



# **Document on structure and stakeholders of both innovation systems (South Bohemia & Upper Austria)**

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## About S3 Couple Net

### Project summary

#### *Project identification*

Programme priority	Sustainable networks and institutional cooperation
Programme priority specific objective	4a
DTP Project Code and Acronym	S3 Couple Net
Project title	Cross-border network for activating the S3 strategy of the South Bohemian Region and Upper Austria
eMS Project Number	ATCZ262
Name of the lead partner organisation	Jihočeský vědeckotechnický park, a.s.
Project duration	16 months
Start date	1. 9. 2021
End date	31. 12. 2022

#### *Description of the project*

The South Bohemian Region and Upper Austria have long supported the development of innovative entrepreneurship, whether through various support schemes, the development of a regional innovation ecosystem, cooperation with other institutions in the region or the implementation of measures in accordance with its S3 regional strategy. In both regions, these development documents for the coming period have recently been revised and updated (RIS3 Strategy of the South Bohemian Region 2021-2027 / # upperVISION2030).

It is a strategic approach to the economic development of the region in the field of research and innovation, which is a process of identifying opportunities and positive aspects of the region, which can benefit from specialization in a particular field of science or technology. The concept of smart specialization recommends regions or states to create the content and design of their innovation strategy so as to maximize the impact of regional policy together with other EU policies. It is based on the Commission Communication entitled "The contribution of regional policy to smart growth" in the context of the Europe 2020 strategy of October 2010, which refers to these strategies as Smart Specialization Strategies. In principle, therefore, these strategies address the needs and innovation potential of both regions

concerned (South Bohemian Region and Upper Austria). Attention is paid to the existing infrastructure (R & D & I, production and tertiary spheres), specific trends derived from the economic profile of the region and new technological directions (so-called megatrends), which are again based on innovation profiles of the area, but also on current economic challenges.

Thanks to the harmonized RIS3 methodology, it is possible to effectively analyze both documents, create a cross-border network of key actors and find common needs, complementary capacities, specific measures and activities. A unique opportunity is also offered by the upcoming new programming period, on which the preparation of potential projects and cooperation potentials of the network members is aimed.

On both sides of the border, this project is approached by partners who are directly responsible for the successful implementation of these regional strategies and at the same time represent entities with a region-wide scope. The main goal of the project is to activate an effective cross-border network of actors based on a detailed comparative analysis of S3 strategies in the South Bohemian Region and Upper Austria, which will prepare a set of measures for the development of cooperation in key areas for the regions.

## Partners

<i>Name</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Country</i>
Jihočeský vědeckotechnický park, a.s.	Lead partner	Czech Republic, South Bohemia
Business Upper Austria - OÖ Wirtschaftsagentur GmbH	Project partner	Austria, Upper Austria

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## Introduction

The overall goal of the task „Network Building“ (T2) is to identify key actors that are beyond the frame of the cooperation partners in both regional innovation systems and to build a network including the definition of roles, competencies and activities.

On the one hand it is a matter of activating the existing network, where already a number of organizations cooperate in their regions in a different extent mostly without any identified and addressed potential synergy within the region and not at all cross-regional.

The task includes a research of existing structures and key actors in both innovation systems and with the acquisition of new actors, as well as a developing a draft for operation and formalizing of the network.

An essential part will be the research on existing funding programs/instruments with a proposal for their synchronization and the elaboration of indicative project potentials for the S3 Couple Net for cross-regional cooperation.

This document focusses on the existing structure of the regional innovation system in South Bohemia and Upper Austria. It comprises organizations/institutions involved in the regional innovation systems activities (design or demand side and the supporting infrastructure) and their identified roles, relationships, competences and future potentials of the structures / actors.

## Structure of the regional innovation systems

The concept of the **innovation system** stresses that the flow of technology and information among people, enterprises, and institutions is key to an innovative process. It contains the interactions between the actors needed in order to turn an idea into a process, product, or service on the market. (source: Wikipedia)

The aim of Smart Specializations is, among other things, to strengthen regional innovation systems, maximize scientific exchange and spread innovation benefits across the entire regional economy. Cross-border collaborations enables regions to upgrade their innovation systems with complementary expertise currently missing in a region.

Countries and regions face challenges that know no borders like pollution, climate change, unemployment or a lack of connectivity.

To meet the challenge of economic modernisation South Bohemia and Upper Austria join forces for promoting innovation, digitization and decarbonization, as well as developing skilled workforce.

The establishment and activation of the innovation network accelerate the implementation of regional strategies through cross-border cooperation and technology transfer.

