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CEDIS3 NEWSLETTER

ASSIGNMENT OF REGIONAL EXPERTS

Development agencies were contacted to assign regional experts in each of the three pilot regions. Expectations from the experts and the purpose of these assignments were discussed. Emphasising the significance of regional platforms to be established in the pilot regions, it was stated that the regional experts would assume a key role for regional platforms to be operationalised, and ensuring effective communication. In this context, evaluation process for regional expert was initiated.

MONTHLY COORDINATION MEETING



Monthly Coordination Meeting of the "Capacity Enhancement for Development and Implementation of Smart Specialisation Strategies in Türkiye's Regions (CEDIS3)" project was held on 16 February 2024, with the participation of the Operation Coordination Unit and Technical Assistance Team.

Representatives from the Contracting Authority and Delegation of European Union to Türkiye were also participated in the meeting as observers, and discussions centred around the post-training evaluation of the successfully completed second training module. Views and insights were delivered to enhance planning and organisation process of the future training modules. Due to the cruciality of the content, it has been decided that the next training activity will be conducted face-to-face.

Furthermore, the state of play of the process of S3 Development Manual and National S3 Roadmap was discussed, emphasising on the fact that these two document will be the core activities for the development of S3 in the pilot regions.

POST-TRAINING EVALUATION

Following the second training module of the project, the post-training evaluation form was shared with the participants. This study, which was carried out to understand the success and satisfaction status of the training activity and to identify useful areas, was successfully completed, and the reporting process was initiated. It is aimed to use the results obtained from this study in future training activities and to improve them in relation to the expectations and needs of the participants.



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PILOT REGION: TR71

VISIT TO TR71 NUTS II LEVEL REGION

The Operation Coordination Unit and Technical Assistance Team of the CEDIS3 project visited Ahiler Development Agency (AHIKA) in the TR71 Region, one of the pilot implementation regions of the project, on 5-6 February 2024.

STAKEHOLDER MEETINGS

The first day of the visit commenced with a consultation meeting on the current status of the project activities at the Agency in Nevşehir. Afterwards, three stakeholder meetings were held with Director General of Cappadocia Technopark Dr Bilgin Yazlık, Head of Acıgöl Organised Industrial Zone Mr Samet Kafalı, and CEO of Pasha Balloons Mr Mehmet Halis Aydoğan.





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MEETINGS WITH THE AGENCY

On the second day of the visit, chaired by AHİKA Secretary General Bekir Varol, a comprehensive presentation on the TR71 2024-2028 Regional Plan was delivered. The discussions also focused on how the CEDIS3 Project activities could contribute to the Agency's activities.



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In conclusion, the roles and anticipated contributions of the pilot regions within the CEDIS3 framework were elucidated. Furthermore, the duties of the regional experts to be assigned for each pilot region under the project's purview, along with AHİKA's expectations in this regard, were discussed. Emphasis was placed on the prominence of the prompt selection of the most suitable expert candidate.



