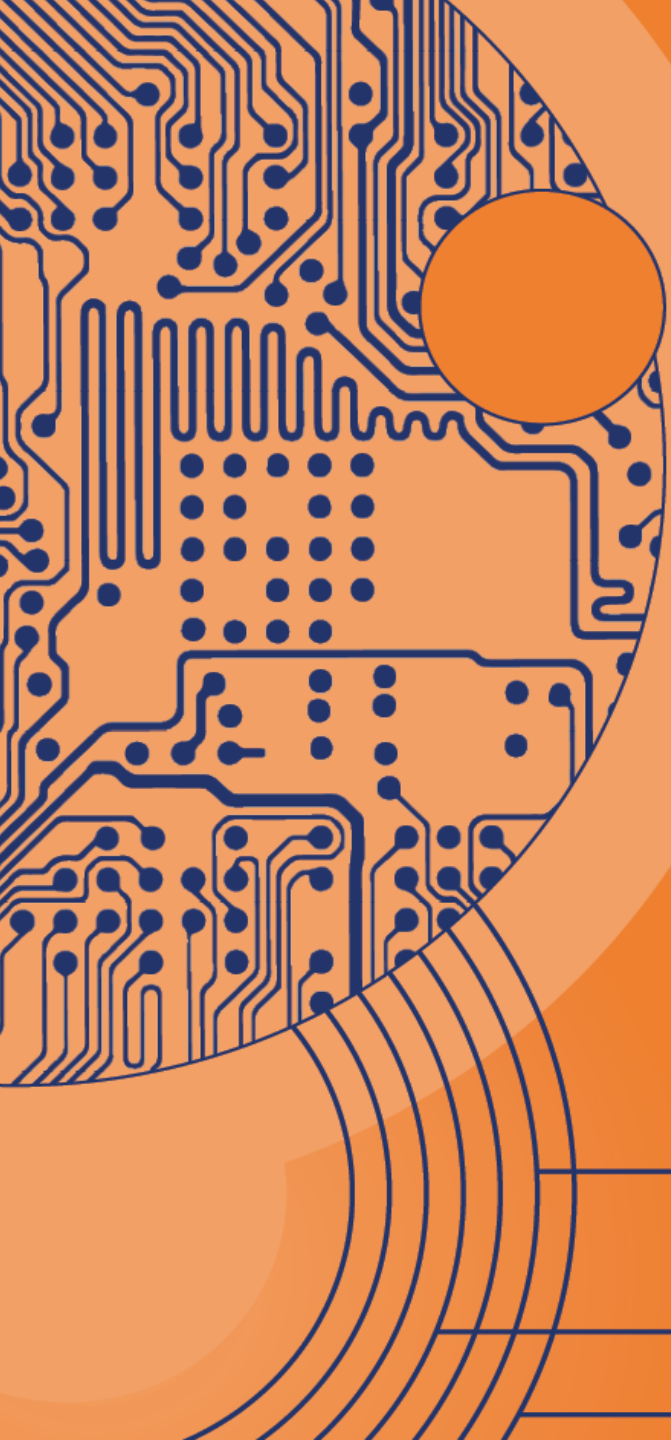
## • STRAND 2a

General objective	Increase of the competitiveness and resilience of EU value chains, in shared smart specialisation areas	Creation of new value chains in less developed regions (LDR)
Interregional dimension	Interconnected value chain investments to de-risk business investments and to maximise the exploitation of technologies/solutions developed in Europe	Interconnecting LDR and more developed regions (MDR), innovation followers and innovation leaders, <b>SMEs to multinational companies (MNC)</b>
Value Chain Dimension	Focus on value chain related investments to make EU value chains more competitive Interconnection of regional value chains to create EU added value, including LDRs in the creation of value	Creating new value chains in LDR, connecting LDR value chain to MDRs Creating interconnection between SMEs from LDR and FDI driven value chains (Multinationals)

## • STRAND 1

## • STRAND 2a

Innovation Dimension	Innovation Creation, TRL 6-9 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• New to Europe or new to the application sector</li><li>• Valorisation of research results</li><li>• Increasing technology readiness</li><li>• Exploitation and deployment strategies in the internal market and outside Europe</li></ul>	Innovation Diffusion TRL 6-9 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Exploitation of research results</li><li>• Application of innovative technologies and solutions in LDRs (in the same sector)</li><li>• New to the region when an innovative technology is deployed (adaptation to the needs of companies of LDRs)</li><li>• New to the application sectors (adaptation of technology to the needs of a specific sector in LDRs)</li></ul>
Expected impact	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Contribution to the twin transition and to the efficiency, sustainability and competitiveness of the EU manufacturing sector</li><li>• Increasing EU competitiveness</li><li>• Increased level of innovative business investments in Europe</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Contribution to the creation of new value chains in LDRs, contribution to the twin transition and to the efficiency, sustainability and competitiveness of the EU manufacturing sector</li><li>• Reduction of the innovation divide</li><li>• Reduction of disparities between MDR and LDR</li></ul>



**Main novelties**

**NEW**

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# Content novelties



## Policy Role & Competitiveness Compass

Greater emphasis on the I3 Instrument's policy role, with explicit alignment to the EU's agenda on **competitiveness**, industrial transformation, innovation, **security**, and **resilience** — guided by the **Competitiveness Compass framework**.

## Intermediary Organisations

More emphasis in the implementation role of **clusters**, **innovation agencies**, and universities in structuring interregional partnerships and in supporting SMEs.

## De-risking and Investment Readiness

Stronger accent on **investment readiness** and creating **credible** pathways for follow-up investments (sustainability) beyond the **project** lifetime.

# About the 3 thematic priorities



## Green Transition

Shift from "climate challenges as opportunities" to deployment of innovative solutions for industrial resilience and resource efficiency — covering low-carbon industrial transformation and smart, sustainable cities.



## Smart Manufacturing

Shift from "improving products/processes" to accelerating transformation of European industrial ecosystems — including pilot lines, testbeds, and co-creation with SMEs, clusters, and end-users to scale advanced manufacturing.



## Digital Transition

Shift from "digital growth" to deployment and scale-up of digital technologies to strengthen Europe's competitiveness, productivity, and resilience — explicitly including cybersecurity and reducing the digital divide.

# Revised Award Criteria

*A More Comprehensive and Transparent Evaluation Framework*

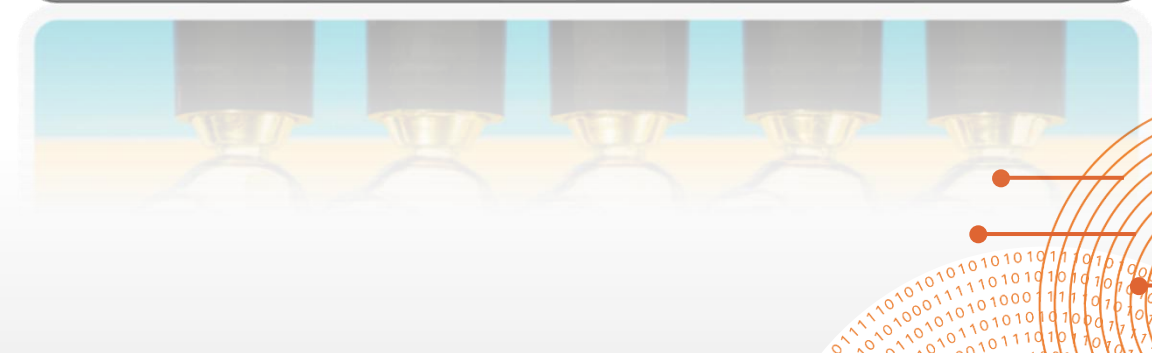
## Enhanced Evaluation Framework:

- Introduction of sub-criteria for a more comprehensive and transparent evaluation framework
- Clearer guidance for applicants

## Rebalanced Scoring System

**Impact** (10 points) - **Relevance** (5 points)

- Stronger focus on benefits for regional ecosystems and value chains
- Priority to projects delivering long-term impacts



# Award criteria

		MIN	MAX
<b>RELEVANCE</b> <i>Interregional Dimension   Innovation Dimensions   Investment Dimension</i>	The proposal is strategically relevant for the overall call objectives and the themes and priorities of the call by fostering regional integration, innovation, and investment	2.5	5
<b>QUALITY</b> <i>Methodology and Technical Quality   Quality &amp; Composition of the Consortium   Feasibility and Risk management</i>	The proposal exhibits a well-founded approach and organisation to achieve project objectives.	2.5	5
<b>COST EFFECTIVENESS</b> <i>Appropriateness   Allocation of resources   Subcontracting   FSTP</i>	The proposal demonstrates prudent and strategic allocation and management of financial resources, aligned with the project's objectives.	2.5	5
<b>IMPACT</b> <i>Long-term Impact   Target Groups and Stakeholders   E/S/T/EC Impacts   Replication and Sustainability</i>	The project is expected to generate substantial and lasting benefits, fully aligned with the call's strategic objectives.	5	10
<b>OVERALL (PASS) SCORES</b>		<b>17.5</b>	<b>25</b>



# NEW Budget table – at application / GAP stage

- **Lighter budget table** required at submission
- No need for detailed sheets per partner and per work package
- Same simplified table will be used during the application / GAP stage
- **Detailed budget table** obligation remains for the **mid-term** and **final reporting**

Detailed Estimated Budget Table								
[proposal acronym]								
<p><b>Important:</b>            Before completing this document, please check <b>if the document</b> which cost categories are eligible for your proposal as this may be different depending on the call/topic. No budget should be indicated in cells related to cost categories that are not eligible.            You may add rows but no additional tabs. This may result in your proposal being considered inadmissible.            Please ensure that the file can be printed on a format of 1 page wide (number of pages depending on the number of participants).            Please make sure that the figures in this table are consistent with the total budget provided in section 3 of the application            In case of inconsistencies <b>part A</b> will prevail.</p>								
<p><b>Staff effort allocation</b>            Fill in the effort per work package and Beneficiary/Affiliated Entity.            Please indicate the number of person-months over the whole duration of the planned work.            Adapt the columns to the number of work packages in your proposal.            Identify the work-package leader for each work package by showing the relevant person-month figure in bold.</p>								
Participant Number/Short Name	WP1	WP2	WP3	WP4	WP5	WP6	WPx...	Total
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<b>Total person-months</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<p><b>A. Personnel costs</b>            Present your estimated "Personnel costs" split into 3 categories as per the table below. If you do not have any personnel costs falling under "A.4 SME owners and natural person beneficiaries", all personnel costs should be budgeted under "A1. Employees (or equivalent); A2. Natural persons under direct contract and A3. Seconded Persons".            Use detailed breakdown of personnel costs (monthly rates) is used for budgeting in order to simplify the establishment of approximate costs: costs covering for payment requests</p>								

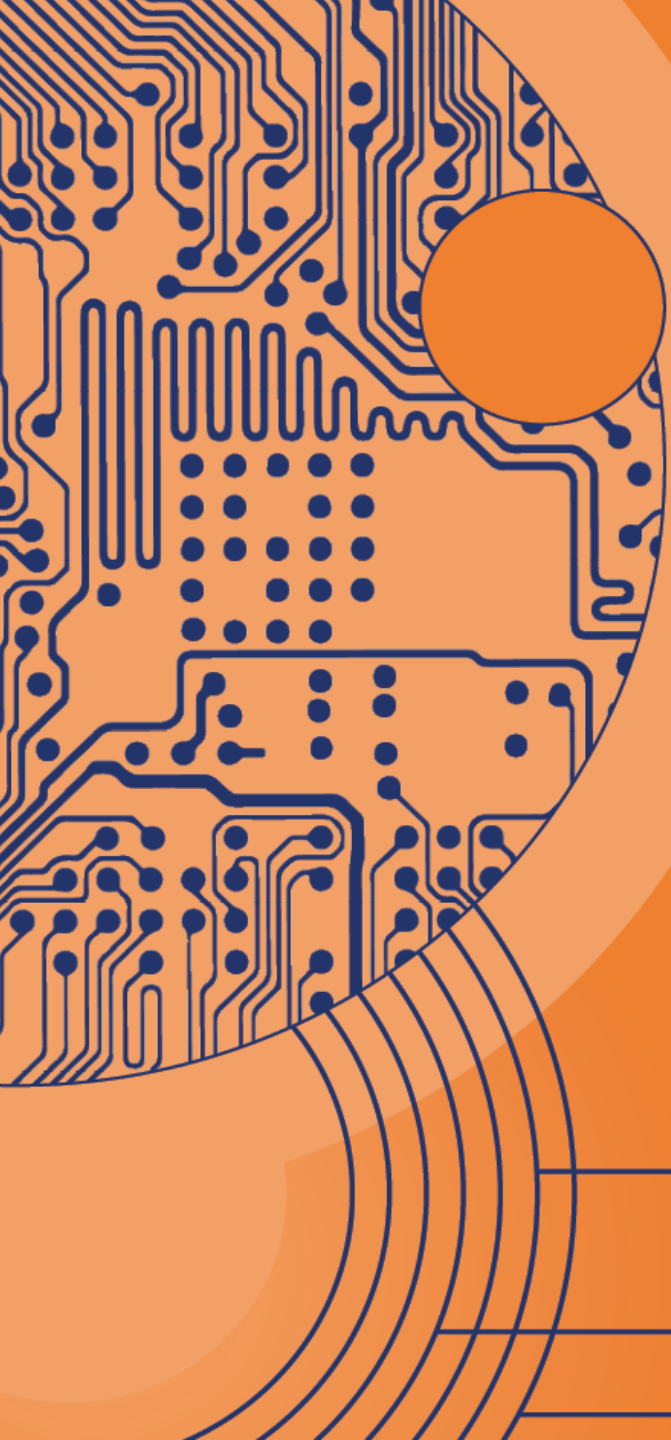
# Key change: higher FSTP threshold for SMEs

- From **EUR 60,000** → to **EUR 100,000**

## Expected benefit:

- increase the critical mass for sub-granted projects, allowing them to achieve greater results and make a more lasting/scalable impact.
- Stronger support to the main I3 investments actions





# Tips for Applicants

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# HE / I3 approaches ... *differences!*

## Horizon-like approach:








- Research & scientific excellence
- Early-stage innovation
- Project related innovation
- Research focus
- Stand-alone projects

## I3 Instrument approach:

- Market deployment & scale-up
- Mature innovation (TRL 6+)
- Interregional value chains
- Cohesion dimension
- Investment focus
- Smart specialisation strategies
- Strong SMEs participation
- Concrete investments into companies
- Cross-border value chains

# Read the Call ... strategically!

## Priority documents

-  [Work Programme](#)
-  [Call text](#)
-  [Proposal template](#)
-  [Model Grant Agreement \(MGA\)](#)
-  [Annotated MGA](#)
-  [Financing decision](#)
-  [Topic Q&QA and updates](#)

## Important reminders

- Do **NOT** simply repeat the call text. Explain YOUR project's concrete contribution.
- Different strands have different objectives.
- Look for the **right partners** → [F&T Portal](#) or [I3SF partner search tool](#) or [Enterprise Europe Network](#)
- Check out your region's status [here](#).
- Portfolio approach

## Pay attention to

- Cohesion dimension (LDRs, TRs, MDRs)
- Interregional investment logic
- KPIs
- Sustainability after project end
- Investment readiness and scale-up pathway

**Policy/regulatory background docs** → [Competitiveness Compass](#), [Clean Industrial Deal](#), [Single Market Strategy](#), [European Competitiveness Fund](#), [Start-up and Scale-up Strategy](#), [European Innovation Act](#).

**Websites:** [I3 Instrument](#), [I3 Support facility](#), [S3 Community of Practice](#), [S3 Thematic Platforms & Partnerships](#)

# Think Like an Evaluator ... *do NOT get in touch with them!*

## What helps evaluators

- ✓ Clear and concise writing
- ✓ Logical structure
- ✓ Consistent information across sections
- ✓ Realistic implementation plan
- ✓ Readable charts and visuals. Glossary
- ✓ Clear investment pathway
- ✓ SMART KPIs

## What weakens proposals

- Endless text and long sentences
- Generic statements
- Excessive abbreviations
- Inconsistent budget figures
- Visuals without purpose
- Unrealistic ambitions
- Unclear partner roles

## Technical reminders

- Part B: max 70 pages – Arial 9 – A4 format
- Respect margins and template structure
- Do not delete template instructions
- Upload all mandatory annexes



# Final tips

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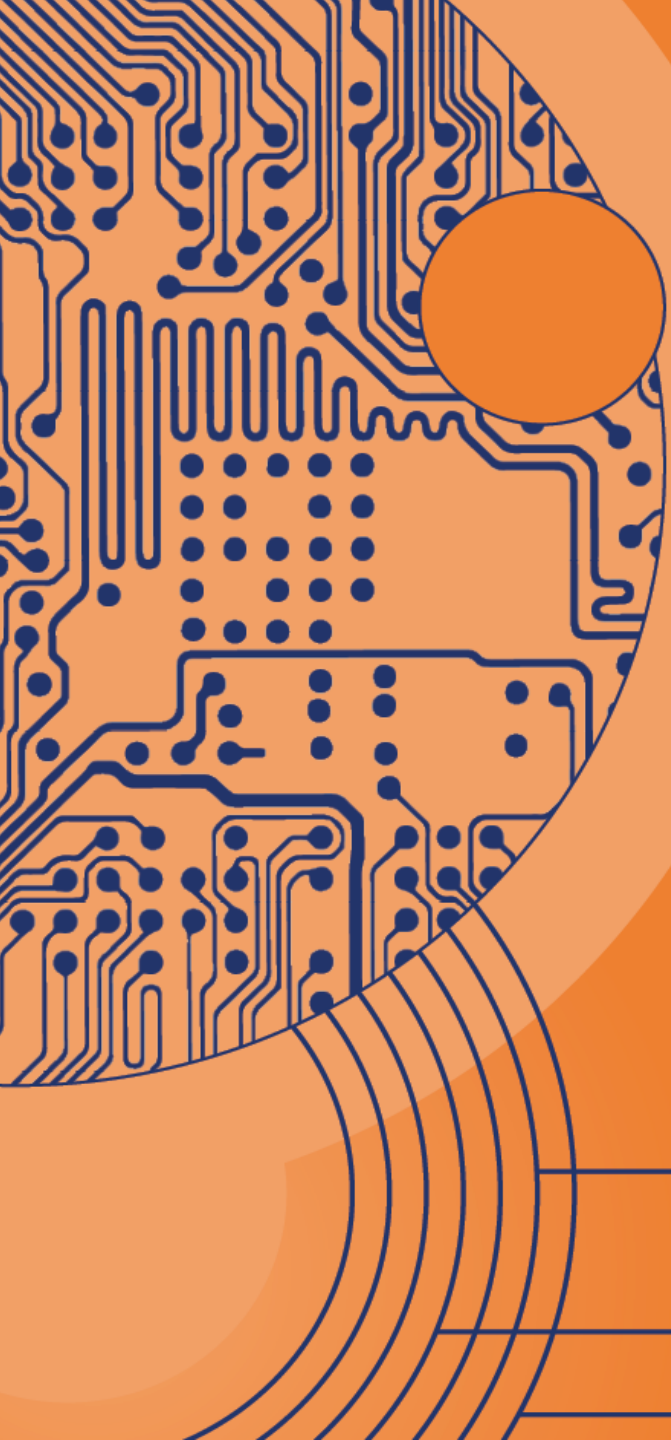
## Generic/call specific questions:

- through the F&T portal.
- Topic call related FAQs mirrored on the call page under “Topic related FAQ” (*it will be available shortly*).