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The research focusses mainly on the projects' target groups these are categorized as follows:

- Infrastructure and other (public) service provider: These are public institutions that support the innovation system from various points of view by the provision of services and infrastructure, e.g., technology centers, innovation agencies, science and technology parks, consulting companies/agencies, etc.
- Research institutions: Universities and other academic institutions providing RDI services and infrastructure, academic competence centers and participants in regional EDP processes
- SME: (Staff headcount > 250, Turnover ≤ € 50 m or balance sheet total ≤ € 43 m)
- Regional public institutions
- Cluster organisations, associations

According to the role of above mention actors in the regional innovation system especially regarding S3 they can be clustered in two main groups:

**Group 1 / strategic level:**

Policy makers, programme owners, public funding agencies (the administrative / governmental level responsible to design and coordinate/manage implementation of S3 and related funding programmes/calls)

**Group 2 / operational level:**

RDI stakeholders, Entrepreneurs (SME), intermediaries, business support organisations, R&D (university/non-university), NGOs, foundations and other potential project partners

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## South Bohemia - structure and stakeholders

Representatives of all relevant levels of stakeholders play an important role in the development and management of regional innovation system of the South Bohemian Region.

- scientific research and application sphere,
- the business community,
- municipal sphere (cities, municipalities)
- regional management (Regional Authority)
- non-profit sector and other partners involved in various forms in the eco-innovation environment (service and support organizations, etc.).

Because the goal of RIS3 is to ensure the appropriate allocation of European, national, regional and private resources in areas that will be found to be the most promising for the use of knowledge and innovation potential of the region (and thus the entire Czech Republic). The key representatives of the business sector, research and educational institutions, public administration and other partners, eg from the non-profit sector (the so-called bottom-up system through the EDP), must therefore be involved in identifying these priority areas.

Representatives of these areas of activity are also members of the Committee for Innovation of the South Bohemian Region and Regional Innovation Platforms (RIPs). These structures continuously work on topics falling within their thematic areas and, using the principles of the EDP, they participate in the fulfillment of individual parts of the Regional RIS3 Strategy. The following platforms respecting the principles of triple / quadruple helix exist in the South Bohemian Region.

**Group 1 / strategic level:**

Policy makers, programme owners, public funding agencies (the administrative / governmental level responsible to design and coordinate/manage implementation of S3 and related funding programmes/calls

Tab 1:

Title	EN title (Acronym)	Basic description	Website
Jihočeský kraj / Krajský úřad Jihočeského kraje	South Bohemian Authority (JčK)	<p>Provides grant programmes to support:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- technical education,</li> <li>- new fields of study at universities in the South Bohemia Region</li> <li>- the development of the smart cities concept</li> <li>- business missions, support for discounted regional loans</li> <li>- other support schemes (e.g. JHK, RAK, JSRLZ, etc.)</li> </ul> <p>Implementation and co-financing of activities of the Smart Accelerator project in the South Bohemian Region</p> <p>Intervention in the field of secondary education (response to labour market needs), financing of investment and non-investment measures in the field of secondary education</p> <p>Co-financing of selected R&amp;D&amp;I projects and activities</p> <p>Support for the development of robotics and automation of processes in public administration, support for electromobility, support for the development of smart solutions, digitalisation</p>	<a href="http://www.kraj-jihocesky.cz">www.kraj-jihocesky.cz</a>
Komise pro inovace Jihočeského kraje	South Bohemian Innovation Committee (KPI)	<p>The South Bohemia Innovation Committee was established as advisory body of the South Bohemia Regional Authority. The South Bohemian Innovation Committee is the highest coordinating and advisory body in the subject area. The Innovation Commission of the South Bohemian Region within the framework of the implementation of RIS3 mainly:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- coordinates the preparation, implementation and fulfilment of RIS3 of the South Bohemian Region;</li> <li>- proposes and coordinates the preparation, implementation and evaluation of individual system measures for direct and indirect support of innovative entrepreneurship and science, research and development in the territory of the South Bohemian Region;</li> <li>- monitors and evaluates the achievement of the expected outputs and results defined in</li> </ul>	<a href="http://www.kraj-jihocesky.cz">www.kraj-jihocesky.cz</a>



		<p>the Action Plan of the RIS3 Strategy of the South Bohemian Region;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- discusses the implementation of the activities of the RIS3 Action Plan and their compliance with the approved objectives of the South Bohemian Region's RIS3 Strategy document;</li> <li>- proposes possible changes in the implementation of the activities of the RIS3 Action Plan in view of the development of the business environment in the South Bohemia Region and the development of financing possibilities for these activities;</li> <li>- updates the Action Plan of the RIS3 Strategy of the South Bohemian Region;</li> <li>- comments on the proposed update of the South Bohemia Region RIS3 Strategy document;</li> <li>- facilitates consensus building in the region among key actors on activities related to the promotion of innovative entrepreneurship.</li> </ul>	
Jihočeský vědeckotechnický park a.s.	South Bohemian Science and Technology Park (JVTP)	<p>JVTP was established by the South Bohemia Regional Authority in 2008 in order to support and accelerate innovations and technology transfer in South Bohemia by building the second stage of the South Bohemia Science and Technology Park. The construction was completed at the end of 2014. Every year it organizes the start-up competition Jihoczech, the South Bohemian business vouchers scheme to support cooperation between SMEs and research organisations. JVTP and Regional Authority implements Smart Accelerator project for the South Bohemian region.</p>	<a href="http://www.jvtp.cz">www.jvtp.cz</a>
Ministerstvo průmyslu a obchodu	Ministry of Industry and Trade	<p>Ministry of Industry and Trade provides the most important subsidy schemes dedicated to R&amp;D&amp;I and entrepreneurship.</p>	<a href="http://www.mpo.cz">www.mpo.cz</a>
Ministerstvo školství, mládeže a tělovýchovy	Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports	<p>Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport is responsible for providing subsidy schemes focused on R&amp;D, education etc. as well as funding of the Smart Accelerator programme implemented by JVTP and Regional Authority.</p>	<a href="http://www.msmt.cz">www.msmt.cz</a>

### Group 2 / operational level:

RDI stakeholders, Entrepreneurs (SME), intermediaries, business support organisations, R&D (university/non-university), NGOs, foundations and other potential project partners

Tab 2:

Title	EN title Acronym	Basic description	Website
<i>Universities and R&amp;D institutions</i>			
Biologické centrum AV ČR, v.v.i.	Biology Centre CAS (BC)	It consists of five scientific institutes (Institute of Entomology, Institute of Hydrobiology, Institute of Parasitology, Institute of Molecular Plant Biology and Institute of Soil Biology), and since 2016, the SoWa research infrastructure has been part of the BC, focusing on complex studies of soil and water ecosystems and their interactions.	<a href="http://www.bc.cas.cz">www.bc.cas.cz</a>
Jihočeská univerzita v Českých Budějovicích	University of South Bohemia in České Budějovice (JU)	The University of South Bohemia in České Budějovice (JU) ranks among research-oriented universities. Research at JU is mainly focused on natural sciences, social sciences and humanities. An important aspect of the University's scientific research activities is close cooperation with institutes of the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic.	<a href="http://www.jcu.cz">www.jcu.cz</a>
Vysoká škola technická a ekonomická v Českých Budějovicích	College of technology and economics in České Budějovice (VŠTE)	The primary focus of VŠTE activities is the implementation of full-time and part-time studies for professional bachelor's and master's degree programmes. The professional study programmes are supported by cooperation with regional entrepreneurs. VŠTE's other priorities include applied research, the implementation of innovative technologies and knowledge transfer into areas that are current and crucial with regards to the regions needs.	<a href="http://www.vstecb.cz">www.vstecb.cz</a>
Centrum ALGATECH, Mikrobiologický ústav	Institute of Microbiology of	The Třeboň's department of the Institute of Microbiology of the	<a href="http://www.alga.cz">www.alga.cz</a>

AV ČR, v.v.i. – vědecké pracoviště Třeboň	the CAS, v.v.i. (Algatech)	CAS - ALGATECH Centre - is one of the world-renowned workplaces for basic and applied research on microscopic algae, cyanobacteria and photosynthetic bacteria, including the development of algal biotechnologies. It is the largest workplace dealing with basic and applied research on microscopic algae in the Czech Republic.	
Pracoviště Botanického ústavu AV ČR, v.v.i.			
VŠE Managementu v Jindřichově Hradci	Faculty of Management - University of Economics in Prague (FM VSE)	The Faculty of Management is one of the six faculties of the University of Economics (VŠE). The scientific and research activities of the faculty are mainly focused on the development and application of those disciplines that support managerial activity and especially managerial decision-making. Thematic scientific research activities include e.g. strategic management, organisational behaviour, marketing and consumer behaviour, healthcare management, methods of supporting managerial decision-making, valuation, etc.	<a href="https://fm.vse.cz">https://fm.vse.cz</a>
Jihočeské univerzitní a akademické centrum transferu technologií – Kancelář transferu technologií	The Technology Transfer Office of the University of South Bohemia (JCTT)	The Technology Transfer Office of the University of South Bohemia serves all faculties and independent departments of the University. Its mission is to help bridge the gap between scientific laboratories and the commercial sphere. The office is also a contact point for companies interested in cooperation with the university. We establish cooperation between companies and scientific teams of individual faculties of the University of South Bohemia.	<a href="http://www.b4i.cz">www.b4i.cz</a>

