



I3 Interregional Innovation Investments **Instrument**

The I3 Instrument Support Facility

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The I3 Instrument Support Facility Consortium

- 3 year project with the technical assistance of a consortium participated by 9 partners

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Who is the I3 Support Facility for?



Innovation Stakeholders

- SMEs
- Research/education organisations
- Clusters
- Innovation agencies, chambers.

Expand networks, proposals, and results from I3 projects



Public Authorities

- Smart Specialisation authorities
- ERDF Managing Authorities
- Innovation-related public administrations

Engaged, or aiming to engage, in interregional collaboration



DG REGIO/ EISMEA

Collect feedback, identify bottlenecks, and disseminate outcomes to improve I3 implementation.



Key target groups, how they benefit?



Collaboration & knowledge sharing

- Find potential partners
- Promote project ideas and results
- Access guidance, expertise and good practices



Monitor project progress

- Explore I3 projects, organisations and trends
- Follow programme developments
- Learn from project experiences and results



Share your perspective

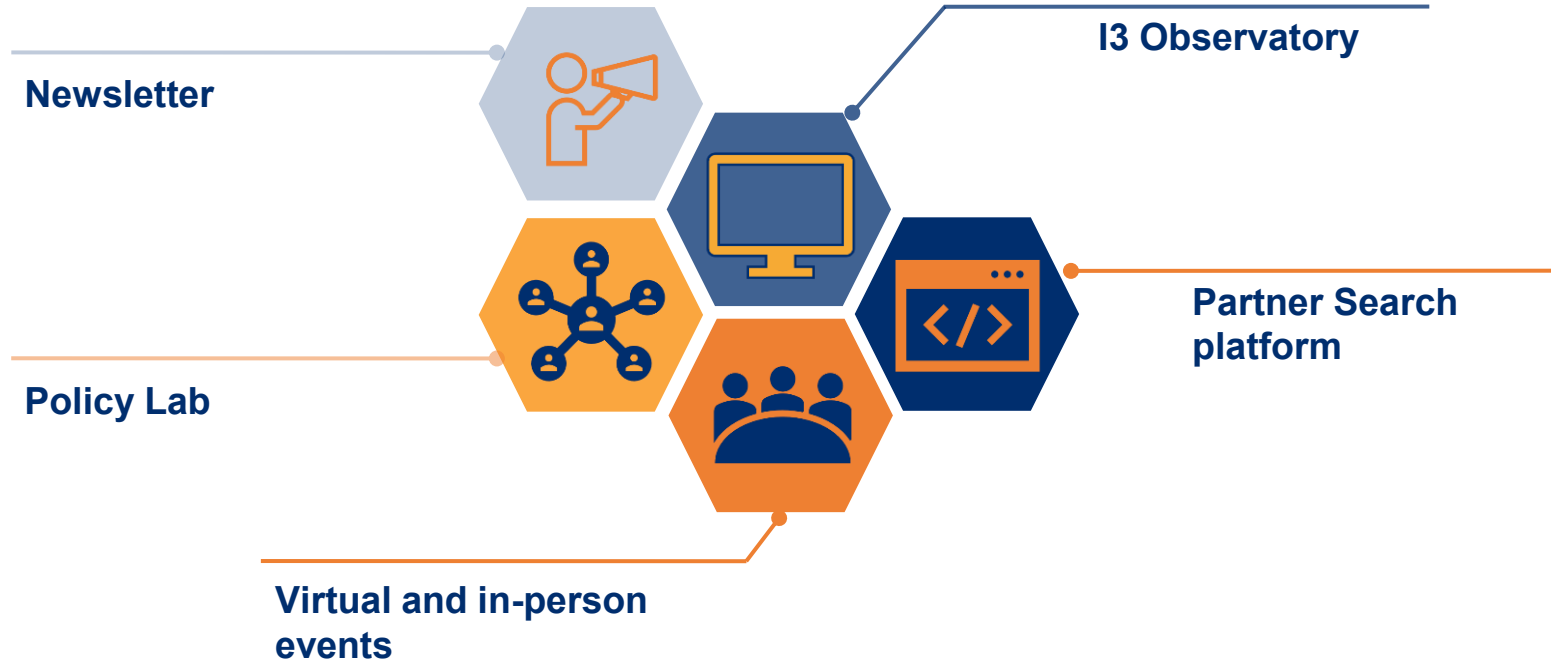
- Share implementation challenges and bottlenecks
- Contribute feedback and perspectives
- Help inform future support activities



Networking & events

- Join virtual, national and regional events
- Exchange experience with other I3 stakeholders
- Connect through the Annual I3 Instrument Forum

I3 Instrument Support Facility Services



I3 Observatory

I3 Project descriptions

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Annual Observatory Report

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Dashboard

- In-depth analysis of programme implementation and project trajectories

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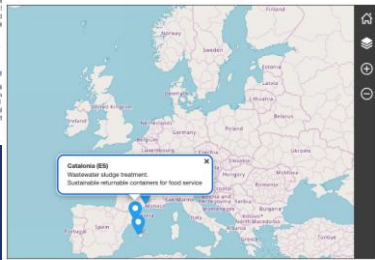
HIGHFIVE
enhancing digital and Green growth in the Food processing industry via Interregional innovation instruments.
HIGHFIVE (2023-2026) accelerates digital transformation in the agri-food sector by fostering Interregional investment and collaboration. Building on the EU Green Deal and Farm-to-Fork strategy, the project drives the twin transition by embedding digitalisation as a lever for sustainability, competitiveness, and resilience in food systems. The consortium brings together 15 cluster (or cluster-like) partners and 18 SMEs from 30 NUTS2 regions across 9 countries. By operating across More Developed, Transition, and Less Developed Regions, the project helps close the innovation divide through.