## Consult the

- Call page “topic updates”
- [Online Manual](#),
- [How to](#) section
- Individual questions on the Portal Submission System: [IT Helpdesk Contact Form](#)
- Non-IT questions (Topic questions): [eismea-i3-instrument-calls@ec.europa.eu](mailto:eismea-i3-instrument-calls@ec.europa.eu)
- [I3 website](#)





# 13 SUPPORT FACILITY

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# I3 SUPPORT FACILITY

- **I3 Instrument Observatory** - access statistics on all I3 projects
- **detailed descriptions of I3 projects** highlighting their focus on building interregional innovation investments.
- **monthly virtual events** on practical topics relevant for beneficiaries and innovation community
- **I3 policy discussion groups** provide valuable recommendations
- database of **good practices** and success stories from I3 projects
- **Articles & publications** on interregional innovation investments

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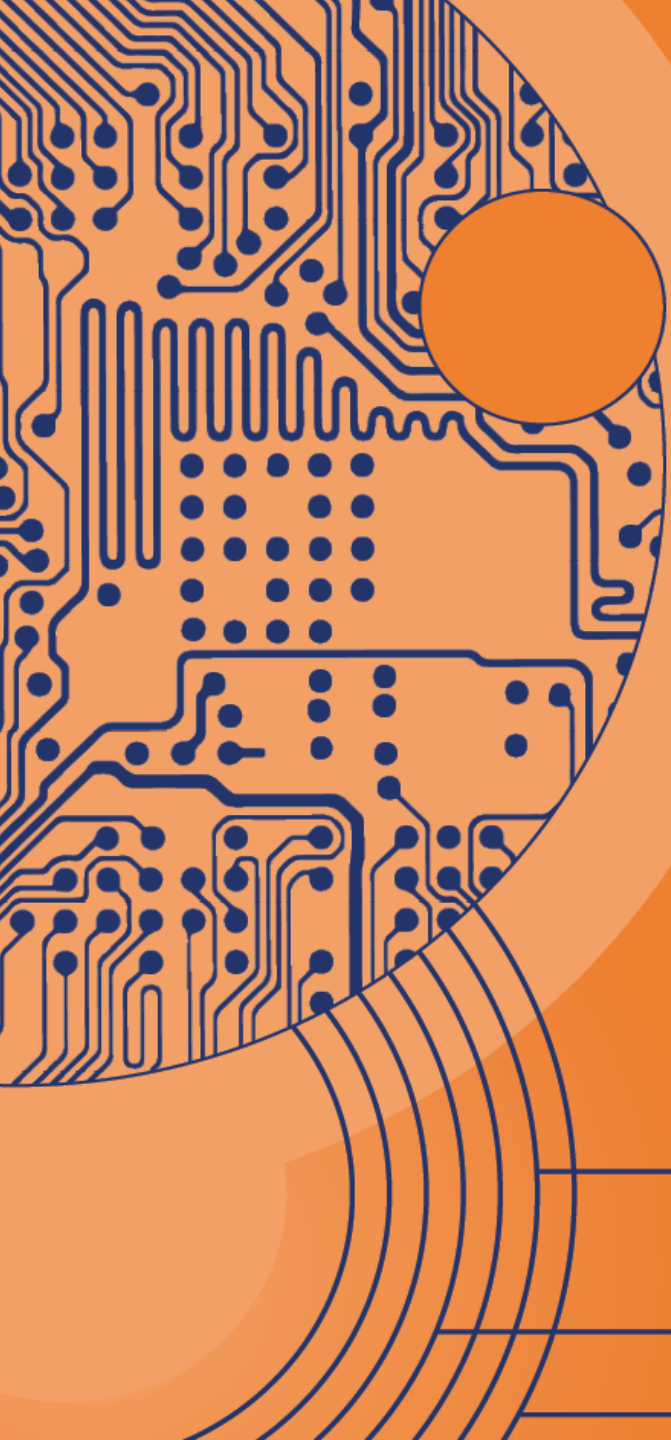


**ONLINE MATCHMAKING  
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# Good practices from 13 Instrument projects

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# IT4EST - Interregional Tech for forEst SusTainability

Acronym: **IT4EST**

Title: **Interregional Tech for forEst  
SusTainability**

Call: **I3-2023-INV2a**

Duration: 36 months, **1.9.2024 – 31.8.2027**

Total costs: 7,665,483.15 **EUR**

EU funding (70%): 5,365,838.21 **EUR**

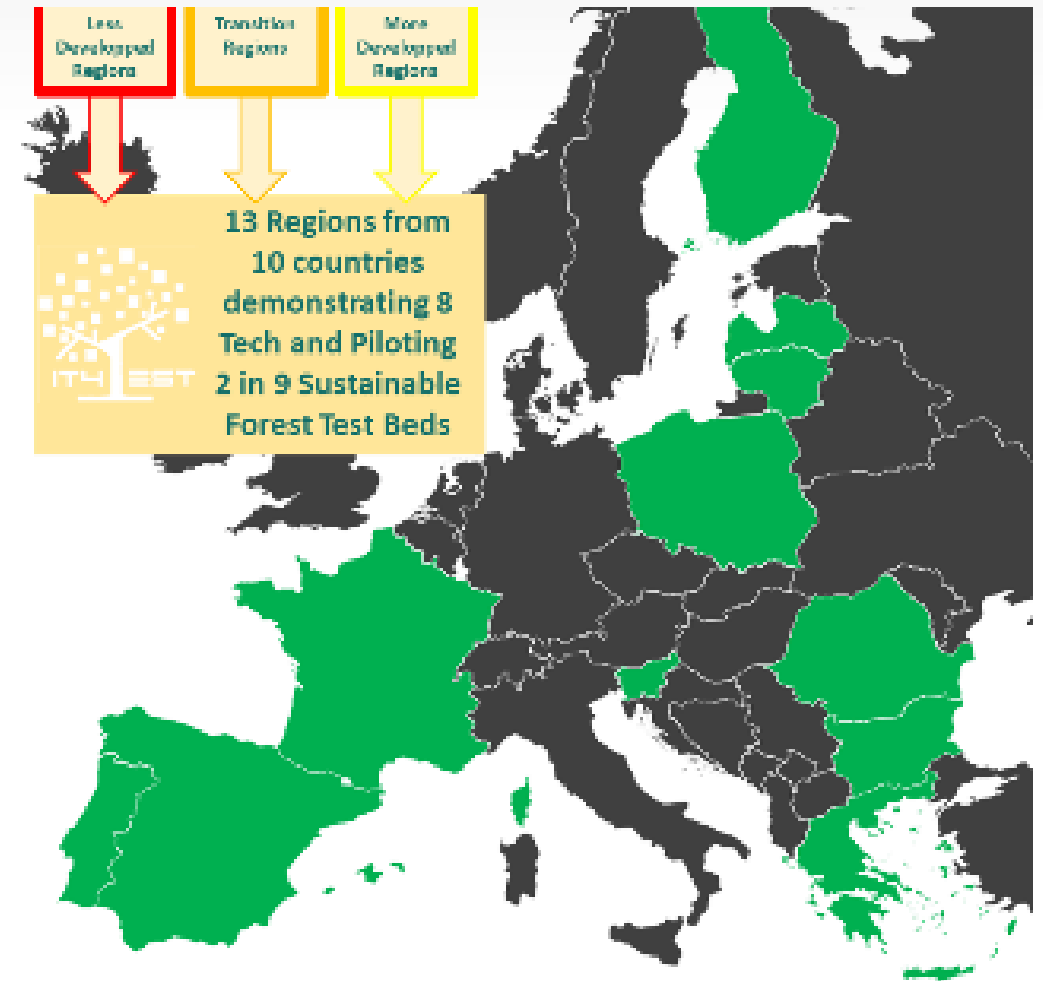
Consortium: **14 partners**

IT4EST aims to revolutionize forest management in Europe by developing and deploying innovative technologies to prevent, mitigate, and restore forest damage caused by wildfires and insect infestations. The project brings together a consortium of 14 partners from 11 countries to create a network of Sustainable Forest Test Beds, where cutting-edge solutions will be demonstrated in real-world conditions. By combining advanced technologies, such as artificial intelligence, remote sensing, and robotics, with traditional forestry expertise, IT4EST will deliver a comprehensive approach to preserving and enhancing Europe's forests.



