



# Agenda

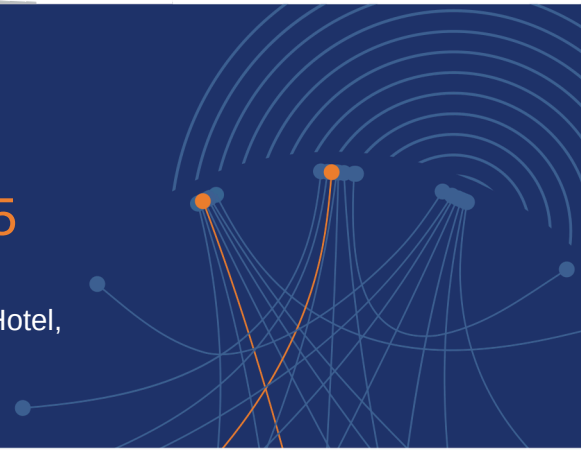
## Annual I3 Instrument Forum 2025



Wednesday  
24/09/2025



Renaissance Brussels Hotel,  
Rue du Parnasse 19  
1050 Brussels, Belgium



09:00-09:30 | **Welcoming coffee and registration**

09:30-10:00 | **Opening words**

10:00-10:45 | **Plenary session**

**I3 Instrument - progress, insights, and future outlook**

Introduction and overview of state of play and upcoming activities

I3 Instrument: overview of results and (early) successes

Presentation of numbers of projects, number of organisations, regions, etc – a complete overview of proposals and projects

10:45-12:00 | **Panel discussion**

**From idea to impact - success stories from I3 projects**

Project successes, good practices, impact, post-project sustainability, reflections what is the support available in all the project life cycle

Moderated by:

- **Sander van der Molen**, I3 Instrument Support Facility

Panel members:

- **Cristina Baghiu**, Acasa - Asociația Digital Innovation Zone (SustainX, Cap2b)
- **Paola Bello**, Clust-ER Health (Strand 1 and 2b projects)
- **Ángel Freire**, ACCIO (I3 projects such as CESAM and INSHAPE)
- **Mariyana Hamanova**, KLIYNTEH BULGARIA (Rise, Cap2b)
- **Ints Viksna**, Latvian Technological center, foundation (STARRISE, Cap2b)

12:00-13:15 | **Lunch and networking**

13:15-14:00 | **Panel discussion**

**Leveraging I3 for regional growth - aligning strategies and unlocking future findings**

Presentation of examples of synergies with other funds and instruments, incl. mainstream programmes.

Moderated by:

- **Antonio Novo**, I3 Instrument Support Facility

Panel members:

- **Artur Bobovnický**, Slovak Innovation and Energy Agency
- **Stjepan Markovic**, Ministry of Regional Development and EU Funds of the Republic of Croatia
- **Táňa Hálová Perglová**, Technology Agency (Director of Department of Interdisciplinary and International Cooperation)
- **Marko Popovič**, Creative Industry Košice
- **José Antão**, National Innovation Agency

14:00-14:45 | **Presentations**

**Aligning regional ambitions with Europe's strategic priorities**

Moderated by:

- **Eric Koch**, Head of Sector, I3 Instrument, EISMEA

3 presentations from experts on:

- EU competitiveness and industrial policy (**Marek Przeor**, policy team leader cluster policy, DG GROW)
- Insights from the regional perspective (**Francesco Molica**, Director of EURADA)
- I3 Instrument in cohesion framework (**Wolfgang Munch**, senior expert, DG REGIO)

14:45-15:30 | **Coffee and Networking Break**

15:30-16:30 | **Panel discussion**

**Driving regional leadership in interregional cooperation**

Presentation of examples of regional/national authorities (LDRs) promoting the programme e.g. dedicated teams, financial support to third parties or other specific initiatives.

Moderated by:

- **Susana Elena Perez**, I3 Instrument Support Facility

Panel members:

- **Ilaria Corsi**, Lazio Innova
- **Kristaps Ročāns**, Interreg Europe Programme Joint Secretariat
- **Marko Hren**, Government Office for Development and European Cohesion Policy
- **Andreea Raluca Leru**, North-East Regional Development Agency
- **Petrykowski Tomasz**, Interact Programme

16:30-17:00 | **Take aways and the way ahead**

What's next for I3 Instrument? Including upcoming opportunities evolving EU frameworks, and how regions and stakeholders can stay actively engaged in shaping future programmes

17:00-19:00 | **Networking drinks**