ENKI, o.p.s.	ENKI	<p>ENKI, o.p.s. focuses its activities on sustainable landscape management aimed at restoring reservoir ecosystems, pond management and the use of natural and artificial wetlands. It is also involved in solar and landscape energy and restoration of landscapes disturbed by mining. It also focuses on outreach, education and innovation programmes. ENKI, o.p.s. is the operator of the Science and Technology Park in Třeboň (formerly the Třeboň Innovation Centre).</p>	<p><a href="http://www.enki.cz">www.enki.cz</a></p>
<i>Intermediaries, business support organisations, chambers</i>			
Agentura pro podporu podnikání a investic CzechInvest (regionální zastoupení)	Business and Investment Development Agency (CzechInvest)	<p>CzechInvest plays a key role in the area of supporting business and investments in its comprehensive form. The agency's unique combination of regional, central and international operations ensures the integrity of services and the ability to connect global trends with regional conditions in the Czech Republic. One of CzechInvest's main objectives is transformation of the Czech Republic into an innovation leader of Europe. Established in 1992, CzechInvest is a state contributory organization subordinate to the Ministry of Industry and Trade of the Czech Republic.</p> <p>Main activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- development of Czech technology firms' potential</li> <li>- support for "smart" investments</li> <li>- motivation of foreign investors already established in the Czech Republic toward sophisticated complementary investments</li> <li>- development and cultivation of the national start-up and spin-off environment</li> </ul>	<p><a href="http://www.czechinvest.cz">www.czechinvest.cz</a></p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- assistance for Czech firms when entering foreign markets</li> <li>- promotion of the Czech economy, technologies and R&amp;D abroad</li> <li>- cultivation of the business and investment environment in all regions of the Czech Republic</li> <li>- linking of partners from the business and R&amp;D spheres</li> </ul> <p>use of trends in progressive sectors of the global economy</p>	
API – Agentura pro podnikání a inovace (regionální zastoupení)	Business and Innovation Agency (API)	State contributory organization subordinated to the Ministry of Industry and Trade. It provides subsidies consultation, administration and presentation.	<a href="http://www.agentura-api.org">www.agentura-api.org</a>
Jihočeská hospodářská komora	South Bohemian Chamber of Commerce (JHK)	Business support organization, promotion of entrepreneurship and networking, education, project development and management, consultations.	<a href="http://www.jhk.cz">www.jhk.cz</a>
JAIP – Jihočeská agentura pro podporu inovací, o.p.s.	South Bohemian AgEncy to support for innovation (JAIP)	<p>Support and development of innovation in the South Bohemia Region.</p> <p>Support for the development and growth of companies focused on innovation and modern technologies, especially in the field of biotechnology</p> <p>Operation of business incubator</p> <p>Consultancy and information services</p>	<a href="http://www.jaip.cz">www.jaip.cz</a>
RERA a.s.	South Bohemian Regional Development Agency (RERA)	Implementation of international and cross-border projects to support the development of entrepreneurial and innovative potential in the region.	<a href="http://www.rera.cz">www.rera.cz</a>
Jihočeská společnost pro rozvoj lidských zdrojů	South Bohemia Society for Human Resources Development	JSRLZ is the carrier of the South Bohemian Employment Pact, which aims to address regional labour market problems in a coordinated manner, including	

	(JSRLZ)	<p>the activities of labour market observatories.</p> <p>The strategic objective of the South Bohemian Employment Pact is to coordinate solutions to problems on the regional labour market.</p>	
Regionální agrární komora Jihočeského kraje	<p>Regional Agrarian Chamber of the South Bohemia Region</p> <p>(RAKJK)</p>	<p>Comprehensive offer of advice and information services to agricultural entrepreneurs</p> <p>Systematic support for regional food producers</p> <p>Support for agro-tourism</p>	<a href="http://www.rakjk.cz">www.rakjk.cz</a>
Úřad práce ČR (regionální zastoupení)	<p>Labour Office of the Czech Republic (regional branch)</p> <p>(ÚP)</p>	<p>Contribution to the establishment of a socially useful workplace for the purpose of self-employment</p> <p>Statistics, monitoring and mediation of retraining courses.</p>	<a href="http://www.uradprace.cz/jihocesky-kraj">www.uradprace.cz/jihocesky-kraj</a>
Národní rozvojová banka	<p>National development bank</p> <p>(NRB)</p>	<p>ational Development Bank (NDB) is a specialised state-owned banking institution aimed at contributing to sustainable economic development of the Czech Republic. It is the main provider of financial instruments funded from public and European resources as well as from own resources and in cooperation with private capital. It has become an important partner for the central state administration authorities, state funds, regions, municipalities and the private sector, particularly small and medium-sized enterprises.</p>	<a href="http://www.nrb.cz">www.nrb.cz</a>
CzechTrade	-	<p>CzechTrade is an export promotion agency subordinated to the Ministry of Industry and Trade. The aim of the agency is to facilitate companies' decisions on the selection of suitable territories, to shorten the time of entry into a given market and to support activities</p>	<a href="http://www.czechtrade.cz">www.czechtrade.cz</a>

