18-19 May 2023

Ponta Delgada, Azores

S3 SUMMIT

SMART SPECIALIZATION STRATEGY SÃO MIGUEL AZORES 2023

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18 May

Innovation and Smart Specialization Forum

Multilevel Governance: Bridging the Gap Between Policy and Practice

What?

The Innovation and Smart Specialization Forum consists of various sessions, including peer learning sessions, roundtables, and networking events, that aim to establish the importance of collaboration and alignment between different actors and governance levels in achieving effective Smart Specialization and innovation multi-level governance. The Forum provides a platform for stakeholders to exchange knowledge and experiences, promote best practices, and foster collaboration and alignment towards achieving shared objectives in national and regional innovation.

For whom?

The Forum is intended for key stakeholders from the European, national, and regional levels, including policy makers, businesses, academics, and civil society, who are interested in discussing and addressing the main challenges facing smart specialization and promoting sustainable and inclusive economic growth. Participants will have the opportunity to engage in informal discussions, build relationships, and explore opportunities for future partnerships.

What participants should expect?

- Participate in an in-depth analysis of the challenges and trends of smart specialization governance.
- Engage in an exchange of experiences with relevant stakeholders from differentregions.
- Learn from success cases related to smart specialization and engage in discus sions with other stakeholders on how to adapt and apply these solutions in their own regions.

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Provisional Agenda

Venue: Igreja do Colégio, Ponta Delgada

9:00 Check-in

9:30 Opening Session

Flávio Tiago, Regional Director for Science and Technology, Azores

Alexandra Vilela, Member of the Board of Directors of ANI

Markku Markkula, Vice-President of the European Committee of the Regions (online intervention)

10:00 Keynote Speaker

Smart Specialisation Strategies: insights from a large scale policy experiment in the EU
Dominique Foray, Polytechnic University of Lausanne

10h30 Coffee Break & Networking Opportunity

11:00 Roundtable: Multilevel Governance and the Path to Transformative Innovation in Portugal: Future Perspectives

- **Moderator | Alexandre Almeida,** S3 Community of Practice High-level Expert Group
- **Representatives from the Portuguese Regions**

12:30 Working Lunch

14:00 Peer Learning Session 1: Transformative Innovation in Smart Specialization

Moderator | Manuel Laranja, ISEG (tbc)

Partnerships for Regional Innovation: A new approach for territories that want to go beyond the S3 enabling condition
Dimitrios Pontikakis, Joint Research Centre

Transformative innovation and shared agendas in Catalonia's S3
Tatiana Fernandez, Generalitat de Catalunya

Open Discussion

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15:15 Coffee Break & Networking Opportunity

15:30 Peer Learning Session 2: Open Discovery Process for Better Place-Based Policies

Moderator | **Manuel Laranja**, ISEG

Rethinking the Discovery Process: innovation that creates co-benefits for the economy, society and the environment
Ramojus Reimeris, Joint Research Centre

Open Discovery Process and local missions
Matthijs J. Janssen, Utrecht University

New ways to foster open discovery processes: experiences from the Northern-Netherlands
Luc Hulsman, SNN

Open Discussion

17:00 Closing Remarks

(tbc)

17:15 Musical Moment

All sessions will be in English.

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WORKSHOP

Partnerships for Regional Innovation learning journey: Co-creating (inter)regional missions

What?

Partnerships for Regional Innovation strongly advocates the mission oriented innovation policy approach and local missions. Putting creation of partnerships at the core, the process of mission development requires collaboration between different types of stakeholders and perhaps even different regions. Therefore, the workshop will provide an opportunity to better understand the mission approach, starting from local and potentially reaching up to interregional level. It will offer practical hands-on work focused on the societal challenges of the Azores and will set the ground for all participants to start their mission initiatives. Workshops is designed to be interactive for all participants to be able to engage and learn.

Goals

- Understanding the key concepts/practical steps
- Working on a practical case
- Building interface for interregional collaboration on missions

Participants

The workshop is primarily intended for PRI Pilot participants, but is open to anyone wishing to learn and apply the knowledge later in building better regional policies following a mission approach. Expected number of participants: 20-30 from various EU regions.

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09:30 Opening session

Flávio Tiago , Regional Director for Science and Technology, Azores
Mikel Landabaso, Director, Joint Research Center, Seville

09:45 Introduction

Mission theory and practice - **Matthijs Janssen**, Utrecht University

10:00 S3 and societal challenges

Reflection from 17th of May event - **Fábio Vieira**, Head of the Science, Technology and Innovation Division, Azores

10:15 Mission Scoping/Formulation

Moderator: Matthijs Janssen, Utrecht University
Case example of Catalonia - **Tatiana Fernandez**, Generalitat de Catalunya

10:35 Task 1: Develop a theory of change

Reason back from impact to outcome to output to input/throughput
Which 'impulses' are needed for achieving the mission? (Knowledge, funding, regulation, legitimacy/visibility)
Which R&D and non-R&D policies would you need?

11:00 Plenary discussion of Task 1

Matthijs Janssen, Utrecht University

11:20 Coffee Break

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11:45 Mission Design

Matthijs Janssen, Utrecht University

12:05 Task 2: *Design an accelerator/transformer mission for each of the 3 challenges*

What governance structures / role distribution for different actors?
What tasks are needed, and how would you implement them? (incremental/radical)
What would you monitor?

12:30 Plenary discussion of Task 2

Matthijs Janssen, Utrecht University

12:45 Peer learning panel

Moderator: Luísa Henriques, FCT - Foundation for Science and Technology
What is your own involvement in working with mission policy?
How do you (like to) use interregional linkages?
What of your experiences are relevant for Azores?
What lessons do you take home?

13:15 Closing session

Elvira Fortunato, Minister of Science, Technology and Higher Education, Portugal
Representative of the Regional Government of the Azores

13:30 – 14:30

LUNCH

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14h30 – 18h00

STUDY VISITS

Regional R&D based innovation projects

- Plantação de Ananás dos Açores | The Azorean Pineapple Plantation
- Fábrica de chá da Gorreana | Gorreana Tea Factory

(Transportation from and to Ponta Delgada will be arranged by the organizers)