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**Improving Structural Funds for better delivery
of R&D&I policies**

Final Dissemination Event

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Room JDE 51

The **IMPROVE project** brings together 8 partners from regions and cities across Europe with the aim to improve the management and implementation of Structural Funds to ensure a better and more efficient delivery of R&D&I policies, with a special focus on the Smart Specialisation Strategies.

The **IMPROVE Final Dissemination Event** aims to inform about the main achievements of the project as well as the current European landscape regarding Smart Specialisation by presenting new initiatives such as the Partnerships for Regional Innovation, the I3 instrument and the S3 Community of Practice.

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Agenda

10.30-10.35 **Welcome**

Lucila Castro Rovillard, IMPROVE Project Manager (FUNDECYT-PCTEX)

10.35-10.50 **Interreg Europe Programme**

Ana Mihaljevic / Aleksandra Niechajowicz, Project Officers (Interreg Europe)

10.50-11.00 **IMPROVE project: the importance of Interregional Cooperation for a better implementation of policies and practices**

Mayte Gallego Garrido, IMPROVE Project Officer (FUNDECYT-PCTEX)

The European landscape

11.00-11.20 **Partnerships for Regional Innovation:** a new approach to place-based innovation policy which builds on positive experiences with smart specialisation strategies

Francesco Molica, Economic and policy analyst in the Innovation Policies and Economic Impact unit of the Joint Research Centre of the European Commission

11.20-11.40 **Interregional Innovation Investments Instrument (I3):** promoting innovation through Smart Specialisation and interregional collaboration

EISMEA (name of presenter tbc)

11.40-12.00 **S3 Community of Practice:** an integrated support system to S3 practitioners at regional, national, and European level.

Maialen Perez. Senior Consultant TECHNOPOLIS group.

From learning to implementation

12.00-12.50 **Roundtable on the Action Plans implemented by IMPROVE regions**

(with the participation of all PPs and moderated by Technopolis)

12.50-13.00 **Wrap up and conclusions**

13.00-14.30 Networking cocktail