

## Smart specialisation – where from, where now, and where to and why?

### Friends of Smart Specialisation (FoSS) five-year celebration

15<sup>th</sup> May 2024

3, rue du Luxembourg, 1000 Brussels. 5<sup>th</sup> floor

#### Programme

15.45	<b>Welcome coffee and registration</b>
16.00	<b>Welcome Oslo Region, Greater Birmingham and FoSS</b> <i>Gunnar Selvik, Oslo Region</i> <i>Anett Ruszanov, Greater Birmingham &amp; West Midlands Brussels Office</i> <i>Richard Tuffs, FoSS</i>
16.05	<b>Why FoSS and background</b> An introduction to FoSS and recent activities - <i>Dimitri Corpakis, FoSS</i>
16.15	<b>The S3 Journey Continues (current ideas on S3) – experts from Brussels organisations</b> <i>Susana Elena-Pérez, S3 CoP Secretariat</i> <i>Magdalena Cymerys, European Commission, DG RTD</i> <i>Thomas Wobben, Committee of the Regions, Directorate for Legislative Work (COTER, ECON and SEDEC)</i>
17.00	<b>FoSS position note – where next for S3</b> Overview of FoSS Discussion Note April 2024 - <i>Jan Larosse, FoSS</i>
17.10	<b>Charting a future path for S3</b> Discussion with audience & invited experts: <i>Vincent Duchêne (Idea Consult)</i> , <i>Pirita Lindholm (ERRIN)</i> , <i>Valentina Pinna (EC)</i> , <i>Florence Hennart (S3 Wallonia)</i> ,  Open discussion involving experts and audience- fishbowl methodology <sup>1</sup> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How to expand S3 from cohesion policy to a recognisable policy framework for place-based innovation and economic development policy, promoting resilience and technological sovereignty?</li> <li>• What governance models are needed to integrate S3 strategies into a broader European strategic framework for sustainable and inclusive growth, combining top-down strategic directionality with bottom-up local challenges and initiatives?</li> <li>• What is the role of innovation ecosystems to bring places into the heart of transformation policies and how they interact with existing clusters to foster prioritisation on future strengths?</li> </ul>
17.50	<b>A Quick View on Future Debates</b> <i>Markku Markkula, Vice-President EU Committee of the Regions, President Helsinki Region</i> <i>Taina Tukiainen, Research Director, Prof. Innovation, Sustainability and Entrepreneurship University of Vaasa</i>
17.55	<b>Conclusions and next steps</b> Summary by FoSS - <i>Dimitri Corpakis and Jan Larosse, FoSS</i>
18.00	<b>Networking cocktail</b>

<sup>1</sup> [The Fishbowl Method \(smp.org\)](http://TheFishbowlMethod(smp.org))