



I3

Interregional
Innovation
Investment
Instrument

EUSDR Embedding Week 2023 Interregional Innovation Investments (I3) Instrument

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New European Innovation Agenda

Accelerating and strengthening innovation in European Innovation Ecosystems across the EU and addressing the innovation divide



Fostering connected regional deep-tech innovation valleys across the EU



May 2023: REGIONAL INNOVATION VALLEYS CALLS

Interregional Innovation Investments (I3) Instrument

Horizon Europe - European Innovation Ecosystems

Cohesion Policy

I3 Instrument

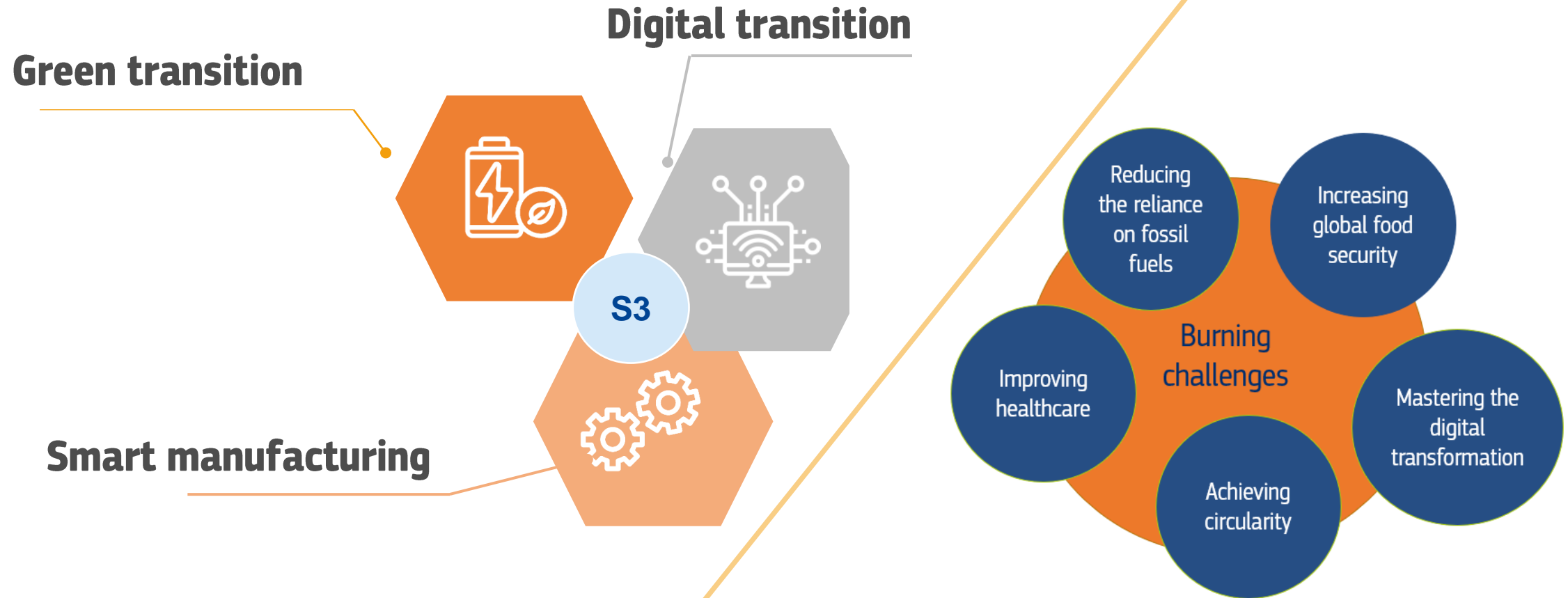
Supporting innovation:
Development policy with a focus on bridging the innovation divide

Fostering Collaboration:
I3 Instrument included in 2021 ERDF regulation to support interregional innovation projects and develop EU value chains with EUR 570 million

