

Agenda for the S3 Forum 2023

Title of the event	S3 Forum 2023
Date of the event	28 and 29 of November 8:30 – 17:00 CET
Location of event	La Llotja de Mar – Edifici Llotja, Pg. d'Isabel II, 1, Pis 2, 08003 Barcelona

Day 1: 28 November 2023

S3 Forum Programme

The S3 Forum is open to all participants.

8:30 – 9:00 **Registration and welcome coffee**

9:00 – 9:30 **Welcome and introduction**
(Session with online streaming)

Nicola de Michelis, Director, DG REGIO, European Commission

Natàlia Mas, Regional Minister of Economy and Finance, Generalitat de Catalunya

Teresa Riesgo, General Secretary for Innovation, Spanish Ministry for Science and Innovation

Manuel Szapiro, Head of Representation of the European Commission in Barcelona

*Moderator: **Maialen Perez**, S3 CoP Secretariat*

9:30 – 10:20 **Panel on Smart Specialisation in a changing world**
(Session with online streaming)

Nicola de Michelis, Director, DG REGIO, European Commission

Aleix Cubells, General Director of European Funds of the Catalan Government

Thomas Wobben, Director of Legislative Works for the COTER, ECON and SEDEC commissions, Committee of the Regions

Teresa Riesgo, General Secretary for Innovation, Spanish Ministry for Science and Innovation

*Moderator: **Elisabetta Marinelli**, S3 CoP Secretariat*

10:20 – 10:40

Presentation of the latest developments in the S3 Community of Practice

(Session with online streaming)

Elisabetta Marinelli and **Els van de Velde**, S3 CoP Secretariat

10:40 – 11:00

Coffee break & networking

11:00 – 12:30

Parallel sessions on experiences and activities related to Smart Specialisation Strategies implementation

Parallel session 1: S3 and industrial transition

Pirkko Taskinen, Director Water Ecosystem & SuperIoT, University of Oulu Northern Ostrobothnia, Finland

Claire Nauwelaers, Independent Science, Technology and Innovation Policy Expert

Luis Goñi Navarro, Regional Strategy Director, Sodena Desarrollo de Navarra, Spain

A representative from DG GROW, European Commission (tbc)

Moderator: Yari Borbon, S3 CoP Secretariat

Parallel session 2: Community Building and the Entrepreneurial Discovery Process

Cristian Otgon, Head of Department for Smart Specialisation, State Aid and Innovative Financial Instruments, North-West Regional Development Agency

Elfi Goesaert, R&D Researcher, VITO, Flanders, Belgium

Rasmus Bergander, Policy Advisor, Central Sweden European Office, Sweden

Tomáš Holinka, Head of S3 Unit, Czech Ministry of Industry and Trade, Czechia

Moderator: Lena Tsipouri, S3 CoP Secretariat

Parallel session 3: From Local Strengths to Interregional Cooperation

Aitor Mintegui, EU Affairs & Policy Officer, Delegation of the Basque Country to the EU, Spain

Pirita Lindholm, Director, ERRIN

Richard Tuffs, Friends of Smart Specialisation

Marc Pattinson, Director GAC group/Thematic expert on INTERREG Europe

Moderator: Els Van de Velde, S3 CoP Secretariat

Parallel session 4: Experiences monitoring and evaluating S3 performance

Tatiana Fernández, Head of Economic Strategy, Generalitat de Catalunya, Spain

Ieva Gurklyte, R&D&I coordinator of ICT Lab division, Lithuania

Jennifer Maria Grisorio, Head of "Research and education system" area, ARTI-Puglia, Italy

Alexandra Avdeenko, Evaluation Specialist, Finance, Competitiveness, and Innovation, World Bank

Moderator: Daniela Kretz, S3 CoP Secretariat

12:30 – 14:00

Lunch & networking

14:00 – 15:30

Parallel sessions on experiences and activities related to Smart Specialisation Strategies implementation

Parallel session 5: Driving Innovation Diffusion and Digitalisation Trends

Thomas Wobben, Director of Legislative Works for the COTER, ECON and SEDEC Commissions, Committee of the Regions

Vincenzina Cristofaro, Project Manager, Direzione Generale Università, Ricerca, Innovazione, Lombardy, Italy

Dan Všetěčka, Director, Department of digital economy and smart specialisation, Ministry of Industry and Trade, Czechia

Kerstin Koren, Head of Department of Economy, Tourism and Technology at the Office of the Lower Austrian Government, Austria

Moderator: Susana Elena Perez, S3 CoP Secretariat

Parallel session 6: Improving Regional Research and Innovation Systems

Alasdair Reid, Policy Director, EFIS Centre

Stephan Satijn, Regional Minister for Economy, Finances, Business Operations and Public Affairs, Province of Limburg, the Netherlands

Katalin Kovacs, Senior Consultant, Innomine, Hungary

Eva Damm, Policy Officer Research and Science, Culture and Tourism at Free State of Saxony, Germany

Magdalena Cymerys, Policy Officer, DG RTD, European Commission

Moderator: Nicola de Michelis, DG REGIO, European Commission

Parallel session 7: S3 Governance: Evolving Structures and Challenges

Karolina Lipinska, Deputy Director, Department for Economic Development, Office of the Marshal of the Pomorskie Voivodeship, Pomorskie, Poland