# Interregional Dimension

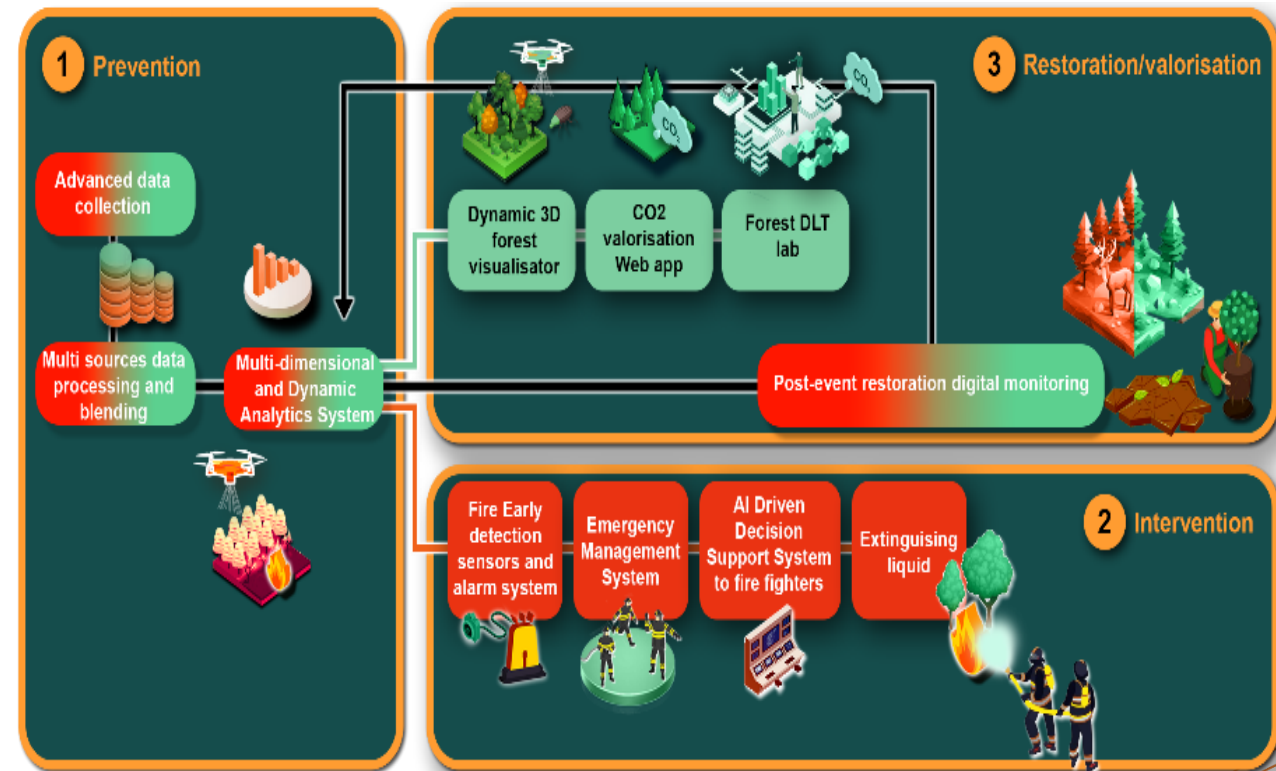
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<b>LES DEVELOPED REGIONS:</b>	Ανατολική Μακεδονία, και Θράκη and Κεντρική Μακεδονία (EL), Warmińsko-mazurskie (PL), Vidurio ir vakarų Lietuvos regionas (LT), Югозападен (BG), Alentejo (PT), Latvija (LV), Vzhodna Slovenija (SI), Sud-Muntenia (RO)
<b>TRANSITION REGIONS</b>	Auvergne (FR)



# INNOVATION

## IT4EST Key Innovations:

- Advanced remote sensing and data analytics for early warning systems
- Innovative fire suppression technologies, including extinguishing agents and unmanned aerial vehicles
- AI-powered decision support systems for forest management
- Forest restoration and reforestation techniques



# PREVENTION

## What is SEBELO?

We built a sensor that listens

SEBELO is an AI-powered wildfire early detection system that reads the chemical signature of fire — before smoke is visible, before flames spread, before it's too late to act.

Every sensor is a self-contained intelligence unit. It monitors continuously, thinks independently, and alerts instantly. No cameras. No cables. No compromise.

- **Fully autonomous** — solar-powered, off-grid, zero infrastructure required
- **Edge AI** — detection runs on the sensor itself, no cloud dependency
- **LoRaWAN** — long-range encrypted communication, works where mobile networks don't
- **Engineered and manufactured in Latvia** — complete hardware control, rapid iteration
- **EU-funded** IT4EST programme partner — 14 partners, 13 European regions



## The Sensor

Small. Tough. Tireless.

Solar-powered



Built and manufactured in Latvia

**Quiet mode:** status update every 2 hours when air is clean

**Alert mode:** immediate and continuous transmission the moment smoke is detected

AES-128 encrypted



IP67 weatherproof enclosure version coming within the next few months — built for the harshest outdoor conditions year-round

### Forest sensor

The field-proven workhorse. Solar-powered, battery-autonomous, designed for remote off-grid forest deployment. Hang it on a tree, walk away — it connects, calibrates, and monitors without any human intervention. Actively deployed across multiple European countries.



Available

### IP67 Forest Sensor

The same proven detection capability, now in a fully sealed IP67-rated weatherproof enclosure. Built to withstand rain, dust, and extreme outdoor conditions year-round. No compromises in the harshest environments.



COMING SOON

### Territory Sensor

No solar panel, powered by wired electricity — lower cost, ideal for permanent installations where power infrastructure already exists. The right tool for managed parks, industrial sites, and urban green zones where cables are not a barrier.



COMING SOON



# BONPET – System Shift in Wildfire Management



## TRADITIONAL

- 🕒 Slow response
- 💧 High water use
- 🔥 Re-ignition risk
- € High costs

SHIFT

## IT4EST + BONPET

- 🚁 Drone deployment
- ⚡ 60% faster
- 💧 ↓ 80% less water
- 🛡️ Fire barrier
- €↓ Cost efficient



FASTER RESPONSE | LOWER COSTS | LESS WATER | SCALABLE EU SOLUTION

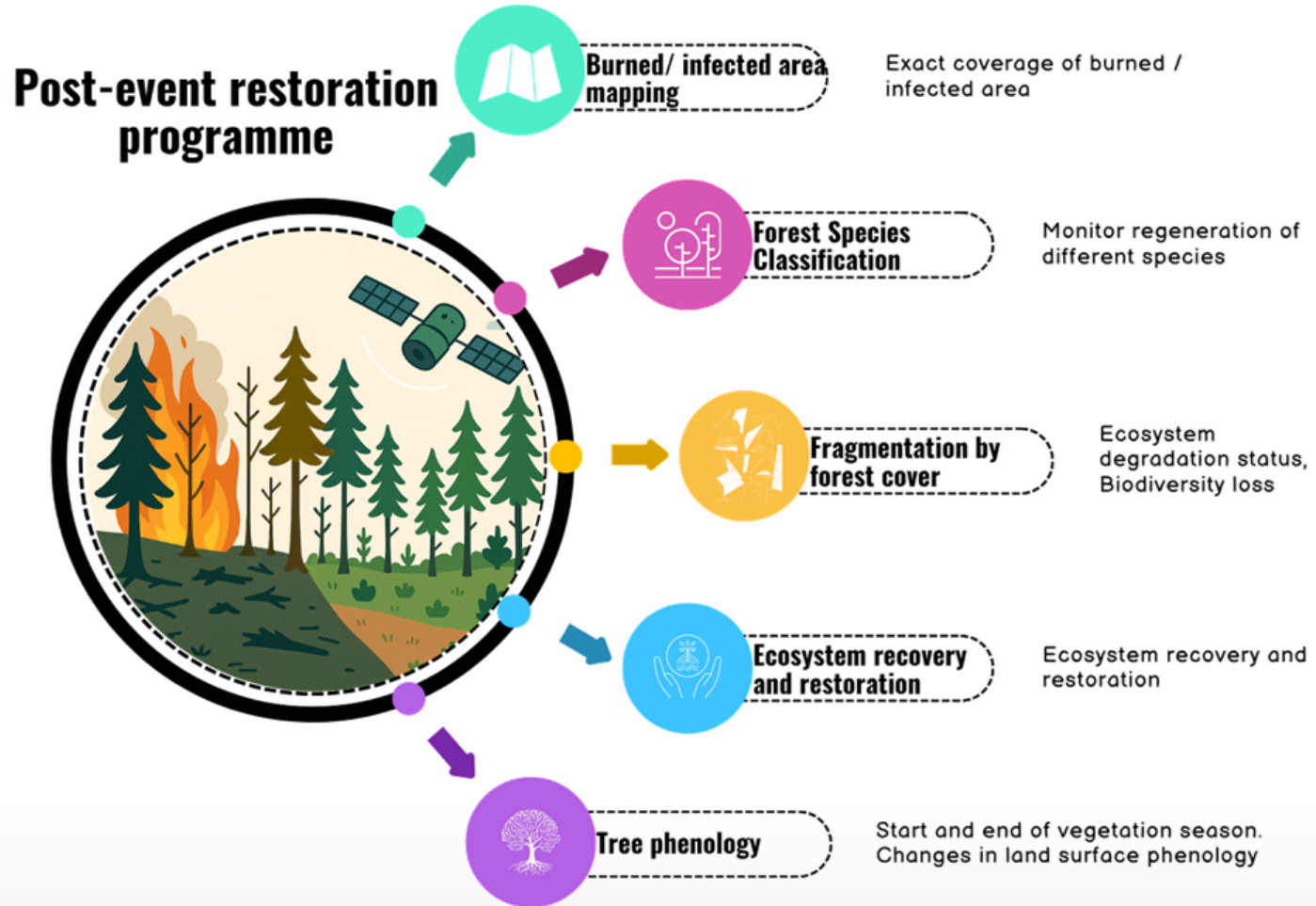
*Attica Test Bed – Field Evaluation of Solutions*