		aimed at further development of the company abroad.	
<i>Networks, associations</i>			
Jihočeská Silva Nortica	Euroregion Silva Nortica (ERSN)	ERSN is an association that promotes cross-border regional cooperation and development. It creates an important platform for cooperation in the border region of South Bohemia and Waldviertel (Lower Austria).	<a href="http://www.silvanortica.com">www.silvanortica.com</a>
Evropský region Dunaj-Vltava	Euroregion Donau – Moldau (ERDV)	ERDV is a trilateral association consisting of seven partner regions – Upper Austria, Lower Austria Mostviertel and Waldviertel, Lower Bavaria, Upper Palatinate, Pilsen Region, South Bohemia Region and Vysočina Region.	<a href="http://www.evropskyregion.cz">www.evropskyregion.cz</a>
Smart region jižní Čechy	South Bohemian Smart Region Platform	Regional platform for the development of the Smart City concept in the South Bohemian Region (a consortium of key partners interested in the creation of a conceptual and technological environment supporting the creation and implementation of pilot projects in the field of smart municipalities and cities)  The activities of the platform are formalized in the form of an advisory body of the South Bohemia Regional Council (Smart Region South Bohemia Commission), the Commission establishes thematic working and expert groups for its activities (clean mobility, energy savings, data, transport)	<a href="http://www.smart-region.cz">www.smart-region.cz</a>
Krajské sdružení NS MAS ČR Jihočeského kraje	The Regional Association of LAGs of the South Bohemian Region	The Regional Association represents the LAG in negotiations with territorial partners, participates in negotiations at the level of the National LAG of the Czech Republic, and is a permanent member of the Regional Standing Conference of the	<a href="http://jihocesky.nsmascr.cz">jihocesky.nsmascr.cz</a>

		South Bohemian Region and the National Permanent Conference.	
Svaz měst a obcí Jihočeského kraje	Union of Towns and Municipalities of the South Bohemian Region (SMOJK)	The basic aim of SMOJK is to defend the common interests and rights of the municipalities associated in the association. These issues are most often related to transport services, waste management, building infrastructure, construction of public facilities and organisations and development of cross-border cooperation in the South Bohemia region in the field of culture, human resources, local democracy, sports, tourism and environment. Another advantage of mutual cooperation between individual municipalities and towns is the coordinated approach to the preparation and implementation of pilot projects of region-wide significance.	<a href="http://www.smojk.cz">www.smojk.cz</a>
<i>Platforms, NGO's and other relevant actors</i>			
Jihočeský sociální inkubátor	South Bohemian social inkubátor (JSI)	JSI is a regional platform for cooperation within topics such as social innovations, social enterprise, fundraising and crowdfunding.	<a href="http://www.jvtp.cz">www.jvtp.cz</a>
Jihočeský Digi Hub	South Bohemina Digi Hub (JDH)	JDH is a regional platform of cooperating entities focusing on services for the gradual introduction of digitalisation elements into all areas of social life. Objectives and activities of the platform: - Creation of a network of service providers - creation of a functional collaborative group of different regional entities that can provide relatively comprehensive services in the field of digital transformation of processes, products and services.	<a href="http://www.jvtp.cz">www.jvtp.cz</a>



		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Consulting services in the field of digitalization, including financing options</li> <li>- Tools to support digital transformation, especially for SMEs in the region</li> <li>- Community and education on digitalisation (workshops, roundtables, seminars)</li> </ul>	
KIP Rada konzultantů	Regional innovation platform for business.	Regional innovation platform for business.	-
KIP Smart region	Regional innovation platform for smart solutions.	Regional innovation platform for smart solutions.	-
KIP Bioekonomika	Regional innovation platform for bioeconomy.	Regional innovation platform for bioeconomy.	-
Coworking Center ČB z.s.	Coworking Center	Coworking centre in Budweis	<a href="http://www.cowocb.cz">www.cowocb.cz</a>
Coworking centrum Tábor	Coworking Center	Coworking centre in Tábor	<a href="http://www.coworkingtabor.cz">www.coworkingtabor.cz</a>

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## Upper Austria - structure and stakeholders (Innovation Network)

Upper Austria has a large number of institutions in the fields of research and development and technology transfer which are linked together in the Upper Austrian Innovation Network.

