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Challenges and Opportunities of Inter-regional innovation



- Involve entire innovation ecosystems, besides pioneers
- Connect ecosystems with other ecosystems in a coordinated way



Move from individual innovation cases to strategically-coordinated actions

Need for a consolidated internal governance (Clusters)

Why inter-regional cooperation



- To avoid fragmentation and duplication: EU value chains to compete globally
- To import best practices
- To export best practices in emerging Regions
- To adopt a common (high) quality standards for technology infrastructures
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What we have learnt in S34Growth



- Time of inter-regional policy making
- Fundamental enablers:
 - Deep understanding of internal priorities and needs
 - Need for robust ex-ante impact assessment of inter-regional policies

Impact on the Action Plan



- Start a Survey in cooperation with other Regions
- Mobilise the regional ecosystem for a Roadmap on Circular Economy
- Certification of international service providers
- Plan inter-regional voucher scheme

Key-topics and needs



- Vanguard and Clusters as the mechanism to identify strategic topics:
 - Circular Economy
 - Digital Transformation
 - Smart materials
 - Additive Manufacturing
 - ...
- Move from general-purpose to thematically-focused policies
- Have the eco-system ready to respond: stakeholders should act at a more concrete level putting industry at the center
- Creating momentum and making more evident external opportunities in a collaborative inter-regional network

Major value of S34Growth



Learning

- Models and best practices in other Regions
- Barriers of inter-regional cooperation
- Prepare the field for inter-regional cooperation in the next period



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