*Date: Thursday, 21 May 2026*

*Venue: Marble Quarries of Dionysos Pentelis, Attica, Greece*



# The Solutions



### ! THE PROBLEM IT SOLVES

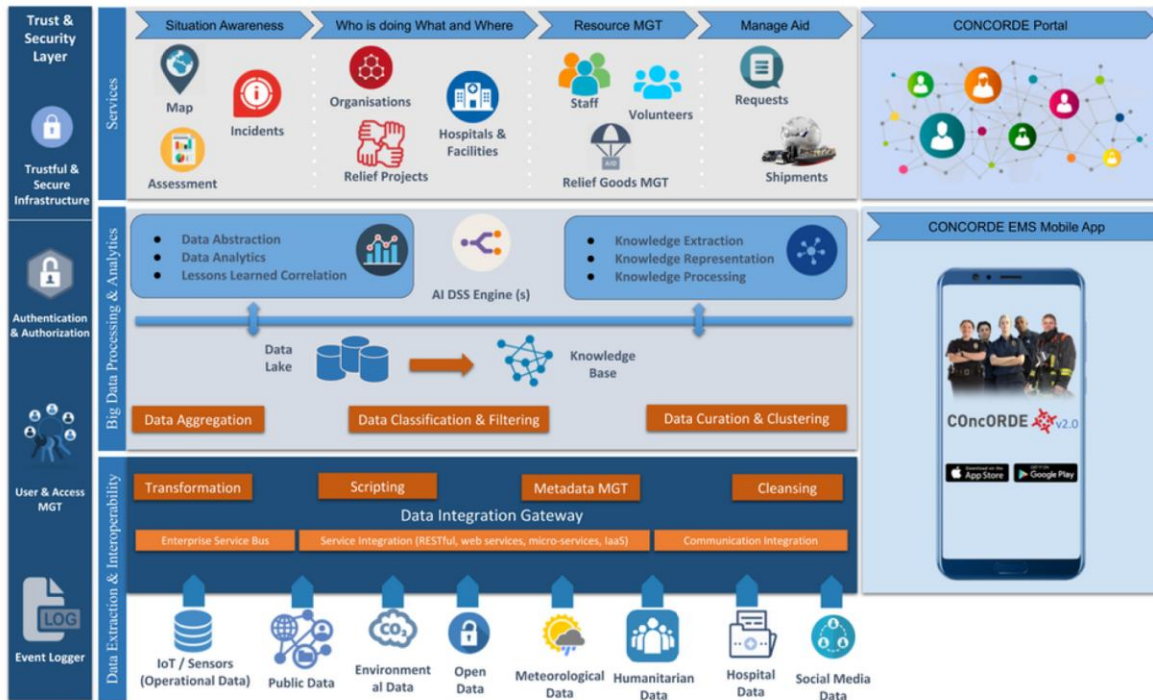
Emergency teams often work across disconnected PSAP, hospital, telemedicine and field systems, creating gaps in who is involved, where responders are, what information arrived when, and where patients are in real time.

- Delayed coordination across agencies
- Avoidable response shortcomings
- Weak evidence for after-action review

### ✔ WHAT CONCORDE DELIVERS

- > Unified command and real-time response
- > Field triage and patient tracking
- > Predictive analytics and resource forecasting

### THE ARCHITECTURE



### SIX CORE MODULES

<p><b>Field Triage</b> Register, triage and monitor patients from the field</p>	<p><b>Data Lake</b> Fuse IoT, sensor and external data streams in one pipeline</p>
<p><b>Incident Command</b> Track incidents, coordinate teams and dispatch resources</p>	<p><b>AI Predictions</b> Forecast hotspots, demand and responder allocation needs</p>
<p><b>Drone Fleet</b> Track incidents, coordinate teams and dispatch resources</p>	<p><b>Geo-Fencing</b> Trigger location-based automation and asset tracking</p>

### WHY IT MATTERS

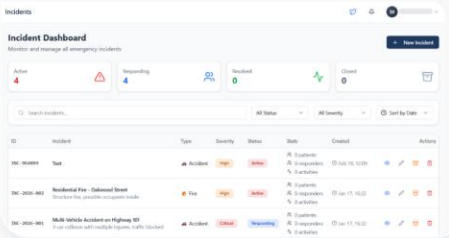
- ✔ One operational picture across incidents, responders, patients and resources
- ✔ Faster decisions through live dashboards, alerts and coordinated workflows
- ✔ Better resilience through AI, geospatial intelligence, IoT integration and post-incident review

## HOW CONCORDE SUPPORTS AN INCIDENT

A five-stage operational workflow from first alert to after-action review

### Detect & command

Create the incident, classify severity, view live KPI cards and activate the command dashboard.



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### Triage & patient tracking

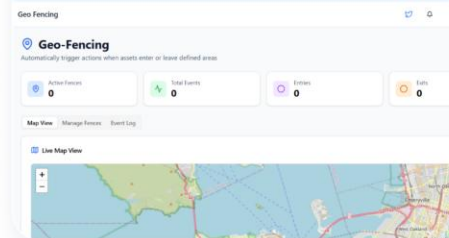
Capture triage category, vitals, treatment, hospital assignment and transport details from the field.



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### Expand Awareness

Connect drones, geo-fences, data streams and enterprise reporting for broader situational awareness.

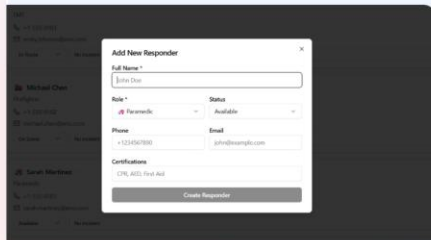


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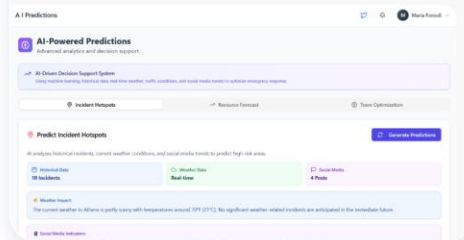
### Dispatch & Coordinate

Assign responders, manage status transitions, communicate in-incident and request reinforcements.

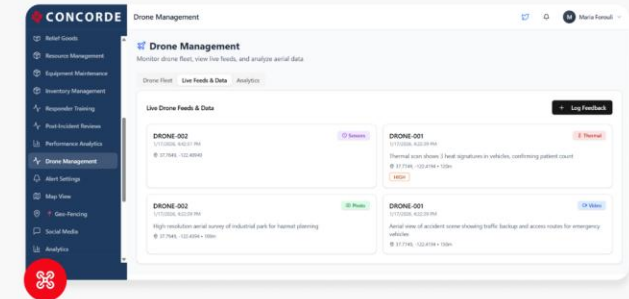


### Predict & Optimise

Use AI to forecast hotspots, resource demand, anomalies and the best team allocation.

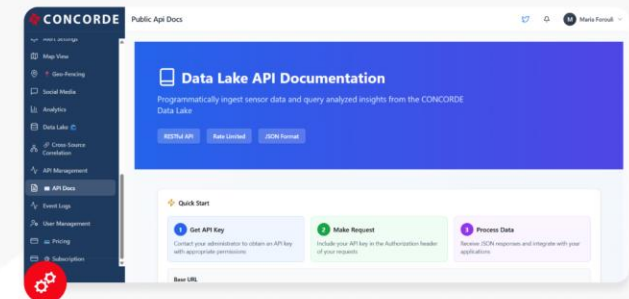


## CAPABILITY CLUSTERS BEHIND THE WORKFLOW



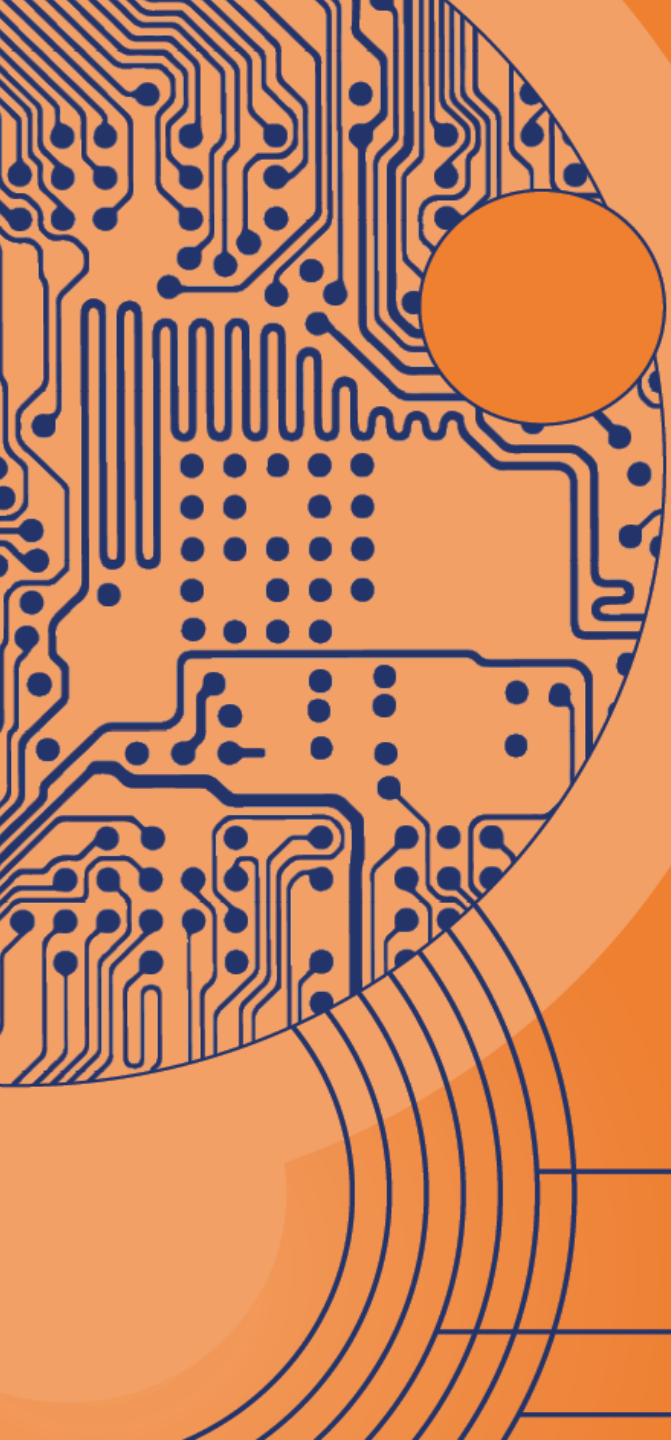
### Drone fleet

Live fleet status, GPS, battery and AI-analyzed intelligence



### Enterprise & SaaS

APIs, multi-organization support, smart alerting and reporting



## Detailed budget table

**Jana DOBIASOVA**

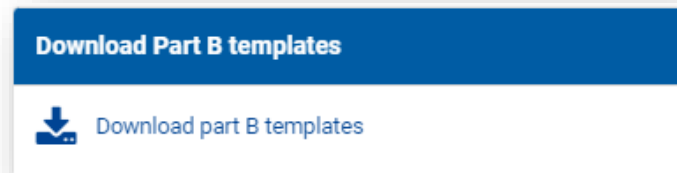
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# Financial documents for submission

- **Estimated budget table** (Application Form Part A – manually filled online)
- **Detailed budget table** (Annex to Application Form Part B – template to be uploaded in allowed format)
  - financial data in both tables need to match – if not, Summarized budget table takes precedence
  - no paper (hard copy) submission – all submission is online!



**Part B and Annexes**

In this section you may upload the technical annex of the proposal (in PDF format only) and any other requested attachments. ⓘ

Part B

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Detailed Budget Table

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# Detailed budget table template

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- One consolidated Detailed budget table to be submitted for all partners
- Check in Call document which cost categories are eligible for your proposal - no budget in cells related to cost categories that are not eligible
- You may add rows but no additional tabs - may result in inadmissibility
- Ensure that file can be printed on a format of 1 page wide
- Figures in this table need to be consistent with total budget provided in Estimated budget table
- Eligible costs only
- Use your (best) estimates



# Detailed budget table and Estimated budget

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## Project costs

- A. Personnel costs
- B. Subcontracting
- C. Purchase costs
- D. Other cost categories
- E. Indirect costs

## Project income

- EU contribution
- Revenues and contributions by third parties
- Own resources



# A. Staff effort allocation

- Efforts per work package and Beneficiary/Affiliated Entity
- Number of person-months over the whole duration of the planned work
- Adapt the columns to the number of work packages in your proposal
- Work-package leader for each work package - **figure in bold**

Participant Number/Short Name	WP1	WP2	WP3	WP4	WP5	WP6	WPx...	Total
1.								0
2.								0
3.								0
4.								0
5.								0
6.								0
7.								0
8.								0
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10.								0
<b>Total person-months</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>



# A. Personnel costs

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## A.1 Employees (or equivalent)

- **Eligible personnel:** employment contract (or equivalent) with the beneficiary + assigned to the action;
- **Eligible cost:** salaries, social security contributions, taxes and other costs linked to the remuneration (if arise from national law or the employment contract + **actually incurred**).
- **Monthly rates** for each person who will work on the action to be presented in the Detailed budget table.

## A.2 Natural persons under a direct contract and A.3 Seconded persons

**Natural persons under direct contract** (not employment): civil, free-lance or expert, eligible if:

- Works under similar conditions as employees (supervision, office presence, etc)
- Costs are not significantly different from those for personnel performing similar tasks
- Work results belong to the beneficiary
- Costs declared amount solely to remuneration + taxation costs for the person in question

**Seconded persons** by a third party against payment



# A. Personnel costs

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## A.4 SME owners and natural persons without salary

**SME owners** are **eligible** if:

- Owner/co-owner + beneficiary of the action + SME + not receiving a salary;
- SME status declared in the Portal

**Natural person beneficiaries:** beneficiaries that are natural persons not receiving a salary

**Cost calculation method:**

- Unit cost (daily rate) x number of day-equivalents worked on the action
- Unit cost (daily rate) to be used: [Commission Decision C\(2020\)7715](#) or [Annex 2a](#)
- Horizontal ceiling of 215 days per year



# A. Personnel costs

- Number of person months = total for project duration
- SME owners = defined unit cost rate to be used for the estimation of total costs in this category

Participant Number/Short Name	Country	Number of person months (staff effort per beneficiary)	Average monthly salary rate	A1. Employees (or equivalent); A2. Natural persons under direct contract and A3. Seconded Persons (costs)	A.4 SME owners and natural person (sole trader) beneficiaries (Unit costs in €)	Total personnel costs (A1+A2+A3+A4) - must be the same as in part A section 3
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<b>Total</b>		<b>0</b>		<b>0 €</b>	<b>0 €</b>	<b>0 €</b>



# B. Subcontracting costs

Participant Number/Short Name	Subcontract Description	Cost (€)	WP	Justification (Why is subcontracting necessary?)
	<b>Total estimated costs</b>	<b>0 €</b>		
If subcontracting for the entire project goes beyond 30% of the total eligible costs, give specific reasons.	Insert text			

## Subcontracting

### Subcontracting

Give details on subcontracted project tasks (if any) and explain the reasons why (as opposed to direct implementation by the Beneficiaries/Affiliated Entities).

Subcontracting — Subcontracting means the implementation of ‘action tasks’, i.e. specific tasks which are part of the EU grant and are described in Annex 1 of the Grant Agreement.

**Note:** Subcontracting concerns the outsourcing of a part of the project to a party outside the consortium. It is not simply about purchasing goods or services. We normally expect that the participants have sufficient operational capacity to implement the project activities themselves. Subcontracting should therefore be exceptional.

Include only subcontracts that comply with the rules (i.e. best value for money and no conflict of interest; no subcontracting of coordinator tasks).

Work Package No	Subcontract No ( <u>continuous</u> numbering linked to WP)	Subcontract Name ( <u>subcontracted</u> action tasks)	Description (including task number <u>and</u> <u>BEN/AE</u> to which it is linked)	Estimated Costs (EUR)	Justification ( <u>why</u> is subcontracting necessary?)	Best-Value-for-Money ( <u>how</u> do you intend to ensure it?)
	S1.1					
	S1.2					

Other issues:

If subcontracting for the project goes beyond 30% of the total eligible costs, give specific reasons.

Insert text



# Other direct costs

- To be filled in **per participant**, additional tables can be added at the end of this work sheet
- For major cost items add lines below to provide **detailed breakdown**
- For major items listed in the justification column - indicate work package
- Travel, accommodation and subsistence costs **must be calculated as unit costs** in accordance with Annex 2a of the I3 General Model Grant Agreement (MGA).
- For equipment - include **depreciation** costs only
- **FSTP** - budgeted and reported as actual costs - maximum amount for each recipient: EUR 100 000

Participant Number/Short Name (1)	Cost (€)	Justification
C.1 Travel & subsistence		
C.2 Equipment		
C.3 Other goods, works and services		
D.1 Financial support to third parties		
<b>Total</b>	<b>0 €</b>	



# C.1 Travel, accommodation and subsistence costs

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Be justified: necessary under the action, planned in the description of the action, supported by the relevant documents, made following the usual practice of the beneficiary

Budgeted as UNIT costs using the values from the **Commission Decision C(2021)35, as amended by Commission Decision C(2024)5405**

- Calculations for **travel costs** are made on the basis of the distance between the departure and arrival point -> **Flight and rail calculator** to be used
- **Accommodation** and **subsistence rates** are fixed per each country (*for calls with opening date as from 13 May 2025*)
- Actual costs - only if the particular instance of travel is not covered in the EC Decision above



## C.2 Equipment costs

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- New or second-hand
- Renting and leasing is also eligible
- Basic rule: **depreciation**
- Eligibility: Corresponds to **duration** of the action + **rate** of actual use for the action
- Recorded in the assets register (acc. to international accounting standards or usual practice of the beneficiary)

## C.3 Other costs

- Purchased specifically for the implementation of the action
- Best value for money or the lowest price
- Declared costs actually incurred

**Examples:** catering, meeting room rent, leaflets printing, consumables and supplies, dissemination, translations, publications, financial statements certificates, financial guarantees, etc.



## E. Indirect costs

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- Running or operating costs (overheads)
- **Not directly linked to the action implementation** and not to be attributed directly to it
- Example: stationery, rent of the office, utilities etc.
- No breakdown of these costs is required
- **7% flat rate of  $\Sigma$  A. Personnel costs + B. Subcontracting + C. Purchase costs + D. Other costs (FSTP)**

## Project income

- **EU contribution** (grant): 100% for FSTP and 70% for all other cost categories
- Revenues and contributions by third parties:
  - **income generated by the action** such as direct revenues or receipts (e.g. Conference participants fees, sales of books)
  - **financial contributions FROM third parties**
- **Own resources** or the own contribution of the beneficiary

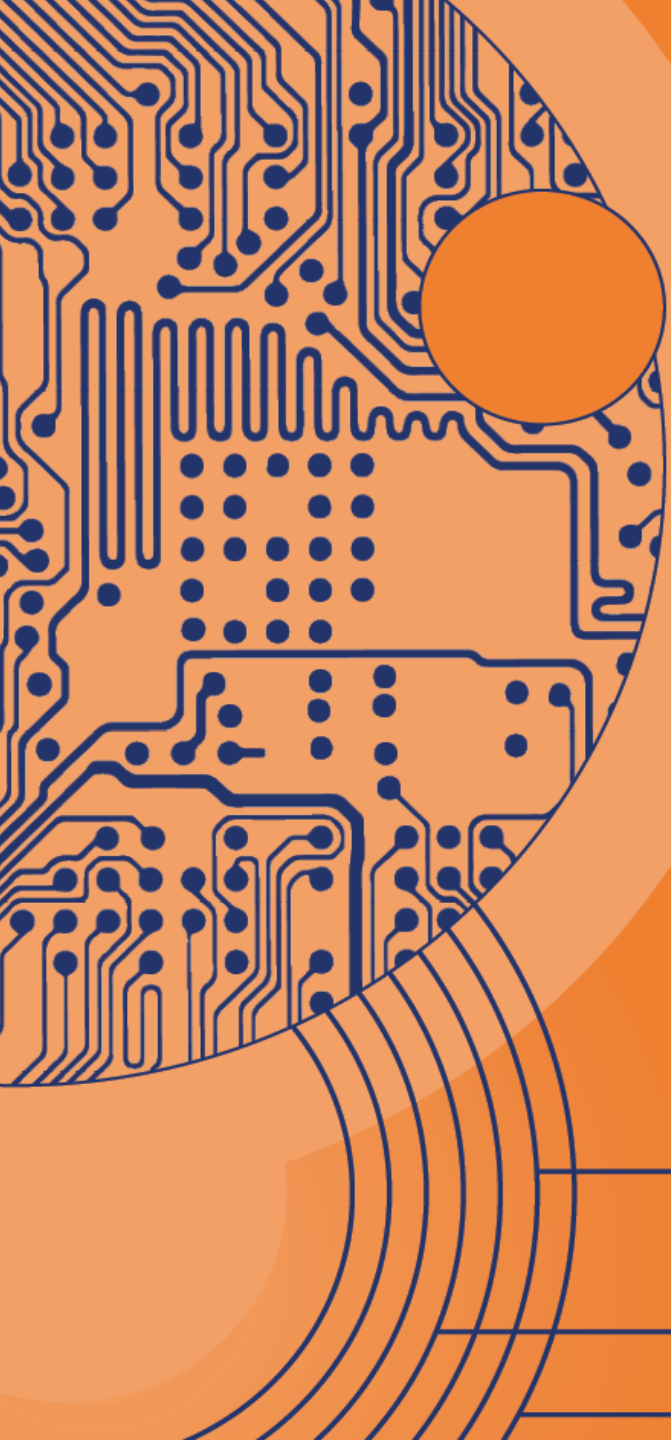


# Detailed budget table – mistakes to avoid

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- **Discrepancies in amounts** budgeted in Detailed budget table and in the Estimated budget online
- **Discrepancies in person-months** (efforts) between the Detailed budget table and Annex 1A
- **Discrepancies in subcontracting** between the Detailed budget table and Annex 1B
- **Travel costs:** unit costs
- Split of travel, accommodation and subsistence costs in Estimated budget
- Costs for Certificate on financial statement (CFS) not foreseen, if the threshold (325 000 EUR requested EU contribution per beneficiary) is reached





# Financial Support to Third Parties

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Project Adviser, EISMEA I.01

# 'FSTP' or 'Cascade funding' – What is it?

**Financial support to third parties (FSTP)** is a funding mechanism implemented by grant beneficiary/ies to select recipients that are not part of the Grant Agreement.

It is also called '**cascade funding**'.



# FSTP – Legal Basis

Financial Regulation introduces the notion & main conditions: Art 207

**Financial Regulation applicable to the General Budget of the Union and its rules of application** (Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2024/2509 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23/09/2024) **is also part of the regulatory framework for I3**

[Regulation \(EU, Euratom\) 2024/2509 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 September 2024 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union \(recast\)](#)

Article 207

## Financial support to third parties

Where implementation of an action or a work programme requires the provision of financial support to third parties, the beneficiary may provide such financial support if the conditions for such provision are defined in the grant agreement between the beneficiary and the Commission, with no margin for discretion by the beneficiary.

No margin for discretion shall be considered to exist if the grant agreement specifies the following:

- (a) the maximum amount of financial support that can be paid to a third party which shall not exceed EUR 60 000 and the criteria for determining the exact amount;
- (b) the different types of activities that may receive such financial support, on the basis of a fixed list;
- (c) the definition of the persons or categories of persons which may receive such financial support and the criteria for providing it.

The threshold referred to in the second paragraph, point (a), may be exceeded in the case of humanitarian aid, emergency support operations, civil protection operations, crisis management aid or where achieving the objectives of the actions would otherwise be impossible or overly difficult.

The authorising officer responsible shall provide information on the cases referred to in the third paragraph of this Article in the annual activity report referred to in Article 74(9).

Actions may involve financial support to third parties **ONLY** where this is explicitly **allowed in the work programme/call** (i.e. not all EU projects can provide FSTP)

# Is it possible to use FSTP in I3 projects?

I3 projects are primarily implemented by the consortium partners!!!

Under I3 **INV1 & INV2a** calls, applicants **have the possibility** to include FSTP in the form of “Cascade funding” in their proposal.



**FSTP is not compulsory !**

Under I3 **Cap2b** calls, applicants **cannot** include FSTP in the form of “Cascade funding” in their proposal.



# FSTP– What are the specific rules for I3 calls?

- The costs for FSTP will be reimbursed at the **funding rate** fixed in the Grant Agreement: **100%**
- SMEs **from all EU regions** are eligible to apply.



- Consortium partners **cannot** be beneficiaries of FSTP.

- FSTP is only allowed if it is based on **publication of open calls**
- Cost for FSTP are allowed **only for grants (i.e. no prizes!)**.
- **Max amount of Financial Support** for each third party ('recipient') may not exceed **EUR 100 K. NEW!**
- **Total costs** for providing **FSTP cannot exceed 30% of the total eligible costs.**

(For more details, please consult section 2 of the call documents.)

# FSTP in I3 calls - How to use it ?

- FSTP can and should be used only to support SMEs able to deliver **tasks with added value to the project**
- **FSTP is instrumental to complement the value chain of the main investors** (companies that are partners of the consortium).

- FSTP allows to **select SMEs during the project implementation** phase in order to contribute to the investment projects by carrying out necessary and missing tasks.

- The **portfolio of investments** is composed by individual sub-projects, in a given value chain, complemented by third parties, mainly the end-beneficiaries of FSTP.



Designed and implemented by the consortium partners!!!

# FSTP in I3 calls - How much?

The subgrant allocated to cascading companies is up to **€ 100 K** (per company) **NEW!**

**Different amounts** can be foreseen, according to the type of activity and the scale of the proposed innovation projects (up to € 100 K).

**Collaborative interregional projects proposed by 2 or more cascading companies are encouraged!**

**Max 30% of the total eligible costs** can be dedicated to FSTP.

FSTP can contribute to **achieve the 70% target** (“at least 70% of the total eligible costs must be allocated to investments in companies, with a focus on SMEs”).

FSTP can contribute to **achieve the 50% target** (“at least 50% of the of the total eligible costs must be incurred in LDRs”).