The Upper Austrian Innovation Network comprises public and private institutions as well as ones partly owned by the province of Upper Austria by the OÖ Landesholding GmbH. The innovation holdings of the province of Upper Austria are systematically positioned along the innovation chain. One of the objectives of OÖ Landesholding GmbH is the realization and utilization of existing synergy potentials of its associated companies among each other, which further strengthens the innovation ecosystem.

The Upper Austrian Innovation Network is mainly based on

- Business support and regional development organisations
- Cluster organisations and networks
- Competence centers
- Interest groups including NGOs
- Non-university research facilities
- Regional public authorities
- Technology and start-up centers
- Training and further education center and schools
- Universities and universities of applied sciences

However, the most linking instrument within the innovation network is the regional business and research strategy #upperVISION2030, developed in a joint process with the stakeholders the so-called location partners. These are:

- Johannes Kepler University – JKU
- University of Applied Sciences – FH OÖ
- Upper Austrian Research – UAR
- The Federation of Upper Austrian Industries (IV – Industriellenvereinigung OÖ)
- Upper Austrian Chamber of Commerce (WKOÖ – Wirtschaftskammer OÖ)
- Upper Austrian Chamber of Labor (AKOÖ - Arbeiterkammer OÖ)
- Business Upper Austria – OÖ Wirtschaftsagentur GmbH

The location partners are represented at different levels with different roles:

- CEOs, rectors of our stakeholders: steering group role
- Nominated persons from our stakeholders (representatives of the steering group members): operational group develops strategic topics/concepts
- Departments and institutions of our local partners, etc. (reflection Group): reflects the topics, recommendations and give additional input

### **Group 1 / strategic level:**

Policy makers, programme owners, public funding agencies (the administrative / governmental level responsible to design and coordinate/manage implementation of S3 and related funding programmes/calls

Tab 3:

Title	Acronym	Basic description	Website
Office of the Upper Austrian Provincial Government, Directorate for Regional Planning, Economic and Rural Development, Department Economy and Research	Land OÖ	Regional public authority	<a href="http://www.land-oberoesterreich.gv.at/49302.htm">www.land-oberoesterreich.gv.at/49302.htm</a>
Upper Austrian Chamber of Commerce (WKO OÖ)	WKOÖ	Upper Austrian Chamber of Commerce	<a href="http://www.wko.at/service/ooe">www.wko.at/service/ooe</a> ; <a href="http://wko.at/ooe/industrie">wko.at/ooe/industrie</a>
The Federation of Upper Austrian Industries (IVOÖ)	IV OÖ	The Federation of Upper Austrian Industries	<a href="http://oberoesterreich.iv.at">oberoesterreich.iv.at</a>
AK OÖ - Upper Austrian Chamber of Labor	AK OÖ	Upper Austrian Chamber of Labor	<a href="http://ooe.arbeiterkammer.at">ooe.arbeiterkammer.at</a>
Business Upper Austria - OÖ Wirtschaftsagentur GmbH; Department for Cluster & Cooperations; Department Policy and Location Strategy	Biz-up	Business support and regional development organization: Business Upper Austria is the Upper Austrian government's location agency.	<a href="http://www.biz-up.at">www.biz-up.at</a> <a href="http://www.uppervision.at">www.uppervision.at</a>
Johannes Kepler University	JKU	University	<a href="http://www.jku.at/en">www.jku.at/en</a>
Fachhochschule OÖ - University of Applied Sciences	FH OÖ	University of applied science	<a href="http://www.fh-ooe.at/en">www.fh-ooe.at/en</a>
Upper Austrian Research Ltd. (UAR)	UAR	Business support and regional development organisation	<a href="http://www.uar.at/en/home">www.uar.at/en/home</a>
OÖ Zukunftsakademie	OÖ ZAK	Business support and regional development organisation	<a href="http://www.ooe-zukunftsakademie.at">www.ooe-zukunftsakademie.at</a>

**Group 2 / operational level:**

RDI stakeholders, Entrepreneurs (SME), intermediaries, business support organisations, R&D (university/non-university), NGOs, foundations and other potential project partners

Tab 4:

