# The Interregional Innovation Investments Instrument (I3)

A perfect way to co-finance regional activities with a trans-interregional perspective

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### Mission:

Foster a sustainable, digital, resilient and inclusive EU economy through promoting innovation, entrepreneurship and a performant Single Market guaranteeing highest standards of living and protection for its citizens.

### Horizon Europe, SMP and ERDF

European

innovation Innovation ecosystems Council Connecting with Support to EIC prizes + regional and innovations with national **EIC Ukraine** breakthrough and innovation actors market creating tech call potential € 10.5 billion, incl. up to € 500 million for ecosystems Pillar 3 of Horizon Europe stimulating market-creating breakthroughs and ecosystems conducive to innovation

### **Single Market Programme**

- Enterprise Europe Network
- Clusters

European

- Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs
- Standardisation and Market surveillance
- Consumer Protection

### Interregional Innovation Investments (I3)

 Commercialisation and scaling up of innovation projects for the development of Interregional value chains . . . . .

SME Pillar

€ 1 billion

5 parent DGs:

GROW, RTD, REGIO,

JUST and CNECT

€ 495 million

# SMP WP2024 - Euroclusters II

### **Objective**

Support
implementatio
n of the Green
Deal Industrial
Plan for the
Net-Zero Age
as well as
REPowerEU
Plan

### For whom

Consortia of cluster organisations teaming up with Q-helix actors

### When

- Publication: Q3-Q4 2024
- Start of action: Q3 2025

### How

### Activities.

- improve the resilience of EU industrial ecosystems;
- build industrial capacity to ensure that strategic dependencies do not put the green and digital transition at risk;
- foster up- and re-skilling;
- reconnect and boost access to global supply and value chains.

### How much

Total call budget is 42 000 000

90% cofunding + 100% for FSTP





Strong innovation ecosystems across the EU, by accelerating the development and deployment of innovation, including deep tech innovation, to address the most burning challenges facing the EU

In line with the New European Innovation Agenda this action is intended to create connected REGIONAL INNOVATION VALLEYS across EU, involving regions with lower innovation performances and building on strategic areas of regional strength and specialization (in support of key EU priorities).

Successful applicant regions get the label.



# Regional Innovation Valleys – state-of-play

EIE

### Total budget: EUR 60 million

- Call closed on 17 October 2023
- 8 submitted proposals from 22 EU Member States and 6 Associated Countries\*
- 5 successful proposals; 80 participants requested around EUR 53,8 million
- Letters sent to applicants: on 20 March 2024
- Grant agreements ongoing
- Time to Grant: June August 2024 (expected)
- RIVs news alert: <u>European Innovation Agenda on the move: Commission</u> presents progress on actions supporting home-grown innovation

[\*The United Kingdom will be associated by means of a Protocol to the Trade and Cooperation Agreement as of 1 January 2024.]

### • **I**3

### Total budget EUR 60 million

- Call closed 17 October 2023
- 49 submitted proposals from 21 EU Member States
- 10 successful proposals, 173 participants requested around EUR 60 million
- Letters sent to applicants: on 20 March 2024
- Grant agreements ongoing
- Time to Grant: July 2024 (expected)

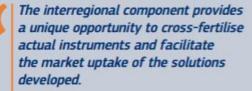
19/6: Announcement of regions eligible for RIV label in the Committee of the Regions (CoR) plenary (GAP caveat)

# Interregional Innovation Investments (I3) Instrument



### INTERREGIONAL

- Creating links between EU regions around shared or complementary smart specialisation (S3) areas and involving all components of the regional or national innovation ecosystems
- Supporting the development of value chains in less developed regions



Myriam Martin, HealthChain project



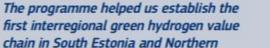
### **INNOVATION**

- Testing, demonstration, piloting, large-scale product validation and market replication, adaptation of existing prototypes
- Accelerating innovation, bringing innovative solutions and new products in:
  - Digital transition
  - Green transition
  - Smart manufacturing



### **INVESTMENTS**

- Financial and advisory support for joint innovation projects
- Smart economic transformation by moving from investment ideas to actual implementation
- Direct investment to companies (mainly SMEs)



Latvia for activating the emerging hydrogen and providing a blueprint for setting up green hydrogen ecosystems in other regions.

Jaanus Tamm, H2 Value project project



I3 Instrument supports SMEs to be internationally competitive whilst at the same time addressing actual pan-European unmet needs and unlocking cross-sectoral and inter-regional markets.

Magnus Wallengren, Digit Pre project

# Thematic priorities

## **Green transition**

# **Digital transition**

# Strand 1

Investment support on the basis of shared S3, typically to strengthen the competitiveness of existing EU value chains

**Smart manufacturing** 



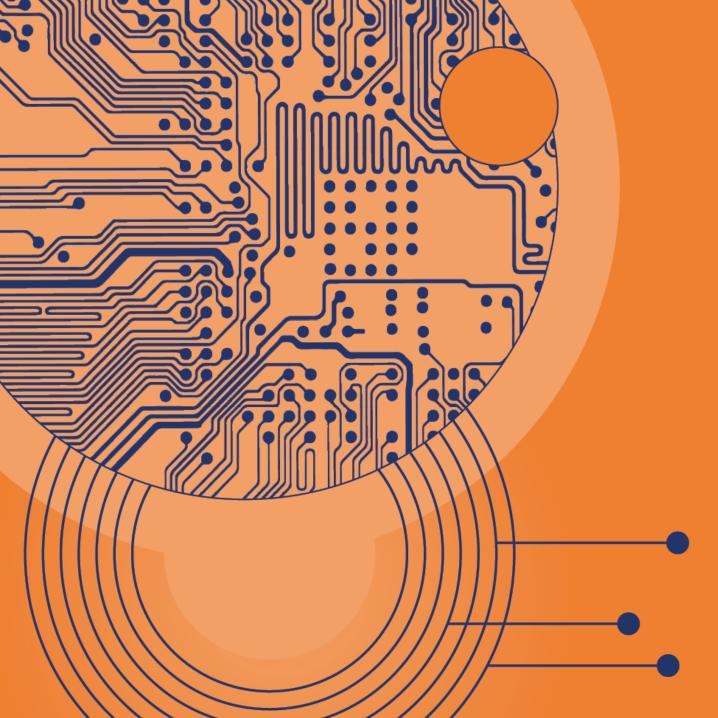
Capacity
building for less
developed
regions

Strand 2b

# **Strand 2a**

Investment support on the basis of shared S3, for the development of value chains in less developed regions





Project: 13HIES - Boosting

Interregional Innovation
Investment and cooperation
among Health Innovation
EcoSystems

# **Project summary**



**Duration:** 01.11.2023 – 30.10.2025

Total budget / EU contribution: 1 499 779 EUR

### **General objective**

Boost and sustain efficient international collaboration of the relevant quadruple helix innovation actors to achieve the desired efficacy of the healthcare sector with a focus on Central-Europe.

