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Interregional
Innovation
Investment
Instrument

Capacity building - Strand 2b call

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What	For whom	How	How much
<p>Increase the capacity of regional innovation ecosystems in less developed regions to collaborate in EU value chains</p>	<p>Innovation actors such as public administrations, research and academia, industry, end users</p>	<p>Implemented under direct management.</p> <p>DG REGIO supported by EISMEA</p>	<p>Available call budget</p> <p>€ 7,155,858.00</p>



General Objectives

Support in building & reinforcing innovative and resilient ecosystems

Advice in the identification of investment projects

Optimisation of the relevant local administrative structures and processes

Strengthening links and structures among the stakeholders of quadruple-helix ecosystems

Capacity building of less developed regions to enable interregional ecosystems to deliver concrete interregional innovation investments along the S3 priorities within the framework of the EU value chains, as well as the capacity to participate in partnerships with other regions.



Specific objectives

Preconditions for interregional cooperation and investments in S3

Experiment new approaches and deliver validated solutions & good practice examples

Increase the capacity to engage in interregional innovation processes

Facilitation of the validation process of investment ideas through improved knowledge

Involve actors of the quadruple-helix ecosystem, in particular SMEs

Impact of the project on less developed regions



Themes and Priorities

Capacity building
and investment
project piloting



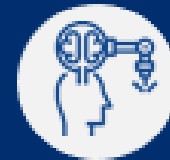
**DIGITAL
TRANSITION**

Company engagement and identification of a pipeline of investment projects



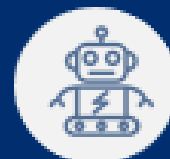
**GREEN
TRANSITION**

Investment readiness and capacity for interregional business and investment plans;



**SMART
MANUFACTURING**

Technical assistance to structure and reinforce the local ecosystems



**Deep tech
innovation**

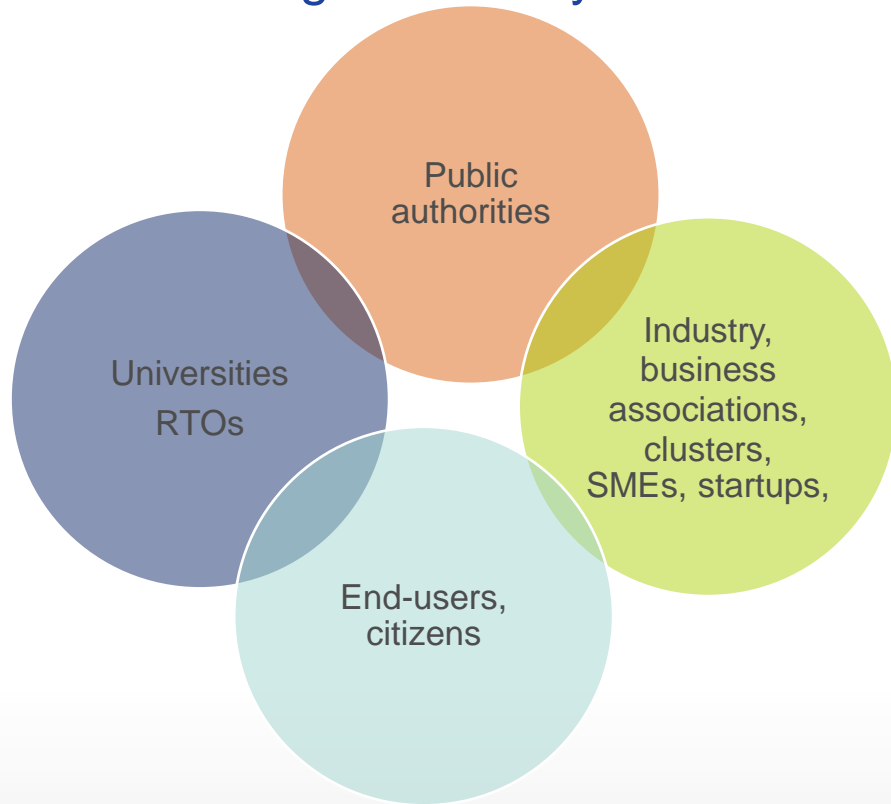
Connecting the less developed regions with other ecosystems

Building capacities to understand value chains articulation and implementation



Consortium composition

Innovation Actors & Q-helix partnerships on behalf of regional ecosystems



The coordinator must be:

- established in an EU Member State from a “less developed region”
- a public body, private non-profit organisation or international organisation.”

Minimum 2 independent legal entities representing 2 different regional ecosystems from 2 different EU Member States.

At least 1 “more developed region” of an EU Member State.

Endorsed by competent bodies for Smart Specialisation



Geographic location – Duration – Budget – Funding Rate



Proposals must relate to activities taking place in the eligible countries and S3 participating regions covered by the consortium.



Projects are expected to range between 18 and 24 months.

Project budgets (maximum grant amount) are expected to be around EUR 500 000 – EUR 1 500 000 per project.

The costs will be reimbursed at the funding rate fixed in the Grant Agreement (up to 100%).



Indicative timeline

