



Innovative Sustainable Economy Mission 2nd Innovation Camp

Smart specialisation strategies supporting Mediterranean green and just transition

28-29 May 2024

Venue : Espai Bital Generalitat de Catalunya

C. de José Agustín Goytisolo 22-28, L'Hospitalet de Llobregat, Barcelona (ES)

Smart specialisation strategies (S3) are effective tools to plan strategically research and innovation policy efforts across the European regions and countries. Smart specialisation strategies frame place-based innovation which is much needed to accelerate the green transition. In this direction, the concept of Smart specialisation strategies for sustainable and inclusive growth (S4+) has started to spread across EU with the new programming period, underlining the shift of the focus on transformative changes and societal challenges.

This second edition of the Innovation Camp, organised by the Interreg Euro-MED 2021-2027 Dialogue4Innovation project in collaboration with the Joint Research Centre, will focus on the role of Smart specialisation strategies in supporting a green and just transition in the Mediterranean. Participants will delve into concepts and approaches that can facilitate the adoption of new generation of S3, engaging in working group discussion and hands-on case study sessions. The 2-days event will gather the S3 practitioners with other actors of the innovation ecosystems from the Interreg community to strengthen the connections and to share opportunities to work together and find new pathways to address sustainability challenges and SDGs.

The Innovation Camp is aimed at:

- ✓ fostering capacity building of S3 policy makers and the Mediterranean innovation community to address sustainability challenges and the SDGs more effectively
- ✓ gathering together the Mediterranean S3 and Interreg communities
- ✓ exploring how the Interreg Euro-MED Innovative Sustainable Economy Mission can support and contribute to promote more transformative smart specialisation strategies

FORMAT AND AGENDA

Innovation Camp is both a community-building tool and a way to promote the shared understanding of sustainable development challenges and Mediterranean priorities, allowing an open and facilitated debate among quadruple helix stakeholders.

Participants are expected to actively engage and contribute during the working sessions, which are designed as dynamic moments of exchange and construction.



Tuesday 28th May (Day 1) – In presence

9:00 Registration & welcome coffee

9:30 Opening session

Isabelle Nobio, Joint Secretariat Interreg EuroMed Programme
Alessandro Daraio, Lead Partner Dialogue4Innovation
Tatiana Fernàndez, Government of Catalonia - *Presentation of the agenda and the objectives of the Innovation Camp*

9:55 **Presentation. *Connecting S3 and the Mission Innovation for a Sustainable Economy through the SDGs, challenges and opportunities.***

Tatiana Fernàndez, Government of Catalonia

10:15 **Key note. *Aligning smart specialisation with sustainability challenges and the SDGs.***

Michal Miedzinski, Joint Research Center

10:35 **Ice breaker & Coffee break**

11:15 **Working session 1 (first part)**

Getting a systemic understanding of MED sustainability challenges. Case study: depopulation in rural and remote areas

13:10 **Lunch break**

14:30 **Working session 1 (second part)**

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16:20 **Plenary Session**

Moderated by Michal Miedzinski and Alasdair Reid

17:00 **End of Day 1**



Wednesday 29th May (Day 2) – In presence

9:00 Registration & welcome coffee

9:30 Round table. *Moving into action: connecting MED projects, S3 and the MED Innovative Sustainable Economy Mission (MISE)*

Moderated by Cynthia Echave, Government of Catalonia

Fernando Mérida, Spanish Government

Alasdair Reid, EFIS Centre

Elisabetta Marinelli, S3 CoP

Alessandro Daraio, Lead Partner Dialogue4Innovation

10:15 Group division

10:30 Working session 2 (first part)

Group 1 (policy makers, S3). S3 embedding SDGs and connected to the ISE Mission

Group 2 (MED projects). MED projects connected to place-based challenges and the ISE Mission

11:45 Coffee break

12:15 Plenary session

12:30 Working session 2 (second part)

Moving into action in the ISE Mission

13:30 Lunch break

15:00 Plenary session

Moderated by Elvira González Gago

15:50 Wrap up & next steps

16:30 End of the Innovation Camp