

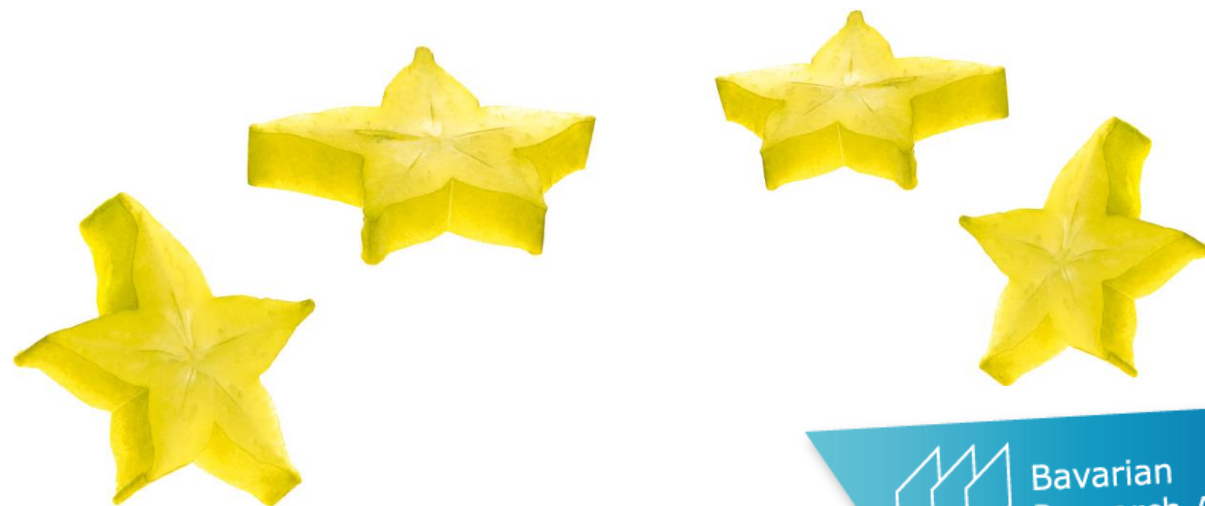
Slovenian-Bavarian Scientific Forum

27.05.2021

„Slovenian-Bavarian Cooperation in Interreg: Working together to improve the RDI-ecosystem in the Alpine Macro-region“

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Start of the journey – S3-4AlpClusters 2016 - 2019



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Our second Project Steering
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Interreg-Programme Alpine Space

The Alpine Space Macro Region was established to strengthen innovation and competitiveness by bringing together regional excellence in cross-regional cooperation:



Source:
<https://www.alpine-space.eu/about/the-programme/which-area-is-covered->



Start of the journey – S3-4AlpClusters 2016 - 2019 – project details

S3-4AlpCluster - Smart Specialisation Strategies to build an Innovation model for Alp Clusters

- **Coordination** Prof Dr Jacques P. Bersier (School of Engineering and Architecture of Fribourg)
- **Consortium** 14 partners from 6 countries: Austria, France, Germany, Italy, Slovenia and Switzerland
- **Funding scheme** INTERREG-IV-B-Programme “Alpine Space”, project reference ASP-385
- **Funding** 1.93 million euros ERDF-funding; total budget: 2.52 million euros
- **Duration** 2.5 years(11/2016 – 04/2019)