Valeria Bandini, Head of Europe and International Area of ART-ER, Emilia Romagna, Italy

Sander Van der Molen, Partner Innovation & Funding, at Civitta

Florence Hennart, Senior advisor in the Economic Policy Directorate at the Walloon administration for Economy, Employment and Research, Wallonia, Belgium

*Moderator: **Matthieu Lacave**, S3 CoP Secretariat*

Parallel session 8: Fostering interregional collaboration through S3 Thematic Platforms and Thematic Smart Specialisation Partnerships (TSSPs)

Ramunas Linartas, Policy officer, Smart and Sustainable Growth Unit, DG REGIO, European Commission

Wim De Kinderen, Programme Director European Affairs, Brainport Eindhoven EU Office, Netherlands

Rene Wijlens, General Manager, Cluster Sports & Technology, Eindhoven, Netherlands and Director of the European Platform for Sport Innovation (EPSI)

Loles Vidal, Senior Policy Advisor, Fundación Comunidad Valenciana Region Europea, Spain

*Moderator: **Els Van de Velde**, S3 CoP Secretariat*

15:30 – 16:00

Coffee break & networking

16:00 – 16:30

Outcomes from the parallel sessions

(Session with online streaming)

16:30 – 17:00

Conclusions and takeaways for practitioners and closing

(Session with online streaming)

Tatiana Fernández, Generalitat de Catalunya/S3 Expert Group

Miquel Royo, Secretary for the Government's Foreign Action and the European Union Generalitat de Catalunya

Catherine Wendt, DG REGIO, European Commission (closing remarks)

17:30 – 19:00

Networking cocktail

Day 2: 29 November 2023

Side event: S3 Thematic Platforms Steering Committee meeting

This event is **open only** to the lead regions and partner regions of the Thematic Smart Specialisation Platforms and will **not** be streamed.

8:30 – 9:00	Registration and welcome coffee
9:00 – 9:15	Welcome and opening Wolfgang Munch , DG REGIO, European Commission
9:15 – 10:00	Welcoming new partnerships Els Van de Velde , S3 CoP Secretariat The leading region(s) of the new TSSPs
10:00 – 11:00	Presentation of I3 and EIE Ramunas Linartas , DG REGIO Magdalena Cymerys , DG RTD Montse Daban , EDAH & INNAXE project, Biocat la Fundacio Bioregio de Catalunya Marta Peres , I4-GREEN project, Cluster Portugal Mineral Resources (tbc) Q&A
11:00 – 11:15	Coffee break & networking
11:15 – 12:30	Session per S3 Thematic Platform: Agri-food, Energy, Industrial Modernisation, Sustainable Blue Economy S3 CoP Secretariat DG GROW (tbc) DG ENER (tbc) DG RTD (tbc) DG AGRI (tbc) DG MARE Leading regions of TSSPs
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch & networking

In the afternoon, there will be the possibility for ongoing TSSPs to meet to discuss their current progress, any specific pilots/ projects supported by the partnerships as well as the past/future activities of their specific TSSP. The TSSP specific meeting will offer the opportunity to delve deeper into the challenges of the specific partnerships and pilots' implementation and their possible solutions.

Interested leading regions of TSSPs should contact the S3 CoP secretariat, which supports the practical organisation of these meetings.

Catalonia's S3 in action: *Shared Agendas* explained by their main players

This event is open to all participants and will **not** be streamed.

15:00 – 15:15 **Institutional welcome and presentation of Catalonia's S3: a shared agenda for a greener, more digital, more resilient and fairer socioeconomic model.**

Natàlia Mas, regional Minister of Economy and Finance, Generalitat de Catalunya

15:15 – 15:25 **EU funds as an opportunity for a more sustainable economic development in EU regions.**

Miquel Puig, Secretary for Economic Affairs and European Funds, Generalitat de Catalunya

Wolfgang Munch, DG REGIO, European Commission

15:25 – 15:45 **Building a challenge-oriented regional innovation systems through S3 and shared agendas.**

Elisabetta Marinelli, S3 CoP Secretariat

Fernando Mérida, Cabinet of the Secretary General for Innovation, Spanish Government

Tatiana Fernández, Head of Economic Strategy, Generalitat de Catalunya

15:50 – 17:20 **Parallel sessions**

Parallel session 1: Terres de Lleida, Pirineu i Aran Shared Agenda: Addressing the challenge of depopulation in a rural area through a smart specialisation based on the bioeconomy

Institutional presentation by the **President of Lleida's Provincial Council**

Presentation of the Shared Agenda by its main actors: representatives from local governments, academia, RTOs, civil society, companies, farmers, entrepreneurs.

Moderator: Teresa Botargues, Lleida's Provincial Council innovation advisor



Parallel session 2: Bages Shared Agenda: Addressing the challenge of an aging population through a smart specialisation based on deep technology- and social-driven care service

Institutional presentation by the **Mayor of Manresa**.

Presentation of the Shared Agenda by its main actors: representatives from local governments, academia, RTOs, civil society, companies, health organisations, entrepreneurs.

*Moderator: **Xavier Gironès**, Generalitat de Catalunya*

17:20

Closing