

INNOVATION AND SMART SPECIALIZATION FORUM 25

18 November 2025

Porto, Fundação Cupertino de Miranda - <https://facm.pt/>

9h00 - 9h30

Reception

9h30 - 9h45

Opening session

António Grilo (ANI)

9h45 - 10h45

S3 and complementary interregional collaboration

Ron Boschma (Utrecht University)

10h45 - 11h00

Coffee Break

11h00 - 12h30

I3-4-Blue Growth Futures Conference

→ I3 Instrument

Tomislav Pinter (European Commission, DG Regio)

→ Project results

Rita Baptista (I3-4-Blue Growth & BLUEBIO ALLIANCE)

→ Roundtable

Ethan Holaday (I3-4-Blue Growth & Pôle Mer Bretagne Atlantique)

Lénia Rato (HAEDES)

Manuel Coutinho (Numar Biotech)

Erik-jan Malta (I3-4-Blue Growth & CTAQUA - Centro Tecnológico de Acuicultura de Andalucía)

Moderated by Rita Ribeiro (I3-4-Blue Growth & ANI)



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12h30 – 13h30

Lunch

13h30 - 15h30

Cohesion Policy and S3: lessons and challenges

Joaquim de Oliveira Martins (Centre d'Études Prospectives et d'Informations Internationales)

Julia Bachtrögler-Unger (Austrian Institute of Economic Research)

Paulo Neto (University of Évora)

Andrea Conte (European Commission, Joint Research Centre)

Moderated by **Francisco Vala** (AD&C)

15h30 – 15h50

Coffee Break

15h50 - 17h20

The Future of S3 and the EU's strategic autonomy for competitiveness

Petra Stenfors (Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment - Finland)

Enda Hogan (Southern Regional Assembly - Ireland)

Paulo Santos (CCDR Norte)

Liliana Fonseca (European Policies Research Centre)

Davide Magagna (European Commission, Joint Research Centre)

Moderated by **Gabriel Osório de Barros** (PlanAPP)

17h20

Networking cocktail



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