Web

www.alpine-space.eu/projects/s3-4alpclusters

YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCXf4dSJMZiTRCSSmaEGmMNng>

LinkedIn

<https://www.linkedin.com/groups/8584656/>



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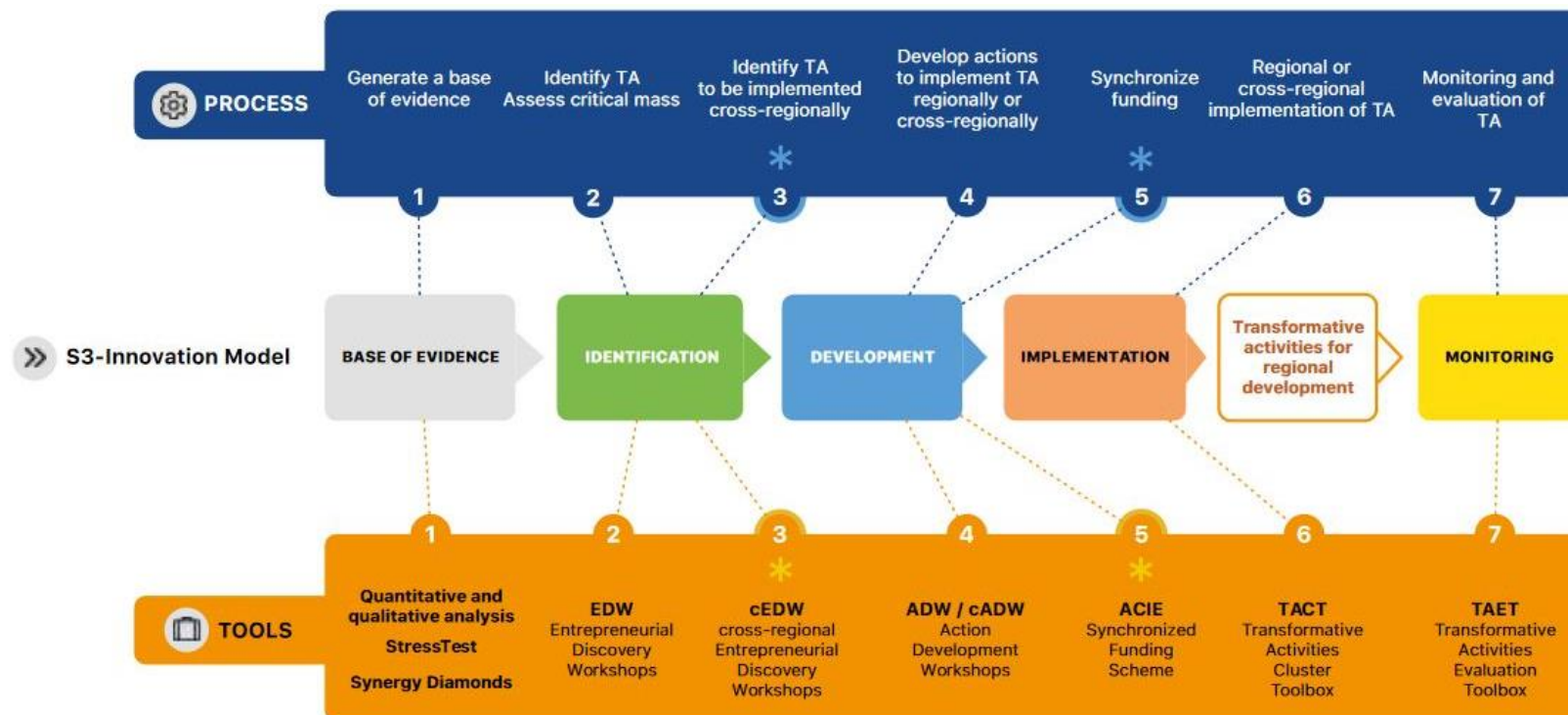


Start of the journey – S3-4AlpClusters 2016 - 2019 – project results

- In our **S3-Innovation Model** we 1) identify innovative industry sectors that have the potential to further develop (transformation potential) in a systematic process, 2) we identify the direction of this transformative activities based on the needs of the involved regions and 3) develop actions to implement this transformation.
- A **Cluster Action Plan** specifies the methodologies and tools for cluster initiatives and regions to put the model into practice.
- The cross-regional approach of the S3-Innovation Model is further emphasized by a proposal for a **joint funding scheme (Alpine Innovation Cluster Express - ACIE)** to support the cooperative development of transformative activities.
- The tools and methodologies of the S3-Innovation Model have been tested **with 30 pilot clusters** across the Alpine Space and constitute a set of validated **new services** to actively involve clusters at all levels of the process.

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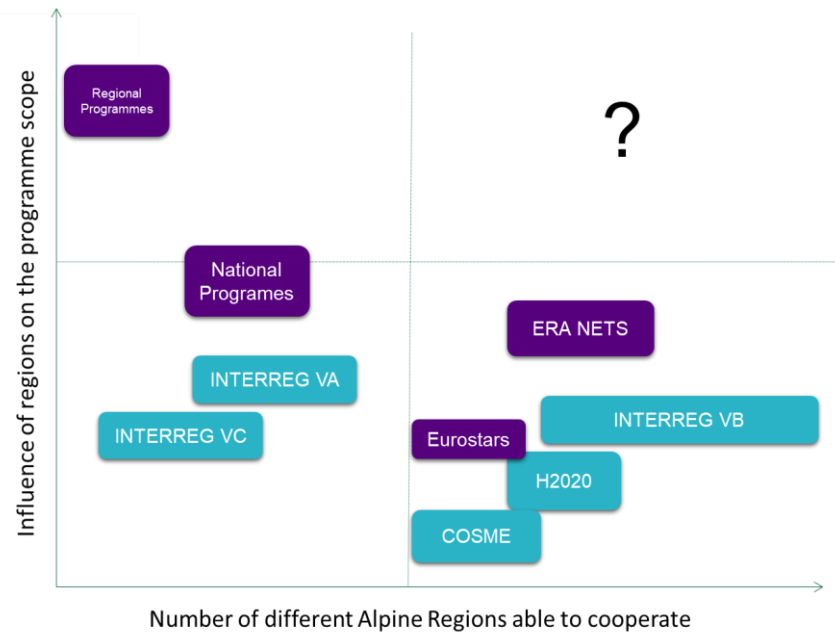
See our final publication for further information on the S3-Innovation Model:



