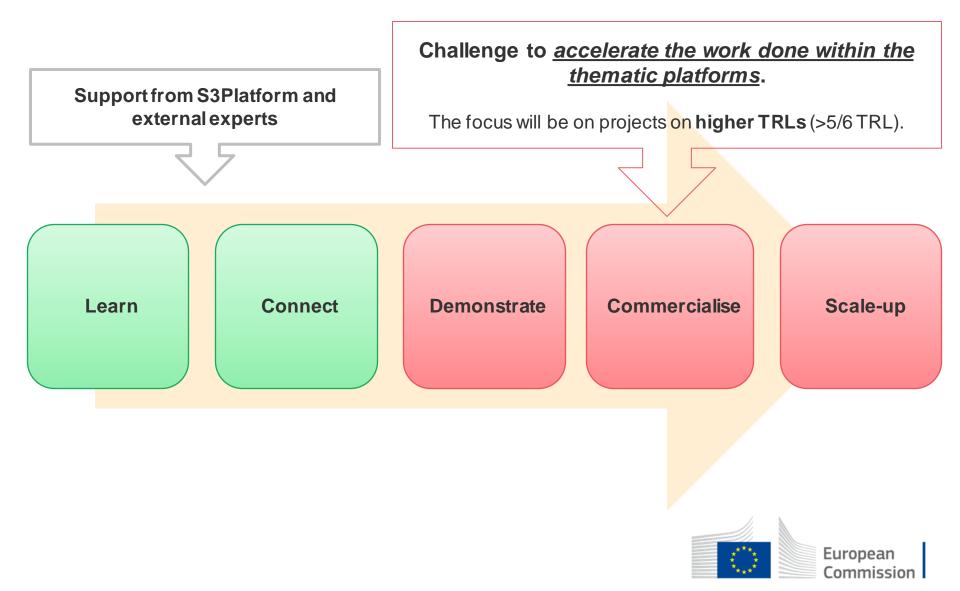


Pilot action on COVID-19 response and recovery interregional partnerships

Objectives:

- Help regions in co-investing and attracting public/private investments in their niche areas of competitive strength
- Commercialising and scaling-up "bankable" interregional projects in new priority areas creating/reshaping EU value chains
- Find solutions to the COVID-19 challenges and accelerate the recovery process
- ✓ Exploring synergies between different EU instruments (Cohesion Policy funds, the European Fund for Strategic Investment, Horizon, etc.)

Moving from networking to investment





Expected outcomes by the end of 2021

- Each selected partnership should have defined a set of concrete business cases with concrete actions for the commercialisation and scale-up of interregional investments.
- The selected partnerships should have identified the financial and legal obstacles to commercialisation and scale-up, developed cooperation with other EU programmes and initiatives and, if relevant, established connections with partnerships already established under other Thematic Areas covered by the three Thematic Smart Specialisation Platforms.