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CEDIS3 NEWSLETTER



STUDY VISIT TO SPAIN

Within the scope of the "Capacity Enhancement for Development and Implementation of Smart Specialisation Strategies in Türkiye's Regions (CEDIS3)" Project, the first study visit was conducted in Seville, Spain on 3-8 March 2024. The study visit was attended by Deputy Director General of Development Agencies Mr Mustafa Işık, Deputy Director General of Development Agencies Mr Mustafa Caner Meydan, Head of the Department of Monitoring, Evaluation and Analysis Mr Ahmet Alıcı, representatives from the Ministry of Industry and Technology and development agencies.





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During the visit hosted by the European Union Joint Research Centre in Seville, consultations were held to benefit from the European Commission's experience on smart specialisation and to evaluate collaboration opportunities in the process of developing smart specialisation strategies in Türkiye's regions. In the meetings, topics such as smart specialisation, research and innovation, regional development, digital and green transformation were addressed, and significant steps were taken towards further strengthening cooperation.



The programme also included meetings with the Regional Government of Andalusia, the Andalucía Agrotech European Digital Innovation Hub at the University of Seville, the Advanced Centre for Aerospace Technologies (CATEC), and the campuses of Ulysseus European University. The main agenda of these meetings was the best practices for regional development and experience exchange regarding the development and implementation processes of smart specialisation strategies.





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PROJECT PROGRESS

WHAT TO DO WHY TO DO

The **S3 Development Manual** outlines **what to do** and **why to do** for S3 design. It will be continually developed throughout the project period and finalised at the project activities.

HOW TO DO

On the other hand, the **National S3 Roadmap** is designed to provide a detailed framework on **how to develop** smart specialisation strategies. Unlike the manual, it offers step-by-step guidance for development agencies. The first draft of this document, being developed concurrently with the manual, is scheduled for prompt distribution of smart specialisation strategies.

MONTHLY COORDINATION MEETING



The CEDIS3 Project Monthly Coordination Meeting took place between the Operations Coordination Unit and the Technical Assistance Team. The Deputy Director General of Development Agencies, Mr Mustafa Caner Meydan, handed over his duties to the Head of Planning, Programming, and Urban Development, Ms Zeyneb Ersayın. During the meeting, previous project activities were reviewed and planning for future activities was conducted.

MOBILISATION OF REGIONAL EXPERTS

Experts have been identified for assignment in the pilot regions of the project, TR61, TR71, and TRB2. It is planned that these experts will collaborate with the relevant development agencies and stakeholders in the regions during the development of smart specialisation strategies.