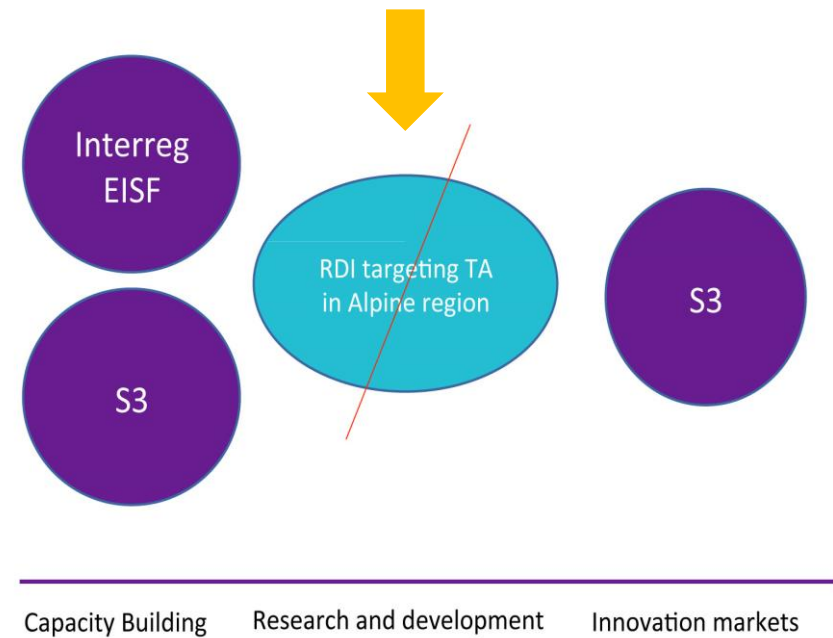
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S3-4AlpClusters pave the way to ARDIA NET

Funding gap for cross-regional research, development and innovation (RDI) projects



Ardia Net Focus





Present day – ARDIA-Net 2019 - 2022 – project details

ARDIA-Net - Developing an Alpine Space Research, Development and Innovation Area by lowering barriers for cross-regional cooperation

- **Coordination** Sergie Costa / Vanessa Kelsch (BIOPRO Baden-Württemberg GmbH)
- **Consortium** 8 partners from 5 countries: Austria, Germany, Italy, Slovenia and Switzerland
- **Funding scheme** INTERREG-IV-B-Programme “Alpine Space”, project reference ASP-821
- **Funding** 1.17 million euros ERDF-funding; total budget: 1.59 million euros
- **Duration** 2.5 years(10/2019 – 06/2022)

Web <https://www.alpine-space.eu/projects/ardia-net/en/home>

LinkedIn <https://www.linkedin.com/company/ardia-net/>

Ardia-Net Snapshot

Strategy for governance in Alpine R&DI

- Analysis of existing cross border schemes
- Obstacles and opportunities for new value chains in circular economy and health

Synchronized funding scheme

- Ardia Network
- Piloting Synchronized scheme (Innovation Express 2021)
- Policy Forum (November 2021)

Capacity for implementation

- Workshops
- Capacity building event: Lowering barriers for cross-regional RDI cooperation by synchronizing funding schemes 16.06. 2021,

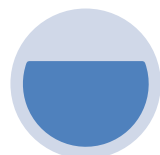
Closing the funding Research and Innovation gap in Alpine Space

ARDIA-Net Cross Regional Scheme



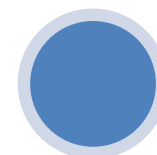
Cooperation between single projects

Separate submission
of projects in regions
Independent funding
programs
Independent
evaluation



Cross regional cooperation

Separate submission
of projects in regions
Independent funding
programs
Synchronized
evaluation



Joint Synchronized calls and secretariat

Submission via
secretariat
Synchronization of
independent programs
Synchronized
evaluation

