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Interregional cooperation for innovation

INNO INFRA SHARE - Interregional innovation cooperation: barriers and opportunities

Final Event – Session 2: Kevin MORGAN – Cardiff University

October 27th, 10.00 - 12.00 am

Key challenges

- We are at the end of the first RIS3 programming period (2014-2020) so what have we learned?
- The key challenges are widely agreed to be the following:
 - (a) an effective regional innovation ecosystem
 - (b) an inclusive governance system
 - (c) a robust monitoring and evaluation system
 - (d) the lack of inter-regional collaboration

Learning from the past

- The EC is fully aware of these problems and DG Regio has tried to create instruments (like Article 70) to promote inter-regional collaboration.
- Because Article 70 failed to achieve its goals, we need to learn the lessons of its failure.
- The main barriers to success were:
 - Territorial political barriers
 - Match-making knowledge barriers
 - Policy complexity barriers

New era: 2021-2027

- A new programming period is about to start and the I3 instrument is designed to promote inter-regional innovation investment
- **Strand 1** - Supporting partnerships to develop, connect or make complementary use of testing and demonstration facilities to accelerate market uptake and scale up of innovation solutions in shared smart specialisation priority areas
- **Strand 2** - Increasing the capacity of regional innovation eco-systems in less developed regions to participate in global value chains as well as the capacity to participate in partnerships with other regions.

New challenges

- The fate of the I3 instrument will depend on how well it meets the following challenges:
 - the **funding** challenge
 - the **synergies** challenge
 - the **governance** challenge
 - the **regional** challenge
 - the **industrial** challenge
- The INNO INFRA SHARE project highlights the need for a cross-border infrastructure for an “open industry commons” that is accessible to and affordable to firms, especially for SMEs



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Thank you!

Questions welcome



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