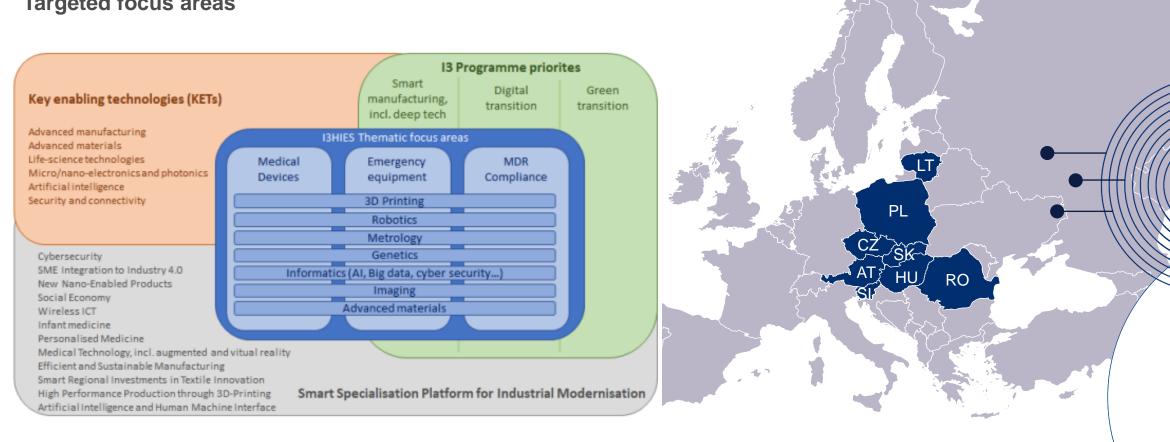
### Main expected results

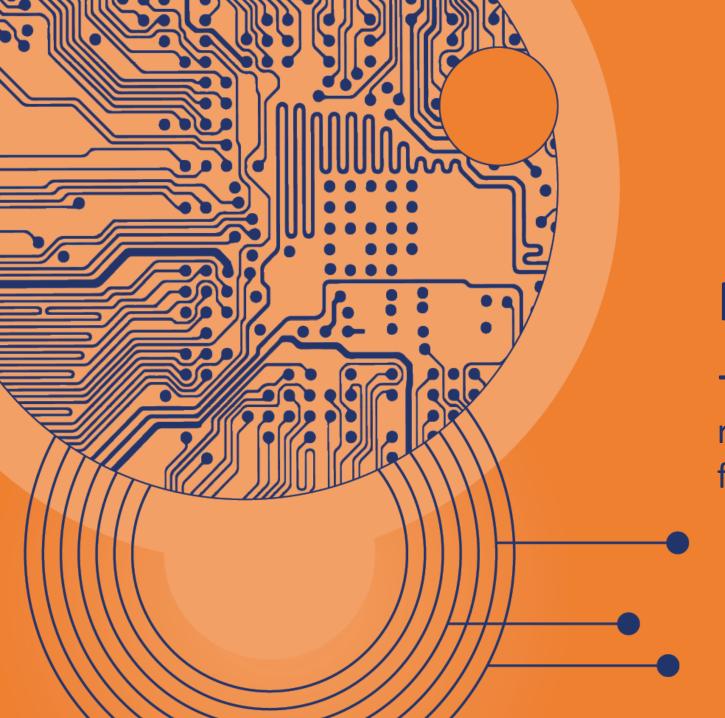
- Established and smooth collaboration of quadruplehelix innovation ecosystem actors.
- A pipeline of matured interregional innovation projects prepared or under preparation.
- Established interregional value chains.

ORGANISATION	COUNTRY	REGION		
MEDIKLASZTER MENEDZSMENT NONPROFIT KFT	Hungary	Győr-Moson- Sopron		
HUMAN.TECHNOLOGY STYRIA GMBH	Austria	Graz		
VIESOJI ISTAIGA LIETUVOS INOVACIJU CENTRAS	Lithuania	Vilniaus apskritis		
INTERIZON	Poland	Gdański		
WOJEWODZTWO POMORSKIE	Poland	Gdański		
ASOCIATIA CLUJ IT	Romania	Cluj		
UNIVERSITATEA BABES BOLYAI	Romania	Cluj		
OBCIANSKE ZDRUZENIE NO GRAVITY	Slovakia	Bratislavský kraj		
TEHNOLOSKI PARK LJUBLJANA DOO	Slovenia	Osrednjeslovenska		

# Interregional cooperation & Investments

### **Targeted focus areas**





# Project: Hy2Market

HYdrogen TO enter MARKetsreducing carbon EmissionsfootprinT





**Coordinator: New Energy Coalition** 

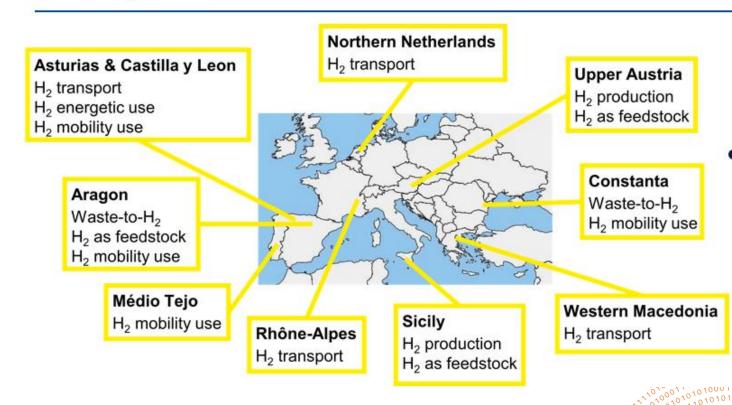
Start: 1-2-2023 End: 31-1-2026

Subsidy: 70% from the EC I3 Programme

Costs: 14.332.818,35 euro

Consortium: 37 partners

# Interregional



# **Innovation**

Innovations in the whole Green Hydrogen Value Chain.

### Production

Waste-to-Hydrogen

Study on renewable/electrolysis

PCS for large electrolysis facilities

Grid control platform to operate flexibility with RES

Several site management and Scale-ups

# Transport

Industrial Use

Develop and test new pipeline solutions (FCP) in demo locations

Permitting of new solutions

Test EHPC (electrochemical Hydrogen purifier and compressor)

Hydrogen compression and liquefaction

Energetic use of Hydrogen (in burners, furnaces, boiler systems)

