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Summary description of the key features of the tool (developed and/or implemented) and of its transnational added value

The vision behind the functionality of the Digital Integration Toolkit (DIT) is threefold; it promotes two digital platform/spaces: (1) for dialogue and exchange within the Partnership on RIS3 excellence and thematic priority areas (2) for joint initiative development & (3) to help Digital Innovation Hubs (DIH) jointly-outreach to each other and external stakeholders to integrate into constellation of CERIS3 excellence development activities. The toolkit addresses the challenge to overcome geographical distance & promote two-way interaction between involved organizations in the DIHs & Navigation Crews.

The Platform for Knowledge & Innovation Collaborative Exchange & Joint Initiative Development promote knowledge transfer & new ideation coordination between the internal stakeholder group of S3HubsinCE. These platforms centralize communication, beyond the standard project management tools to extend opportunities for planning, tracking & network management. The platforms were jointly developed between the project partners using the online tool ASANA. The transnational added-value from these functions is to constantly connect partners across geographical distance for concerted planning.

The DIH Cooperation Tool helps each DIH advertise & promote development, events, support activities and services to other in the DIHs in S3HubsinCE, in an easy-to-use & user-friendly environment. The tool allows for a wider group of external stakeholders to engage with the Navigation Crew's activities between the DIHs, by leveraging contact within a wider complementary EU Project (DIHNET.eu). The tool was developed in cooperation with the H2020 project, whereby S3HubsinCE built a unique space and fostered specific content developed for CE stakeholders. The tool is accessible to transnational stakeholders, thereby promoting added-value transfer to other territorial areas. The platform has 85 members, from all participating countries & regions of the project.

The DIT was tested and implemented by the project partners in the S3HubsinCE community.

NUTS region(s) where the tool has been developed and/or implemented (relevant NUTS level)

CUAS – AT21, Kärnten (NUTS 2)
FB – AT11, Burgenland (NUTS 2)
Bwcon – DE11, Stuttgart (NUTS 2)
Fraunhofer IWU – DED4, Chemnitz (NUTS 2)
Intellimech – ITC4, Lombardia (NUTS 2)
Ecipa – ITH3, Veneto (NUTS 2)
KPT – PL21, Malopolskie (NUTS 2)
TECOS – SI01, Vzhodna Slovenija (NUTS 2)
PBN – HU22, Nyugat-Dunántúl (NUTS 2)
Croatian Chamber of Economy – Varaždin - HR04, Kontinentalna Hrvatska (NUTS 2)

Expected impact and benefits of the tool for the concerned territories and target groups

The expected change that this tool bring is an environment which allows central European DIHs to better connect with each other on the development paths taken during this critical time. DIHs and DIH stakeholders can benefit greatly from this type of dissemination and exchange platform. This toolkit is especially critical due to the remote working conditions which each PP is experiencing, currently under COVID 19 uncertainty. All Partners can use the DIH cooperation tool to promote virtual events ("mobility" and learning), and the other platforms for coordinated planning and exchange in the partnership. After COVID 19 the toolkit provides benefits, giving a transparent space for DIHs and stakeholders to develop dialogue. Progress on this tool provides the joint secretariat key insight into the Partnership's progress and provides insight on the DIH activity taking place in each PP region. Furthermore, the DIHnet.eu/S3HubsinCE community is a useful platform to outreach to likeminded organizations from across Europe who are interested in progressing support across various technology areas and sectors to promote digital transformation and smart specialization.

Sustainability of the tool and its transferability to other territories and stakeholders

This toolkit is a territory independent way of connecting different partners and inform the European community about ongoing projects and efforts. The community created though this platform is therefore not bound to the S3HubsinCE project itself and can be sustained after project end through the active participation and promotion of the partners. Sustainability is also assured by the hosting platform organization. ASANA is a free to use tool, allowing onward use after the project's end. Other territories are already using the DIH Cooperation Tool's hosting platform - FundingBox, and can easily access the information provided in the S3HubsinCE community. Synergistic organization who are interested in progressing support across various technology areas and sectors to promote digital transformation and smart specialization, can use and benefit from this tool. The most important lessons learned is the critical importance of leveraging tools from existing communities to create the Toolkit. The DIHNET.eu community via FundingBox and ASANA offer a synergistic and complementary environment where S3HubsinCE could create a stand-alone space, saving cost on platform development and prioritizing content development instead; this is critical in territorial projects.

References to relevant deliverables and web-links
If applicable, pictures or images to be provided as annex

D.T1.3.1 Guidance to Develop & Test Digital Integration Toolkit for CERIS3 Excellence
D.T1.3.2 Develop the CERIS3 Platform for Knowledge & Innovation Collaboration
D.T1.3.3 Test the CERIS3 Platform for Knowledge & Innovation Exchange
D.T1.3.4 Develop the CERIS3 Platform for Joint Initiative Development
D.T1.3.5 Test the CERIS3 Platform for Joint Initiative Development
D.T2.2.3 Guidance on the Enhancement of the DIT with the DIH Cooperation Tool
D.T2.2.4 Test Report on Platform 3 of the Digital Integration Toolkit, DIH Cooperation Tool

https://dihnet-community-1.fundingbox.com/signin