



# S34Growth: EU industry renewal, competitiveness and internationalisation through industry- led interregional cooperation

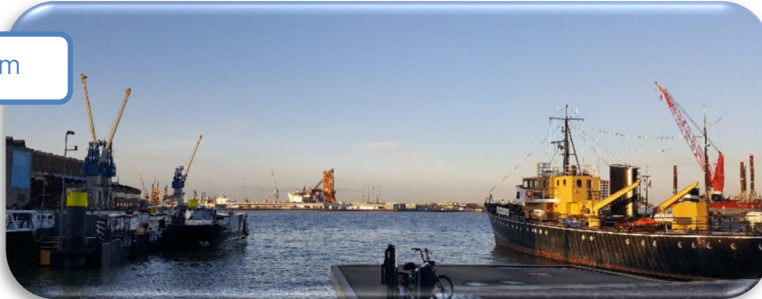
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- Supporting the renewal of Europe's industry and competitiveness
- Emphasising the importance of industry-led interregional collaboration
- New kind of interregional cooperation linking value chains across Europe and improving commercialisation and product and service development

In S34Growth, 10 European regions (Tampere, the Basque Country, Catalonia, Flanders, Lombardy, Norte, Scotland, Skåne, South Holland, and South Netherlands) from 8 EU countries develop an innovative interregional element to their structural fund policy instruments, supporting the renewal of Europe's industry and competitiveness.

Within the Vanguard Initiative – New Growth through Smart Specialisation, the S34Growth partners have been pioneering a new approach to European industry-led interregional cooperation since late 2013.

Rotterdam



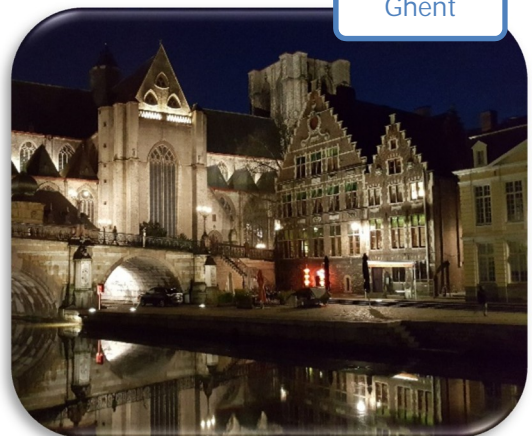
### On-Site Deep Dives around Europe

Since October 2017, S34Growth partners and stakeholders have enjoyed the last three OSDDs of the series of ten with attractive and intensive programmes in Catalonia, South-Holland and Flanders. The Regional Action Plans are coming together with interesting interregional aspects included.

### S34Growth Debate

Our project was proud to host the S34Growth debate in the premises of the Committee of the Regions in Brussels 15 March 2018. There was discussion about the challenges that S34Growth has faced and about the future of interregional cooperation in the next funding period. S34Growth is a good basis for testing and developing the cooperation, but the results can only be evaluated at the end of the project in 2020.

Ghent



S34Growth debate in Brussels

### Phase 1 ending

The first two-year phase of S34Growth ends at the end of March 2018. With Regional Action Plans being finalised, Good Practices being uploaded online, and all the normal project work and event organisation continuing, the last couple of months have been very hectic. The next two years will be used for implementing the Action Plans. Excited to see the outcome!

### More information

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