European Strategic Cluster Partnership for Smart Specialization Investments (ESCP-S3) Agreement

We, the undersigned, have agreed to establish a European Strategic Cluster Partnership for Smart Specialization Investments (ESCP-S3) called ESCP S3 for speeding up industrial modernisation of agrofood and packaging sectors towards Industry 4.0 and digital transformation by Cluster-Facilitated X-Industry Hackathons DIGICLUSTERS upon the invitation of the European Commission’s Directorate - General for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs (DG GROW).

We, hereby, commit to support joint actions, value chain collaboration and investment projects in common smart specialization priority areas linked to industrial modernization, and thereby, contributing to the European Commission’s objectives to boost growth, jobs and investment in Europe.

As partners of a European Strategic Cluster Partnership for Smart Specialization Investments (ESCP-S3), we confirm that we subscribe the following partnership’s principles:

- Being EUROPEAN, meaning composed of partners from a minimum of three different EU members or countries participating in the COSME programme;
- Being STRATEGIC, meaning aimed at developing and implement a joint ‘European’ cluster partnership strategy for an industrial theme linked to the priority areas of the smart specialisation strategies of the partners’ regions which will promote cross-sectoral and cross-regional value chain cooperation in support of industrial modernization;
- Being CLUSTER(s) meaning cluster organisations or equivalent other business networks with an own legal entity, together with science parks and technology centres that are providing or channelling specialised business support services especially to SMEs;
- Forming a PARTNERSHIP with the aim to develop a long-term cooperation agenda, joint actions and an implementation roadmap around similar or related industrial thematic areas;
- Working towards SMART SPECIALIZATION INVESTMENTS by striving to successfully support cross-sectoral and cross-regional value chain collaboration and joint investments of their SME members and other innovation actors, as well as to promote actions in support of the implementation of smart specialisation strategies of their regions in view of supporting growth and jobs in Europe.

Other provisions

This ESCP-S3 Agreement is not intended to be binding or create any legal rights or financial obligations under EU or national law.

This ESCP-S3 Agreement may be modified at any time by the Partners in writing and upon acceptance by DG GROW (if applicable). Partners may wish to withdraw from or discontinue the Partnership, endeavoring if doing so to provide prior written notice of 60 days to the other Partners and DG GROW (if applicable).

The ESCP-S3 Label, to be awarded upon reception of this signed Agreement, will be valid until reception of information at DG GROW’s request to decide upon its prolongation.

* The content of this ESCP-S3 Agreement represents the views of the author only and is his/her sole responsibility; it cannot be considered to reflect the views of the European Commission and/or the Executive Agency for Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (EASME) or any other body of the European Union. The European Commission and the Agency do not accept any responsibility for use that may be made of the information it contains.
Each Partner intends to bear its own costs and expenditures that might be incurred in the course of implementing this ESCP-S3, besides possible funding made available under the COSME „Smart Specialization Investments“ action.

This Agreement is open to new partners who share and add value to the ESCP-S3 partnership’s principles previously exposed.

New partners may join the Agreement throughout the invitation of a DIGICLUSTERS consortium partner and by signing bilateral cooperation statement with DIGICLUSTERS founder confirming their interest of participating in the Partnership.

Signatures

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ESCP-S3 Partner 3
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ESCP-S3 Partner 4
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ESCP-S3 Partner 5
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ESCP-S3 Partner 6
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ESCP-S3 Partner 7
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