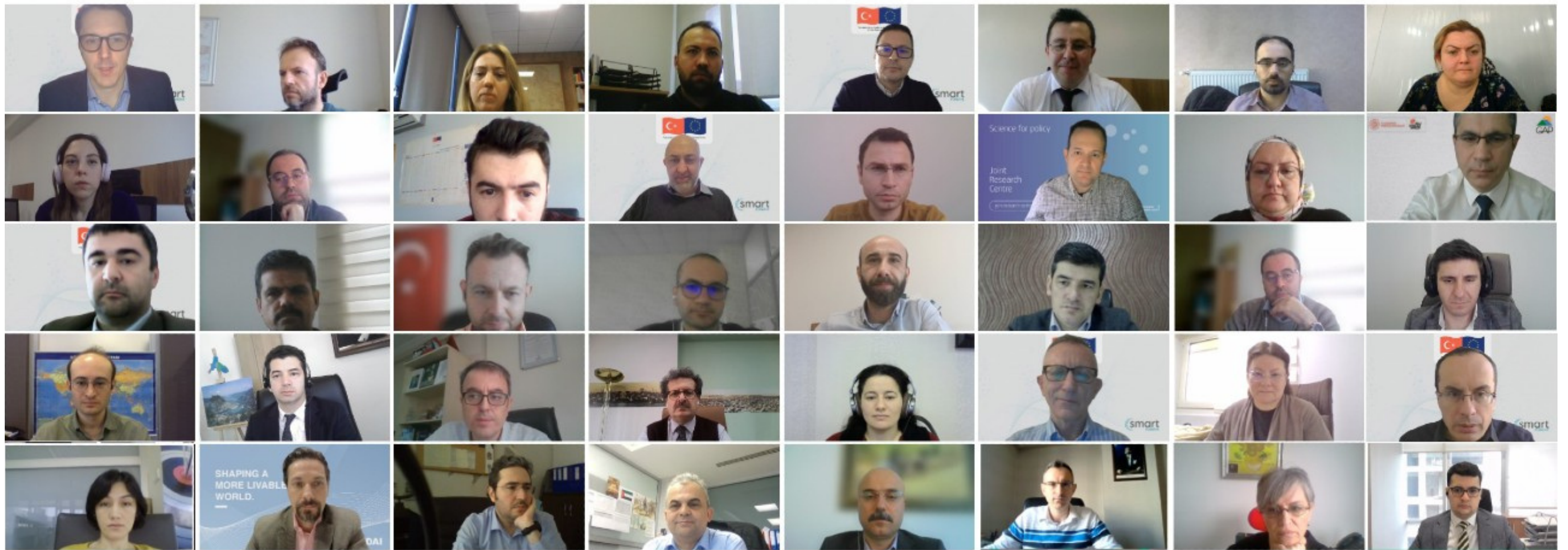


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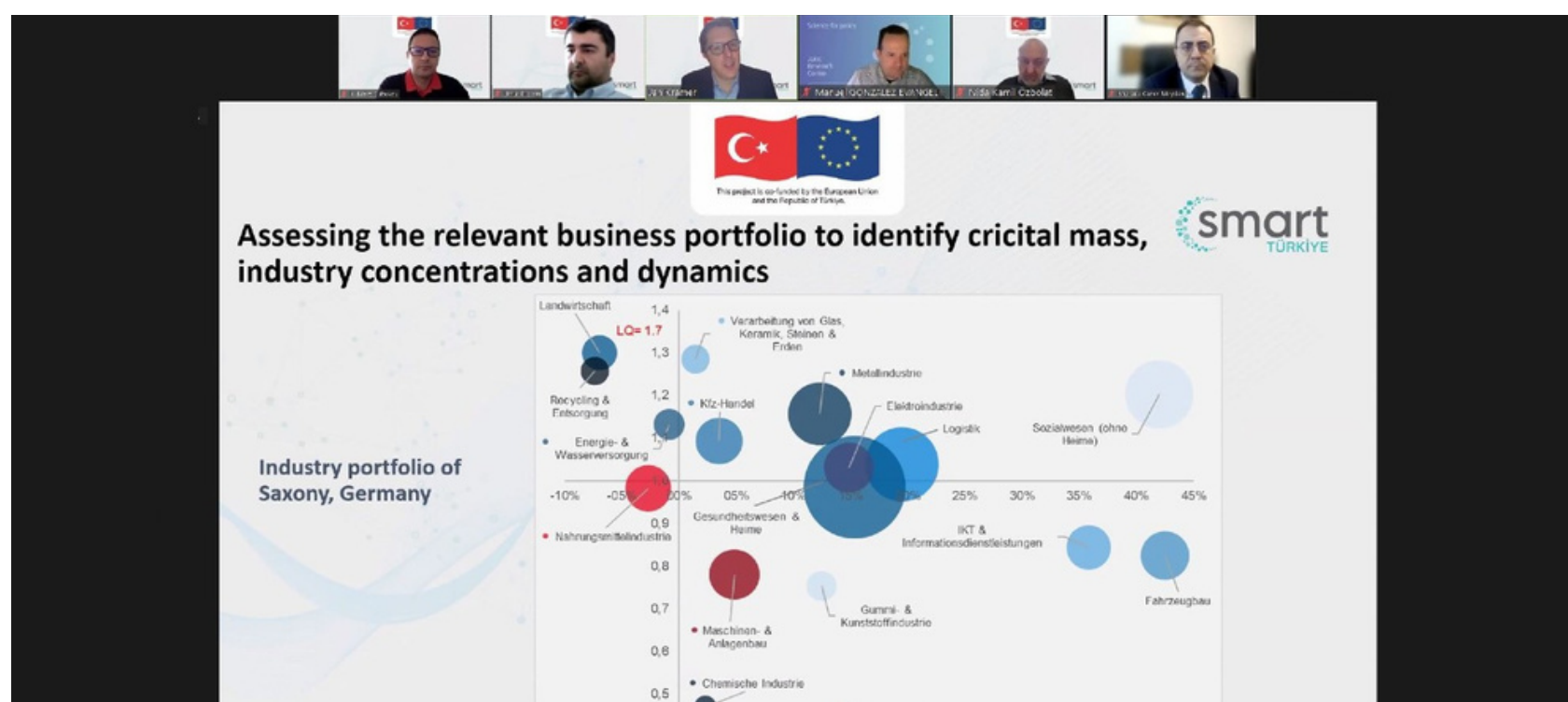
TRAINING ACTIVITY



TRAINING ON “DATA MANAGEMENT AND ANALYSIS”

The second training module of the CEDIS3 project was successfully completed on 12-16 February 2024. More than 100 participants from the Ministry of Industry and Technology and Development Agencies of 26 regions attended the training.

The training, named “Mapping Exercise for Smart Specialisation: Data Management and Analysis,” was mainly focused on establishing the evidence-based characteristics of the smart specialisation methodology, including quantitative and qualitative studies of key variables of a region's scientific, innovative, and economic potential.



Starting on 12th February 2024, under the moderation of the Key Expert on Smart Specialisation Mr Nida Kamil Özbolat, the training was delivered for five days by Head of EU-Services at Prognos AG Mr Jan-Philipp Kramer, Managing Director and Knowledge Network & Lecturer at the University of Zagreb Mr Domagoj Račić, Professor Dr of City and Regional Planning at Dokuz Eylül University Mr Kemal Mert Çubukçu, and Assistant Professor Dr of City and Regional Planning at Izmir Democracy University Mr Umut Erdem. In addition, Economic and Policy Analyst at the Joint Research Centre of the European Commission Mr Manuel Gonzalez Evangelista, participated and provided his precious contributions to the training programme.