Hydrogen as feedstock

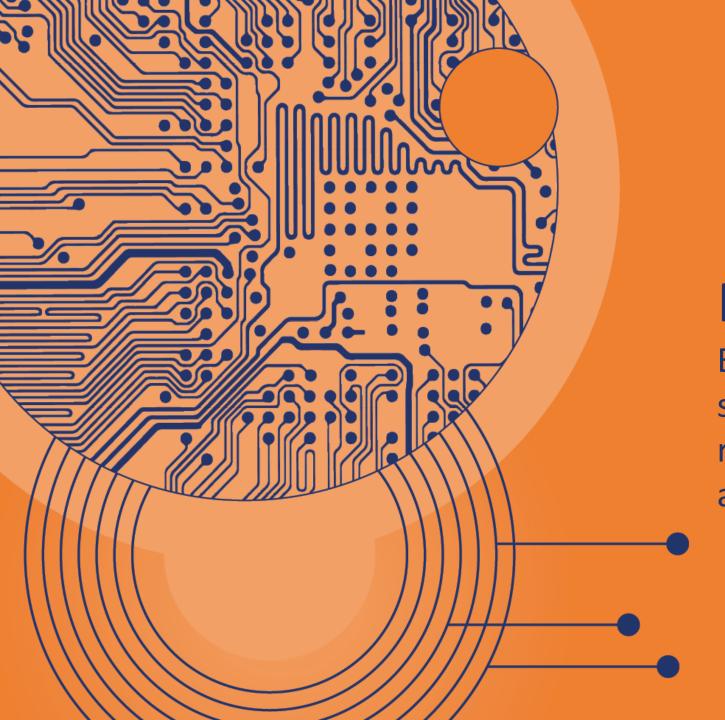
**Evaluation and Roll-out** 

Mobility

Development and testing of mobility solutions in real life context

Platform mobility as a service

Different Pilots in different regions



# Project: BATMASS -

EU circular BATtery valley for second life, recycling, and remanufacturing of materials and black MASS

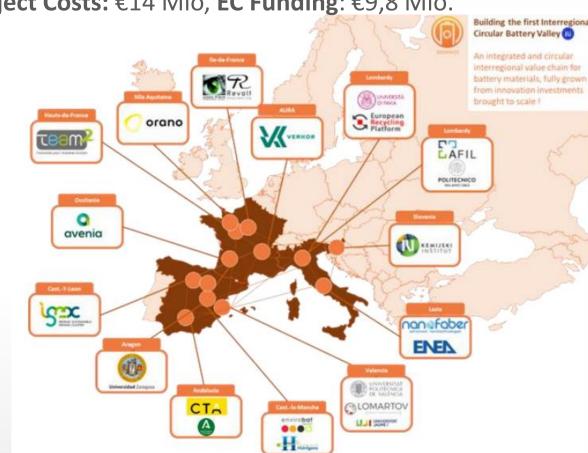
# **Batmass**

EU circular BATtery valley for second life, recycling, and remanufacturing of materials and black MASS

- Interregional. BATMASS brings together 15 full partners from 11 EU regions to embed their regional ecosystems.
- Innovation. BATMASS supports the scaling of circular technologies and processes across TRL7-8/
- Investment. Demonstration Pilot partners will commercialize but also fully industrialize their solutions within and beyond EU borders (new collection and recycling plants, gigafactories, etc.).

- Consortium: 15 beneficiaries, 7 APs.
- Coordinator: Politecnico di Milano

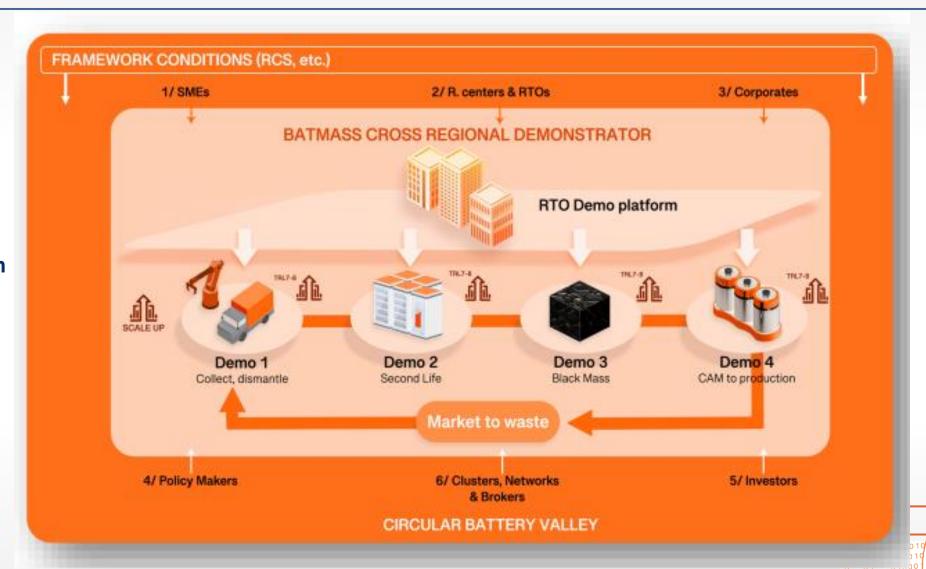
**Project Costs:** €14 Mio, **EC Funding**: €9,8 Mio.