Network of Regional Funding / Support Agencies

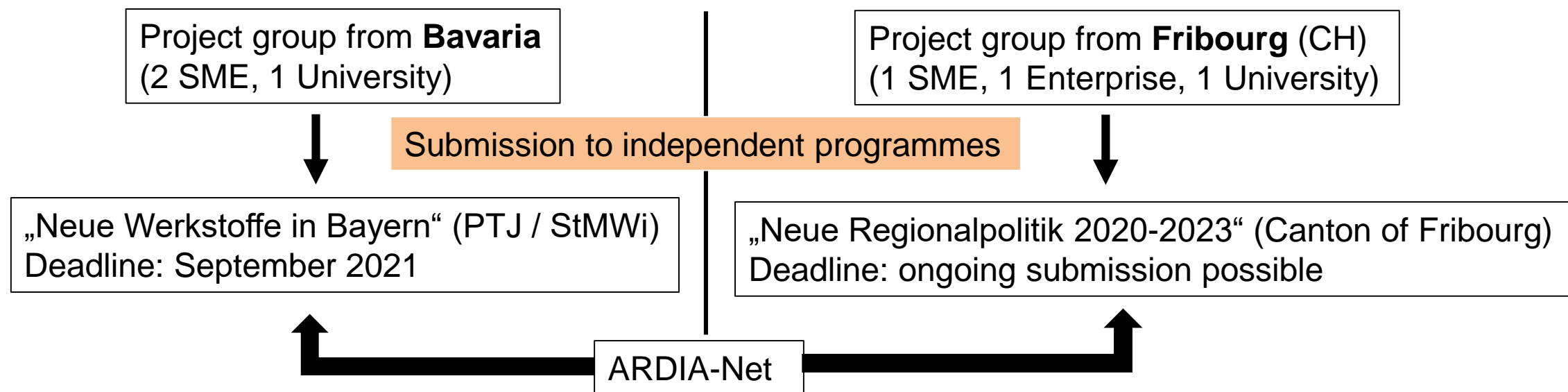
Cooperation scheme of Agencies network (two or more)

ARDIA Net Cross Regional Synchronized Funding Scheme

**New Cross Regional Funding
Program**



Synchrnized Scheme Example Option 1



Synchrnized Scheme in practice Inovation Express 2021

Participation Regions

- Baden Wurttemberg, Germany
- Salzburg, Austria
- Canton Fribourg
- Brandenburg

R&D projects

- Artificial Intelligence in Healthcare Applications” and
- Digital solutions in sustainable industry

Programs

- existing national/regional funding programmes
- managed by participating funding agencies.

Evaluation

- Evaluation – based on regional programs
- Potential to create benefits for applicants due to cross border benefits

ACTIVITIES TO BE SUPPORTED

- RD and Market research
- Technology transfer
- Recruitment/training
- Workshops, study trips, networking
- Feasibility studies and piloting

Developing transnational and transregional linkages among SMEs, research institutions, business organizations.

Ardia Net provides secretariat and support facilitation

Innovation Express - Action Plan



17 May – 16 July Call for proposal

At least 2 partners from different partners
regions – each applicant send application
separately

SMEs, research organizations, technology
providers, large companies, universities,
research centres, etc.

Applications need to be sent to:
application@innovationexpress2021.net



31 May Matchmaking event

registrations: <https://innovation-express-2021.b2match.io/>



September 2021

Funding decisions made by regional /
national funding

Innovation Express 2021 – Ardia Net
SMART SMEs practitioner network and online
platform
Utilisaton of Value Chain Generator -
AlpLinkBioEco



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Next steps in ARDIA-Net 2019 - 2022

1. Capacity building event with policy makers

Lowering barriers for cross-regional RDI cooperation by synchronizing funding schemes
16.06. 2021, 09:45 – 12:30

2. Innovation Express

- Slovenia and Bavaria can still join Innovation Express 2021
- Bavaria – Slovenia can established bilateral synchronized call
- ARDIA NET can support both options

3. Policy Forum, November 2021

Lessons learned on Innovation Express will be presented on Policy Forum



1) Application for Horizon Europe:

- Workshop this afternoon with Darija Valančič, (Science Division, Slovenian Ministry of Education, Science and Sport) for 52 participants from Slovenia and Bavaria

→ Follow-up: Joint individual cooperation counseling for applicants

2) Regional project cooperation:

ARDIA-Net cooperation scheme Option 1 – project groups apply individually to independent funding programmes in their regions and we guide knowledge exchange during the project application and in the running project (if funded).

3) Programme cooperation:

ARDIA-Net cooperation scheme Option 2 and 3 – this would need a synchronization of existing programmes, where all programme conditions remain untouched but evaluation process allows dependent projects.

Thank you!

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