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# CEDIS3 NEWSLETTER

## 1ST ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

12 December 2023

The first meeting of the Advisory Board, which is one of the important governance bodies of the "Capacity Enhancement for Development and Implementation of Smart Specialisation Strategies in Türkiye's Regions (CEDIS3)" was convened online on 12 December 2023.



The online meeting was carried out with the active participation of Deputy Director General of Development Agencies Mr Mustafa Işık, Operation Coordination Unit Director Mr Mustafa Caner Meydan, Operation Coordination Unit Members, Contract Manager of the Contracting Authority, Advisory Board Members, Representatives from Consortium Partners and Technical Assistance Team.

## WHAT IS ADVISORY BOARD

*The Advisory Board (AB) acts as a high-level body for the CEDIS3 project, providing oversight, guidance and insight into all activities. The AB consists of Mr Dominique Foray, Mr Xabier Goenaga and Mr Reza Zadeh.*

### This meeting,

marked evaluations on collaborative effort to enhance the capacity for developing and implementing smart specialisation strategies in Türkiye's regions. Participants provided their views and suggestions on strategic planning and decision-making processes for more effective implementation and sustainability of the project.





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# ACTIVITIES

## MANUAL & ROADMAP

As the project activities progressed, the project started to develop two crucial documents, namely the S3 Development Manual and National S3 Roadmap. These two documents will build on the lessons learned from the implementation of similar manuals, handbooks and guidelines in Europe, with particular emphasis on the "Smart Specialisation Framework for Enlargement and Neighbourhood Countries" and the "Smart Specialisation Implementation Framework for the EU Enlargement and Neighbourhood Region," developed by JRC B3.

The S3 Development Manual, will draw insights from European experiences, ensuring a robust foundation. Its development will align with the S3 National Roadmap, outlining key steps and details for regional S3 preparation. This roadmap will also guide the alignment of regional strategies with national innovation policies, fostering a cohesive approach.



## TRAINING NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Main objective of the Training Needs Assessment (TNA) study is to optimally match the training content with the needs of the target groups.

In this respect, the TNA survey has been successfully completed. Results from all 26 Development Agencies have been collected and the analysis process for future trainings has started. In addition, the Post-Training Assessment Form (PTA) was also performed and the results of the previous training activity were collected.





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# STAKEHOLDER MEETINGS

## TURKPATENT

The stakeholder meeting with the Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (TURKPATENT), an important stakeholder institutions of the CEDIS3 project, was held on 15 December 2023. Among the distinguished attendees were Mr. Şemsettin Balta, the Head of the Department of European Union and Foreign Affairs of the Turkish Patent and Trademark Office, and Mr. Mete Kivanç Ünaltekin, Branch Manager of the Department of Innovation and Promotion and relevant experts from the institute, