

Multilevel Governance for Smart Specialization Strategies: its importance and how to foster it

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Objectives for the session

- Presentation of the Multilevel Governance (MLG) in Portugal and its importance for Regional Development and Cohesion Policy.
- Discussion of the Pillars of MLG for Smart Specialization Strategies (S3).
- Presentation of the Basque Country cases and lessons learned.
- Discussion and reflection on how to strengthen MLG for S3 in Portugal, through the identification of key challenges that need to be addressed.
- Discussion of the roles and capabilities of facilitative actors that are essential to foster processes of MLG for S3.
- Self-diagnosis exercise regarding participants' roles and capabilities as facilitators for MLG for S3, as well as analysis of the results of this exercise.

Agenda

10h00 – 10h45 – Nuno Romão (AD&C- Agência para o Desenvolvimento e Coesão)

10h45 – 11h00 – Coffee Break

11h00 – 12h40 – Miren Estensoro (Orkestra-Basque Institute of Competitiveness)

12h40 – 14h00 – Lunch Break

14h00 – 15h30 – Miren Larrea (Orkestra-Basque Institute of Competitiveness)