

D.T3.1.3 REPORT ON BUSINESS INSIDER & COLLABORATIVE WORKSHOPS BETWEEN PARTNERS AND S3 MANAGERS

D.T. 3.1.3. MATE (PP6)- Hungary

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1. Name of the event, implementing date and place

Intelligens szakosodás & versenyképes régiók - az I3 szerepe az EU innovációs ökoszisztémájának támogatásában / Smart Specialization & Competitive Regions - The role of I3 in supporting the EU's innovation ecosystem

Meeting date: 8 June 2022: 11.00- 11.30

YouTube channel with interactive platform to raise questions

2. Number and types of participants/target groups

The number of participants reached the 200, interested audience in the topic of S3 and I3 projects.

3. Topics tackled and links to deliverables, outputs

The Interregional Innovation Investment Instrument (I3) is a financing instrument of the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF). I3 aims to support interregional innovation projects in the commercialization and scaling-up phases, providing them with the means to overcome regulatory and other barriers and to raise their projects to investment levels. It builds on the experience of interregional pilot actions and reaps the benefits of smart specialization strategies under cohesion policy. The European Commission has launched calls for proposals under the I3 Work Program for 2021 and 2022. The National Office for Research, Development and Innovation considers it extremely important that the potential Hungarian applicants of I3 get to know the concept of the program as widely as possible. To this end, the NKFI Office is organizing an online workshop for the domestic target groups of I3, the primary purpose of which is to provide participants with detailed information about the I3 program, the application experience so far, the tasks of the NKFI Office related to I3, and the October 2022 application schedule¹.

There were several topics belonging to the I3 where questions would be addressed:

- Innovation investments Strand 1 - DIGIT

According to the European Union under the Funding & tender opportunities² this topic is targets investments in businesses and administrations to unlock digital growth potential and deploy innovative solutions, to improve the accessibility and the efficiency of services and bridge the persisting digital divide, the present call under this topic will support interregional investments projects in the following areas:

- Digital economy and innovation
- Digitalisation of the public administration

¹ <https://nkfih.gov.hu/hivatalrol/hivatal-rendezvenyei/intelligens-szakosodas-versenykepes-regiok>

² <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/i3-2021-inv1-digit>



- Digitalisation of healthcare

- Innovation investments Strand 1 - MANU

According to the European Union under the Funding & tender opportunities³. This topic focuses on improving the delivery of new or improved products, processes or services in the manufacturing industry. In the context of advanced manufacturing; knowledge and innovative technologies are used to produce complex products and improve processes to lower waste, pollution, material consumption and energy use. Robotics, 3D and 4D printing, artificial intelligence as well as high performance computing for modelling are important elements in advanced manufacturing.

- Innovation investments Strand 1 - GREEN

According to the European Union under the Funding & tender opportunities⁴. I3 intends to support innovative value chain investments, to boost the economy through green technology and to create sustainable industry/transport. It also intends to provide support to interregional investments in sustainable food systems, sustainable agriculture, clean and efficient energy, sustainable industry, building and renovating, sustainable mobility, eliminating pollution and climate action.

Beside the above mentioned:

- Innovation investments Strand 2a - DIGIT
- Innovation investments Strand 2a - GREEN
- Innovation investments Strand 2a - MANU

According to the preliminary discussions with the representatives of the MATE, PP6 submitted the following questions to the organizers linked to the Innovation investments Strand 1 - GREEN according to the themes and priorities:

- Business investments in renewable energy and energy efficiency to make industry more sustainable
 - Would agricultural robotics be supported as solar-panel based equipment would significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions compared to traditional machinery?
- Investments in bioeconomy, efficient and sustainable agriculture and forestry, innovation in marine/ maritime and inland water sustainable solutions
 - Is there any specific support for agricultural innovations in this topic?
 - Is precision agriculture addressed as a potential tool to reduce environmental impact of agriculture?

³<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/i3-2021-inv1-manu>

⁴<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/i3-2021-inv1-green>



4. Expected effects and follow up

Speakers introduced the background of the I3 (Interregional Innovation Instrument) program and showed the structure and the two types of strands: Strand1 and Strand2a and highlighted the main differences in budget, expected numbers of financed projects per grant and average grant size. As there is a difference in the minimum number of regions participating, it was also highlighted.

Zoltán Ferenczi, head of the S3 Project Management Office introduced the link between the S3 and I3. The speaker showed the structure of the S3 Management Office, and introduced the details of the S3 program in the period 2021-2027.

Concerning the Transfarm4.0 project, this type of grant would be valuable as the type of investments linked to the uptake of innovative technologies, solutions, services scaling up regional and local innovation. According to the presentations, grants both in Strand1 and Strand2a would be a possible continue of the transnational open innovation model and the three pilot actions.

5. Annexes: e.g. agenda of the event, pictures, media coverage web- links etc

10.00-10.05	Köszöntő Dr. Szabó István tudományos és nemzetközi elnökhelyettes Nemzeti Kutatási, Fejlesztési és Innovációs Hivatal
10.05-10.25	I3 az innovatívabb, versenyképesebb és összetartóbb Európai Unióért Zsigri Mónika osztályvezető-helyettes Regionális és Várospolitikai Főigazgatóság Európai Bizottság
10.25-10.40	Az I3 pályázati felhívások bemutatása Takács Tamás KFI stratégiai referens Stratégiai és Intézményi Kiválósági Főosztály Nemzeti Kutatási, Fejlesztési és Innovációs Hivatal
10.40-10.50	Az S3 Projektiroda szerepe az I3 hazai támogatásában Ferenczi Zoltán irodavezető, projektmenedzser Stratégiai és Intézményi Kiválósági Főosztály Nemzeti Kutatási, Fejlesztési és Innovációs Hivatal
10.50-11.05	Az I3 pályázói szemmel - Élünk a nemzetközi együttműködési lehetőségekkel! Dr. Pitter János vezető kutató Syreon Kutatóintézet
11.05-11.30	Kérdések és válaszok