Empowering Regions:
EUR 34.9 billion in innovation-related funding, with 85% dedicated to less developed and transition regions

Joining forces:
I3 as new cohesion policy tool to support and bring together stakeholders to address the innovation divide

13 priorities and burning challenges



Final beneficiaries

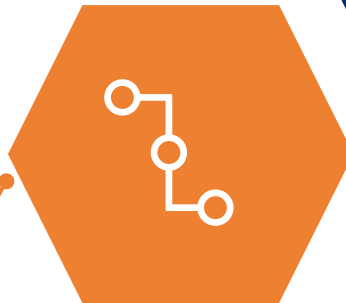


Companies
(mainly SMEs)
partners or via cascade funding



Large companies
only in well justified
specific cases
(ERDF Regulation, Art. 5 (2))

Intermediaries
facilitators in the regional
innovation ecosystem



I3 Strands for support

Strand 1 | Investment and advisory support on the base of shared S3, typically to strengthen the competitiveness of existing EU value chains

Strand 2a | Investment and advisory support on the base of shared S3 for the development of value chains in less developed regions

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

Technical assistance & experimentation

**€ 570 million
(2021-2027)**

Project budget and duration, funding rate

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Project size

€ 2 – 10 million

Duration

18 – 36 months

Funding rate

70% for all cost categories & beneficiaries **EXCEPT**
100% for costs of FSTP

€ 31
million/
strand
2023

2023 -2024

Indicative timeline for Strand 1 and 2a calls



What I3 is all about – Cohesion dimension in projects

Strand 1 project example -> HIGHFIVE

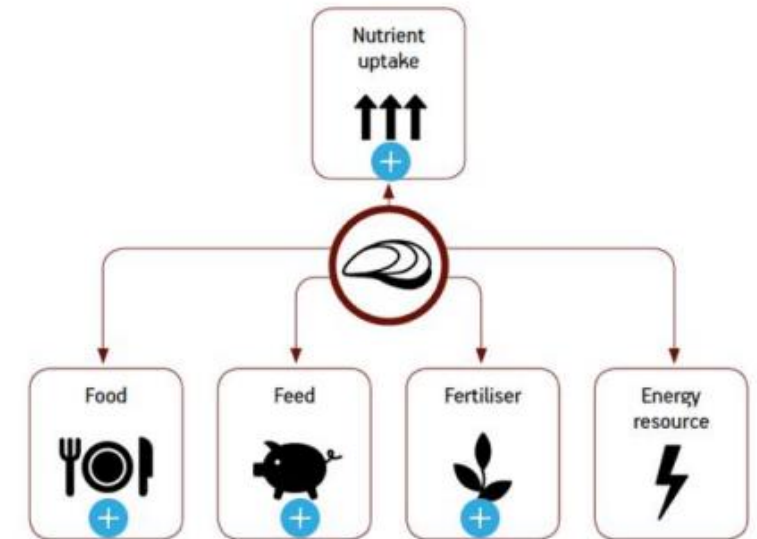
- 23 partners from BE, NL, FR, ES, LT, DE, HU, SI, FI, – EUR 8,12 million;
- bring to the market innovative digital solutions to concrete challenges of the food processing companies (water waste management);
- strengthening the European agri-food value chain and contributing to a more digital, sustainable and resilient agri-food sector in Europe.



What I3 is all about – Cohesion dimension in projects

Strand 1 project example -> BalticMUPPETS

- 12 partners from SE, DE, DK, EE, IE. – EUR 5,4 million;
- Mussel production, processing and product development (need to find a ‘high-value’ product);
- EUR 1.8 million as seed money available to mobilise new start-ups (Financial Support to Third Parties);



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Strand 2a project example -> SmartVitiNET

- 11 partners from GR, PT, FR, CY – EUR 1,98 million;
- Solutions for viticulture to be used by vineyard owners and agricultural policy makers;
- **Innovative technologies accessible to wine-growers across the southern Europe;**

