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## Parallel session 1

Boosting innovation-led growth in the EU industrial transition regions



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# Strengthen innovation diffusion

1. More experimentation
2. Linking innovation ecosystems
3. Invent/apply modern methods for innovation diffusion
4. Internationalisation of innovation
5. Build trust / alleviate risk
6. Skilling/Reskilling/Upskilling






# Support from EU needed?

- **Support strategic planning at regional level**
- **Disseminate good practices**
- **Provide external expertise for RIS3 implementation**
- **More flexible regulatory framework to allow piloting, experimenting**
- **We will hear from rapporteurs at the end their main insights**





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## Parallel session 2

Supporting the catching up of EU regions to close the innovation gap







# Strengthen innovation diffusion

1. Governance
2. Research – Business platforms
3. Skills in innovation
4. Rural - Urban
5. Open for interregional collaboration






# Support from EU needed?

- **Strategic planning**
- **Flexible rules adopted to reality of catching up regions/territories**
- **Support building sustainable innovation ecosystem (legal and institutional framework)**
- **External expertise**
- **Skills**





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## Parallel session 3

Investments in interregional innovation projects



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# **Boost interregional cooperation on value chains**

- 1. Value of complementarity / find your perfect match**
- 2. Open data / Information flow / Analysis of complementarities of regional capabilities**
- 3. More capitalisation of research results at EU level**
- 4. Collaboration Platform/linking labs**
- 5. Start with small projects/build trust and then scale-up**








# **Support from EU needed?**

- **Support for Interregional Innovation Investments (Component 5)**
- **More capitalisation of knowledge, projects delivered**
- **Flexibility of rules to enable interregional innovation investments**
- **Solve the coordination failure/ administrative capacity**
- **European new support schemes to connect regional actors**
- **New generation of RIS 3 Platform**



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## Parallel session 4

Development of value chains in catching up regions



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# Value chains in catching up regions

1. Promote entrepreneurial spirit – role of shared leadership
2. Organise networking and matchmaking events between regions/share good practices
3. Support for development of skills
4. Incentivise collaboration
5. Inclusive and coordinated support instruments







# Support from EU needed?

- **Support for skills and human capital/capacities**
- **Mapping of capacities and knowledge sharing on the EU level**
- **Support for intermediaries**
- **Advisory and expert support for the catching up regions**
- **Allow flexibility for interregional collaboration / experimentation**