# Main points to keep in mind

**FSTP must be justified** : Both Advisory Support and FSTP should be related to the **main value chain investments** or to the **demand generated by the companies involved in the consortium.**

- 1-The **needs of main investors**
- 2-The **needs** of the selected **value chain(s)**
- 3-The **interconnection** between the **needs** of the main investors with the **solutions** that the cascading companies can offer
- 4-The **interconnection** between the **innovative products/processes** and **solutions** developed in the project and the **exploitation** of those **solutions** generated by cascading companies.
- 5-The FSTP budget needs to be spent for the **benefit of the companies involved in the consortium**. Therefore, the technical specifications for the FSTP call should be defined by them (because they know their specific needs) with the support of intermediaries (RTOs, business support organisations etc).

# FSTP in I3 calls – Examples

NOT ALLOWED in I3

- To offer a specific groundwork for **testing** and **optimising** products, production processes or solutions.
- Exploration of new **processing technologies**.
- **Small-scale product validation**: testing and piloting activities in companies
- **Innovation / exploitation activities** related to innovative investments implemented by the project beneficiaries
- **Market replication**

ALLOWED in I3

- Travel vouchers,
- sub-grants for soft advisory services not linked to main project investments,
- prizes,
- fellowships,
- contribution for the participation to trade fairs or matchmaking events,
- vouchers for study visits
- etc.

# Conditions for providing FSTP in I3 projects (1)

- Proposals (consequently GAs) must clearly specify:
  - **why** FSTP is needed, (**justification**)
  - **how** it will be managed, (**implementation modalities**)
  - the **results** to be obtained,
  - the **list of the different types of activities** for which a third party may receive financial support.

**SMEs from all EU regions are eligible**

## Conditions for providing FSTP in 13 projects (2)

- **Calls for FSTP must be open, published widely** and conform to EU standards concerning transparency, equal treatment, conflict of interest and confidentiality.
- **Calls** must remain **open for at least 2 months**.
- **Outcome of calls -> to be published on participants' websites**, incl. a description of the selected projects, award dates, project durations, and final recipient legal names, countries/regions.
- **Calls must have a clear European dimension** and need to contribute to the objectives of the project.



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## ARTICLE 6 — ELIGIBLE AND INELIGIBLE COSTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS

€ 100k per SME

Lumps sums OR Reimbursement of actual costs?

Examples of activities mentioned in the call:  
testing and piloting activities by companies, large-scale product validation and market replication ;

SMEs from all EU regions

For each evaluation criterion (e.g .relevance, Impact, Implementation) – describe + define sub-criteria, weighting, scores (e.g. between 0 and 5, with or without half points); Technical and financial capacity check, In case of ex-aequo, the procedure you will apply etc..

### D. Other cost categories

#### D.1 Financial support to third parties

Costs for providing financial support to third parties (in the form of grants, prizes or similar forms of support; if any) are eligible, if and as declared eligible in the call conditions, if they fulfil the general eligibility conditions, are calculated on the basis of the costs actually incurred and the support is implemented in accordance with the conditions set out in Annex 1.

These conditions must ensure objective and transparent selection procedures and include at least the following:

(a) for grants (or similar):

- (i) the maximum amount of financial support for each third party ('recipient'); this amount may not exceed the amount set out in the Data Sheet (see Point 3)<sup>21</sup> or otherwise agreed with the granting authority
- (ii) the criteria for calculating the exact amount of the financial support
- (iii) the different types of activity that qualify for financial support, on the basis of a closed list
- (iv) the persons or categories of persons that will be supported and
- (v) the criteria and procedures for giving financial support



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- **ARTICLE 9.4 – Recipients of financial support to third parties**



## 9.4 Recipients of financial support to third parties

If the action includes providing financial support to third parties (e.g. grants, prizes or similar forms of support), the beneficiaries must ensure that their contractual obligations under Articles 12 (conflict of interest), 13 (confidentiality and security), 14 (ethics), 17.2 (visibility), 18 (specific rules for carrying out action), 19 (information) and 20 (record-keeping) also apply to the third parties receiving the support (recipients).

The beneficiaries must also ensure that the bodies mentioned in Article 25 (e.g. granting authority, OLAF, Court of Auditors (ECA), etc.) can exercise their rights also towards the recipients.



# FSTP – The Process in a nutshell

- Beneficiaries **select** the recipients/third parties following a **published call for proposal**
  - The **selection** of recipients is based on **transparent criteria** published in the open calls
  - The **selection** may be carried out **in-house** or by **hired independent experts** (or both); the responsibility remains with the consortium (**Important ! – you must avoid potential Conflict of Interest**)
  - Selected **recipients**/third parties sign agreements with the beneficiaries (**sub-grants**)
  - Selected **recipients**/third parties **must be paid by the end of the project**.
  - **Beneficiaries are fully responsible** for the drafting of the call text, the evaluation, selection and monitoring of the sub-projects.
- > **EISMEA POs** ensure compliance of the open call text with provisions of the GA (and annexes) before publication

# FSTP & inspiring examples

## All FSTP call announcements are published on the F&T Portal

Have a look at: <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/calls-for-proposals>

By selecting “Calls for funding in cascade” as “Type of grants calls”



The screenshot displays the EU Funding & Tenders Portal interface. The top navigation bar includes 'Home', 'Funding', 'Procurement', 'Projects & results', 'News & events', 'Work as an expert', and 'Guidance & documents'. The main content area is titled 'Calls for proposals' and includes a description of funding opportunities. A sidebar on the left contains 'Filters' and 'Quick search' options. The right sidebar shows 'All filters' with sections for 'TYPE OF GRANTS CALLS', 'PROGRAMMING PERIOD', 'PROGRAMME', 'CALL', and 'SUBMISSION STATUS'. The 'TYPE OF GRANTS CALLS' section has 'Calls for funding in cascade' selected. The 'PROGRAMMING PERIOD' is set to '2021 - 2027'. The 'PROGRAMME' is 'FSTP - the process in a nutshell'. The 'CALL' section shows 'Interregional Innovation Investments Instrument (I3)'. The 'SUBMISSION STATUS' section is currently empty.

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### Calls for proposals

Calls for proposals are funding opportunities issued by the European Union institutions, agencies and bodies. These are direct financial contributions, known as grants, that are a party beneficiaries (e.g., research organisations, public entities, non-governmental organisations, and private companies) to engage in activities that serve EU policies.

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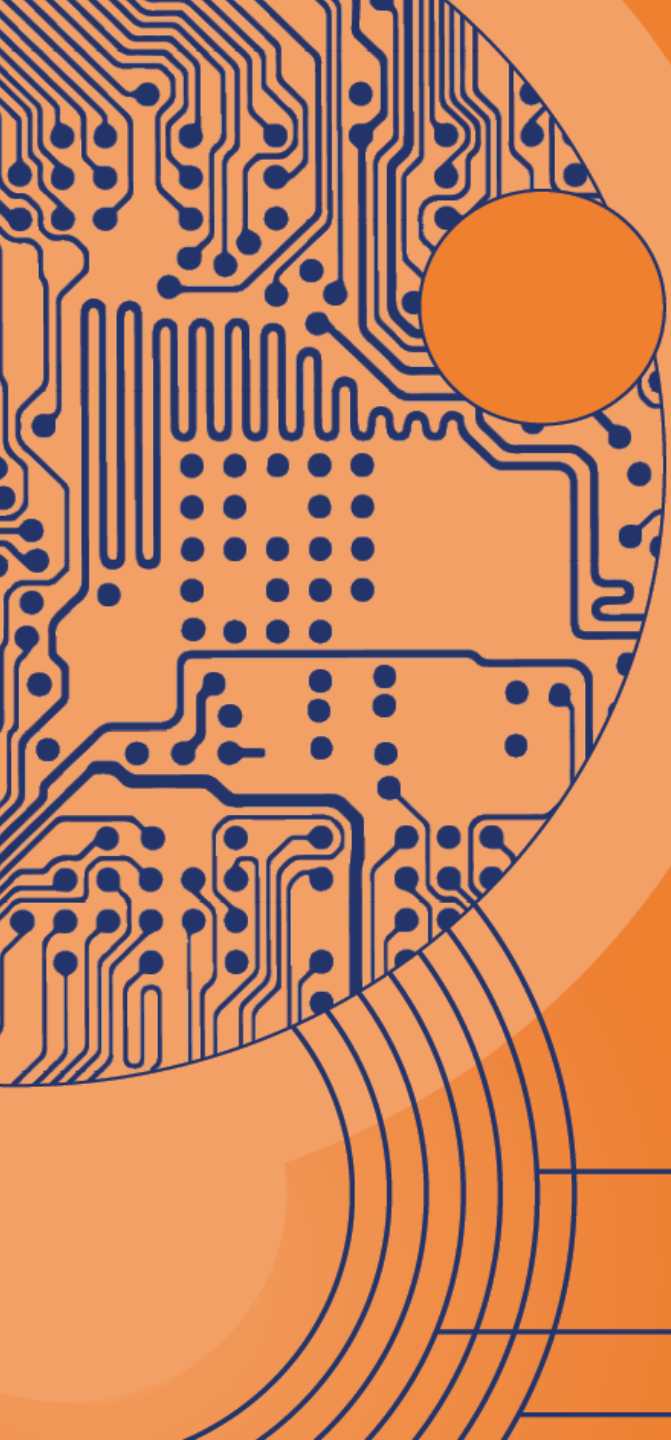
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# Closing remarks

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# Thank you!



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