Title	Basic description	Acronym	Website
<i>RDI Stakeholders RDI Stakeholders</i>			
Chamber of Commerce Upper Austria, Unit Industry	Chamber of Commerce Upper Austria	WK OÖ	<a href="http://www.wko.at/service/ooe">www.wko.at/service/ooe</a> ; <a href="http://www.wko.at/ooe/industrie">www.wko.at/ooe/industrie</a>
The Federation of Upper Austrian Industries (IVOÖ)	The Federation of Upper Austrian Industry	IV OÖ	<a href="http://oberoesterreich.iv.at">oberoesterreich.iv.at</a>
AK OÖ - Upper Austrian Chamber of Labor	Upper Austrian Chamber of Labor	AK OÖ	<a href="http://ooe.arbeiterkammer.at">ooe.arbeiterkammer.at</a>
<i>Intermediaries &amp; business support organisations</i>			
Business Upper Austria - OÖ Wirtschaftsagentur GmbH, Department for Cluster & Cooperation	Business support and regional development organisation	CK	<a href="http://www.biz-up.at/en/networking/clust erandnetworks">www.biz-up.at/en/networking/clust erandnetworks</a>
Business Upper Austria - OÖ Wirtschaftsagentur GmbH, Automotive Cluster	Cluster organisation and network	AC	<a href="http://www.automobil-cluster.at">www.automobil-cluster.at</a>
Business Upper Austria - OÖ Wirtschaftsagentur GmbH, Building Innovation Cluster	Cluster organisation and network	BIC	<a href="http://www.b-i-c.at">www.b-i-c.at</a>
Business Upper Austria - OÖ Wirtschaftsagentur GmbH, Clean Tech Cluster	Cluster organisation and network	CTC	<a href="http://www.cleantech-cluster.at">www.cleantech-cluster.at</a>
Business Upper Austria - OÖ Wirtschaftsagentur GmbH, Food Cluster	Cluster organisation and network	LC	<a href="http://www.lebensmittel-cluster.at/en">www.lebensmittel-cluster.at/en</a>
Business Upper Austria - OÖ Wirtschaftsagentur GmbH, IT Cluster	Cluster organisation and network	ITC	<a href="http://www.itcluster.at/en">www.itcluster.at/en</a>

Business Upper Austria - OÖ Wirtschaftsagentur GmbH, Mechatronics Cluster	Cluster organisation and network	MC	<a href="http://www.mechatronik-cluster.at/en/">www.mechatronik-cluster.at/en/</a>
Business Upper Austria - OÖ Wirtschaftsagentur GmbH, Medical Technology Cluster	Cluster organisation and network	MTC	<a href="http://www.medizintechnik-cluster.at/en/">www.medizintechnik-cluster.at/en/</a>
Business Upper Austria - OÖ Wirtschaftsagentur GmbH, Plastics Cluster	Cluster organisation and network	KC	<a href="http://www.kunststoff-cluster.at/en/">www.kunststoff-cluster.at/en/</a>
Softwarepark Hagenberg (research, training and business location)	Business support and regional development organisation	SWPH	<a href="http://www.softwarepark-hagenberg.com">www.softwarepark-hagenberg.com</a>
OÖ Zukunftsakademie	Business support and regional development organisation	OÖ ZAK	<a href="http://www.ooe-zukunftsakademie.at">www.ooe-zukunftsakademie.at</a>
Association Industry 4.0 Austria - The Platform for Smart Production	Interest groups including NGOs	I4.0	<a href="http://plattformindustrie40.at">plattformindustrie40.at</a>
<i>Business support organisations, especially start-ups</i>			
Tech2B Inkubator Ltd.	Business support and regional development organisation	Tech2B	<a href="http://www.tech2b.at/en">www.tech2b.at/en</a>
Tabakfabrik Linz	Technology and start-up center	TFL	<a href="http://tabakfabrik-linz.at">tabakfabrik-linz.at</a>
<i>Qualification &amp; Training</i>			
Institute for Professional Adult Education (WIFI)	Training and further education center and school	WIFI	<a href="http://www.wifi-ooe.at">www.wifi-ooe.at</a>
Vocational Training Institute (bfi)	Training and further education center and schools	BFI	<a href="http://www.bfi-ooe.at/de">www.bfi-ooe.at/de</a>
Education Group GmbH	Training and further education center and school, Service Agency for the education system	EduGroup	<a href="http://www.edugroup.at">www.edugroup.at</a>
Austrian Business School Linz	Training and further education center and school	LIMAK	<a href="http://www.limak.at">www.limak.at</a>
Digital Innovation Hub Arbeitswelt KMU	Interest groups including NGOs	DIH	<a href="http://dih.work">dih.work</a>

