

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

Support from S3Platform and external experts

Challenge to accelerate the work done within the thematic platforms.
The focus will be on projects on higher TRLs (>5/6 TRL).

Learn

Connect

Demonstrate

Commercialise

Scale-up

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.