



# SMART SPECIALISATION WORKING GROUP

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## Main 2024 workstream: Future of S3 and R&I dimension in cohesion policy post-2027

### Key EU processes to follow:

- Development of cohesion policy post-2027 – report of the Commission high-level group, 9<sup>th</sup> cohesion report, Cohesion Forum
- Partnerships for Regional Innovation (PRI) – rollout of the new Pilot and the Action Book
- Regional Innovation Valleys rollout and upcoming calls (in collaboration with the Policy WG)
- S3 Community of Practice developments: Working Groups, Expert Group, targeted assignments, S3 Partnerships and their links to ERRIN WGs, S3 Conference

### On-going activities to be followed further in 2024:

- Reflections on R&I dimension in cohesion policy post-2027 – input to CoR opinion, messages for high-level group, dialogue with DG REGIO
- Ongoing engagement in PRI – several meetings and events last year, continue dialogue with the JRC and CoR
- Regional Innovation Valleys – results from the calls for proposals and calls for expression of interest in 2023, follow up and next steps, continue dialogue with DG RTD and DG REGIO

### First planned meetings:

- Kick-starting 2024: Towards R&I and cohesion policies post-2027 – 30 January
- Sneak peek of New European Innovation Agenda report and new Regional Innovation Valleys – 12 March – joint meeting with Policy WG
- Partnerships for Regional Innovation – the way ahead – May/June
- Meeting around the future of cohesion policy post-2027 – Q2
- Interregional collaboration instruments for innovation – a look forward – Q3/Q4