Digital Makers Hub, Digital Innovation Hub of Lower Austria and Upper Austria, Focus: Maker-Community (DMH)	Business support and regional development organisation	DMH	<a href="http://www.digitalmakershub.at">www.digitalmakershub.at</a>
<b>Non-university research facilities</b>			
Upper Austrian Research Ltd. (UAR)	Business support and regional development organisations	UAR	<a href="http://www.uar.at/en">www.uar.at/en</a>
CEST Kompetenz-zentrum für elektrochemische Oberflächen-technologie GmbH	Competence center for corrosion and surface technology	CEST	<a href="http://cest.at/en/cest-center-for-corrosion-and-surface-technology-home/">cest.at/en/cest-center-for-corrosion-and-surface-technology-home/</a>
Competence Center CHASE GmbH	Non-university research facility	CHASE	<a href="http://www.chasecenter.at">www.chasecenter.at</a>
FFoQSI GmbH	Austrian Competence Centre for Feed and Food Quality Safety and Innovation	FFoQSI	<a href="http://www.ffaosi.at">www.ffaosi.at</a>
K1-MET GmbH	Competence center	K1-MET	<a href="http://www.k1-met.com/">www.k1-met.com/</a>
LIFETool gemeinnützige GmbH	Business support and regional development organisation	LIFETool	<a href="http://www.lifetool.at/startseite/">www.lifetool.at/startseite/</a>
Linz Center of Mechatronics GmbH	Non-university research facility	LCM	<a href="http://www.lcm.at/en/">www.lcm.at/en/</a>
LKR Leichtmetall-kompetenz-zentrum Ranshofen GmbH, Competence Unit "Light Metals Technologies Ranshofen"	Competence center a subsidiary of AIT (Austrian Institute for Technologies)	LKR	<a href="http://www.ait.ac.at/ueber-das-ait/center/center-for-low-emission-transport/lkr-leichtmetallkompetenzzentrum-ranshofen">www.ait.ac.at/ueber-das-ait/center/center-for-low-emission-transport/lkr-leichtmetallkompetenzzentrum-ranshofen</a>
Pro2Future GmbH	Non-university research facility	Pro2Future	<a href="http://pro2future.at">pro2future.at</a>
PROFACTOR GmbH	Non-university research facility	PROFACTOR	<a href="http://www.profactor.at/en">www.profactor.at/en</a>
Research Center for Non-Destructive Testing GmbH	Non-university research facility	RECENDT	<a href="http://www.recendt.at/en">www.recendt.at/en</a>
RISC Software GmbH	Non-university research facility mathematics, computer science, machine learning methods and practical experience for individual software solutions for companies, medicine and industry.	RISC	<a href="http://www.risc-software.at/en">www.risc-software.at/en</a>
Silicon Austria Labs GmbH, facility site Linz	Non-university research facility Austria's top research center for electronics-based systems with sites in Graz, Villach and Linz	SAL	<a href="http://silicon-austria-labs.com/en">silicon-austria-labs.com/en</a>

Software Competence Center Hagenberg GmbH	Competence center Cutting-edge research & computational intelligence for Austria's industry	SCCH	<a href="http://www.scch.at">www.scch.at</a>
Transfercenter für Kunststofftechnik GmbH (TCKT)	Non-university research facility	TCKT	<a href="https://www.tckt.at/">https://www.tckt.at/</a>
Wood K plus – Kompetenzzentrum Holz GmbH	Competence center	Wood K plus	<a href="http://wood-kplus.at/de">wood-kplus.at/de</a>
LIT - Linz Institute of Technology OIC (Open Innovation Center)	Non-university research facility	LIT	<a href="http://www.jku.at/en/linz-institute-of-technology/">www.jku.at/en/linz-institute-of-technology/</a>
Ars Electronica Future Lab	Non-university research facility	AE Future Lab	<a href="http://ars.electronica.art/futurelab/en">ars.electronica.art/futurelab/en</a>
<i>Universities / Universities of Applied Science</i>			
Johannes Kepler University	University and university of applied science, Faculty for Engineering and Natural Sciences	JKU	<a href="http://www.jku.at/en">www.jku.at/en</a> ; <a href="http://www.jku.at/en/faculty-of-engineering-natural-sciences/">www.jku.at/en/faculty-of-engineering-natural-sciences/</a>
University of Art and Industrial Design Linz	University and university of applied science	UFG	<a href="https://www.ufg.at/">https://www.ufg.at/</a>
Fachhochschule OÖ - University of Applied Sciences, Hagenberg	University of applied science	FH OÖ Hagenberg	<a href="http://www.fh-hagenberg.at">www.fh-hagenberg.at</a>
Fachhochschule OÖ - University of Applied Sciences, Linz	University of applied science	FH OÖ Linz	<a href="http://www.fh-ooe.at/ueberuns/organisation/fh-ooe-forschung-entwicklung">www.fh-ooe.at/ueberuns/organisation/fh-ooe-forschung-entwicklung</a>
Fachhochschule OÖ - University of Applied Sciences, Steyr	University of applied science	FH OÖ Steyr	<a href="http://forschung.fh-ooe.at/center-of-excellence">forschung.fh-ooe.at/center-of-excellence</a>
Fachhochschule OÖ - University of Applied Sciences, Wels	University of applied science	FH OÖ Wels	<a href="http://www.fh-ooe.at/campus-wels">www.fh-ooe.at/campus-wels</a>