Interregional Innovation Investments Instrument

STRENGTHENING INNOVATION IN EUROPE’S REGIONS

What are the I3 Instrument dimensions that projects need to cover?

INTERREGIONAL
Creating links between EU regions around shared or complementary smart specialisation (S3) areas and involving all components of the regional or national innovation ecosystems
Supporting the development of value chains in less developed regions

INNOVATION
Testing, demonstration, piloting, large-scale product validation and market replication, adaptation of existing prototypes
Accelerating innovation, bringing innovative solutions and new products in:
• Digital transition
• Green transition
• Smart manufacturing

INVESTMENTS
Financial and advisory support for joint innovation projects
Smart economic transformation by moving from investment ideas to actual implementation
Direct investment to companies (mainly SMEs)

The interregional component provides a unique opportunity to cross-fertilise actual instruments and facilitate the market uptake of the solutions developed.
Myriam Martin, HealthChain project

The programme helped us establish the first interregional green hydrogen value chain in South Estonia and Northern Latvia for activating the emerging hydrogen and providing a blueprint for setting up green hydrogen ecosystems in other regions.
Jaanus Tamm, H2 Value project

I3 Instrument supports SMEs to be internationally competitive whilst at the same time addressing actual pan-European unmet needs and unlocking cross-sectoral and inter-regional markets.
Magnus Wallengren, Digit Pre project
What are we looking for and what is there for you?

**INTERREGIONAL**

**MINIMUM 3–5 PARTNERS**

from different Member States and regional ecosystems

**INNOVATION**

**CLOSE TO MARKET** activities (TRL 6-9)

**INNOVATION & IMPACT-ORIENTED** investments

**INVESTMENTS**

**OVER €570 million available in the 2021-2027 programming period**

**UP TO €10 million per project**

**70%** of EU contribution for all beneficiaries and cost categories

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