Baltic MUPPETS
Baltic MUPPETS for PET-Box
BalticMUPPETS (2023-2026) stores (1-3 cm), focusing on their use in pet containers within 13 partners from development, marketing, and finance supported by research institutions in



CESAM
Circular Economy and Sustainability
CESAM (Circular Economy and Sustainable solutions in the agri-food's Catalonia, the Balearic Islands, and Occitania, Catalonia and Balearic Islands Sustainability Among Three partners



CESAM
Circular Economy and Sustainability solutions for Agri-food in the Mediterranean

Call ID: I3-2021-INV2a

Duration: 2023-09-01 - 2026-08-31

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Interregional Dimension

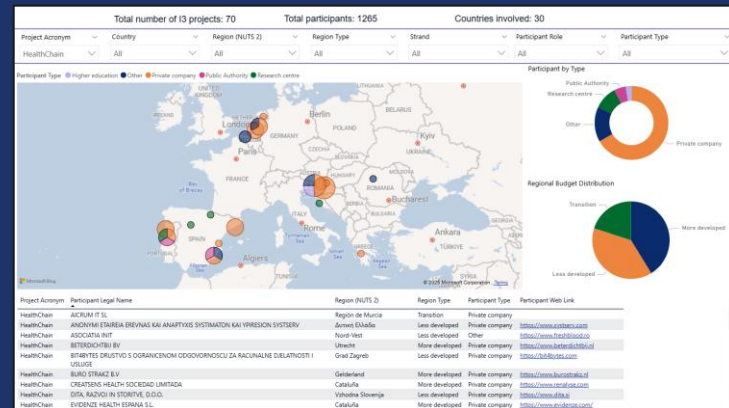
Innovation

Investment

Financial Support to Third Parties (FSTP)/ Market Uptake Mechanism

Results

Testimonials



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I3 Partner Search

Goal: Facilitate search for I3 partners across...

- Quadruple helix actor groups
- Regional development levels

Key features:

- Simple registration for innovation actors and project coordinators
- Project history to show individual track record
- S3 priorities to look for matching partner regions
- Event integration to boost live matchmaking

Access the I3 Partners Search [here](#)

The screenshot shows the I3 Partner Search website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the European Commission logo and a search bar. Below this, the main header reads "I3 Instrument Support Facility" and "I3 Partner Search". The page content includes a "Back to homepage" link, a brief description of the search tool, and a "Post/Manage your partnering offers" button. On the right, there is a "OPEN CALLS" box for "I3-2024-CAPI2b" with dates "13.10.2025 - 19.03.2026". The main section is titled "Partnering opportunities (43)" and shows "Showing results 1 to 10". The first result is for "GreenTech Innovators - Seeking Collaborative Partners" in Brussels Region, Belgium. It includes details about the organization, its focus on sustainable energy, and the specific call "I3 Call I3-2024-CAPI2b". The page also features a "Filter by" section on the left with dropdown menus for Keywords, Type of partner, I3 Call, Categories of regions, Sector, and Technology area. At the bottom, there are buttons for "Advanced filter search", "View results", and "Clear all".



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Events and networking



Register here

- **Annual I3 Instrument Forum:** high-level event, spotlighting the I3 Instrument's impact.
- **I3 Coordinators' day:** Bring together I3 beneficiaries for learning and peer exchange
- **Next dates:**
 - 30 September 2026: I3 Coordinators day (EISMEA, Brussels)
 - 1 October 2026: Annual I3 Instrument Forum 2026 (Double Tree Hilton Hotel, Brussels)

Find more information [here](#)



Virtual events

Monthly virtual events for I3 for I3 beneficiaries, future applicants and wider innovation ecosystem stakeholders

Practical and strategic guidance on topics relevant to developing and implementing I3 projects

Most popular topics included:

- financial support for SMEs
- proposal development
- moving from Thematic Platforms to I3 projects
- regional innovation ecosystem management

Upcoming Virtual Events

Event



#20 Capacity building in less developed regions through I3: the role of innovation intermediaries

Last activity 1 hour ago

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20 MAY 2026

Event



#21 I3 data intelligence: How to make the most of the I3 Observatory and Partner Search for project and policy planning

Last activity 2 months ago

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17 JUN 2026

Event



#22 Examples of regions with policy experimentation with innovation policy instruments

Last activity 2 months ago

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15 JUL 2026

Publications



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