



European Commission

I3 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 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

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What are we looking for
and what is there for you?

INTERREGIONAL

MINIMUM
3-5
PARTNERS



from different
Member States and
regional ecosystems

INNOVATION

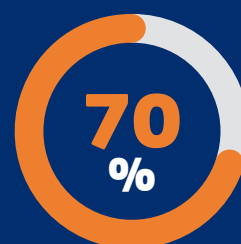
CLOSE TO MARKET
activities (TRL 6-9)

INNOVATION &
IMPACT-ORIENTED
investments

INVESTMENTS

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

↑ UP TO
€10
million per project



of EU contribution for
all beneficiaries and
cost categories



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