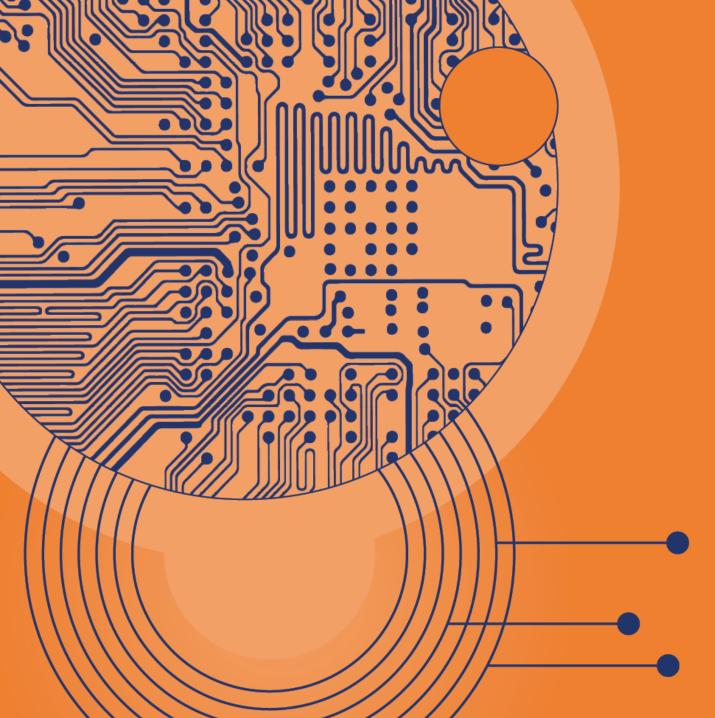


# **Batmass**

# EU circular BATtery valley for second life, recycling, and remanufacturing of materials and black MASS

- Interregional portfolio of innovation investments
- Transfer of breakthrough technologies from RTD to industrial SMEs bringing them to scale
- Full value chain coverage





# Project: DeremCo -

large-scale demonstration of a cross-sectorial circular value-chain for the recovery and reuse of composites into high added value products.

# **Project summary**



Fiber-Reinforced Plastics (FRPs) are widely adopted in several massively used products in the electronics, sport equipment, medical equipment, automotive, construction, wind energy, aeronautics and marine industries, due to their better lightweight and corrosion resistance compared to metals.





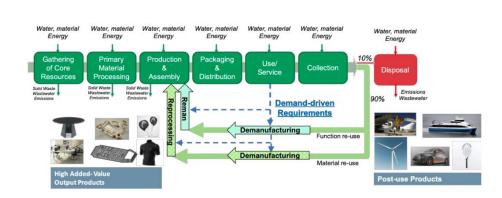






TRANSPORT

The objective of DeremCo is the development and large-scale demonstration of a cross-sectorial circular value-chain for the recovery and re-use of composites into high added value products.



# Interregional

The DeremCo project aims at the development of innovative systemic solutions for unlocking the great potential of EoL composite materials as new manufacturing sources, with a set of actions inspired by two major general guidelines: Sustainable Manufacturing and Digitalization.



**Duration:** 36 months, starting December 2022.

**Consortium:** 30 partners, from 7 EU countries

and Regions.

Coordinator: Politecnico di Milano

**EC Funding:** ca. 9 mln €.

	Applied Research - Techn. Validation - Demonstration - Ready to market							et	
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TRL	Basic Principles Observed	Technology Concept Formulated	Experimental Proof of Concept	Technology Validation in Lab	Technology Validation in relevant environment	Demonstration in relevant environment	Demonstration in operational environment	System complete and qualified	Successful mission operations
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- Geographical areas with the highest utilization of composites;
- Complementarity in smart specialization on technical enablers;
- ▶ Part of the Vanguard De-and Remanufacturing network;
- ► Wind and automotive are distributed value-chains with relevant footprint in these Regions.

# New Calls Strand 1 & 2a out, deadline 5 December 2024

Project size

€ 2 – 10 million

Duration

18 – 36 months

Funding rate

70% for all other cost categories

100% for costs of Financial support to 3rd parties

€ 67
million/both
strands 1 & 2a
2024

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