



Information session on the call for expression of interest for new partnerships – Sustainable Blue Economy

Agenda

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Introduction and context

An information session on the Call for expression of interest for new Thematic Smart Specialisation Partnerships (TSSPs) is taking place in the context of the [S3 Community of Practice \(S3 CoP\)](#), the European Commission's major source of support for implementation of smart specialisation strategies (S3). It offers a unique platform for S3 practitioners, experts, policymakers, and other key stakeholders to participate in a bottom-up and region-centric network. It encourages discussions on S3 policy and implementation and facilitates the exchange of valuable information and best practices.

This session is specifically dedicated to the presentation of the [S3 Thematic Platform for Sustainable Blue Economy](#) and related opportunities. It is scheduled with the aim to support regions and their stakeholders looking to establish new sustainable blue economy partnerships under this platform. The meeting will:

- provide a general introduction to the S3 CoP, the S3 Thematic Platforms, the Thematic Smart Specialisation Partnerships (TSSPs), as well as the services offered and forthcoming activities for the regions and their stakeholders.,
- give an overview of the [Call for expression of interest for new partnerships](#) (cut off date 30 September 2023) as well as the [guidance document](#),
- feature a dedicated Q&A session to provide specific support for the application process, and
- present the benefits and opportunities of interregional collaboration including best practices from existing partnerships.

The information session will be held online on **15 September from 15:00 to ca. 16:30 CET**.

Registration and connection details will follow very soon.

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Time	Content	Speakers
15:00 – 15:05	Welcome	S3 CoP Secretariat & DG MARE
15:05 – 15:25	Presentation of the S3 CoP, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of the S3 Thematic Platforms and the Thematic Smart Specialisation Partnerships (TSSPs) • Services of the S3 CoP for TSSPs • Forthcoming events (S3 Forum) and S3CoP website • Recap of the Sustainable Blue Economy Platform (scope and objectives) 	S3 CoP Secretariat & DG MARE
15:25 to 15:45	Presentation of the Call for expression of interest for new Thematic Smart Specialisation Partnerships (TSSPs) and the guidance document including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information required for submission • Process and assessment 	S3 CoP Secretariat
15:45 to 16:15	Q&A on the Call for expression of interest for new S3 partnerships	Moderated by S3 CoP Secretariat
16:15 to 16:25	Presentation on the benefits and opportunities of interregional collaboration including examples of existing partnerships and good practices	S3 CoP Secretariat
16:25 to 16:30	Closing	S3 CoP Secretariat & DG MARE