



European regions join forces for climate resilience: S3ADAPT project kicks off in Warsaw

On October 15–16, 2025, representatives of partner institutions from across Europe gathered in Warsaw for the kick-off meeting of the international project “Integration of smart specialization strategies into climate change adaptation policy” (S3ADAPT) under the Interreg Europe 2021-2027 programme. The event was hosted by the Mazovia Development Agency Plc. and The Office of the Marshal of the Mazowieckie Voivodeship in Warsaw.

The meeting officially launched the cooperation between partners and marked the beginning of the project’s first phase, focused on the exchange of good practices and policy learning. Participants discussed the results of climate adaptation policy mapping in their regions and explored how smart specialisation strategies (S3) can help strengthen regional resilience to climate change.

In the upcoming months, project partners will take the next step by stress-testing their policy instruments. This practical foresight exercise is aimed at assessing the robustness of regional policies and strategies under extreme climate conditions.

S3ADAPT is designed to help regions develop synergies between smart specialization strategies and climate adaptation policy, aligning innovation-driven growth with sustainability and resilience. By linking regional innovation systems with climate action, the project supports the development of strategic frameworks that enable businesses, public institutions and communities to adapt to shifting environmental and economic realities.

Through cross-regional cooperation, S3ADAPT promotes the exchange of experiences, identification of effective adaptation practices, and joint exploration of new policy solutions. The project builds on the belief that innovation and collaboration are key to addressing the complex challenges posed by climate change, turning them into opportunities for smarter and greener regional growth.

Follow the project’s progress and learn more about S3ADAPT here:

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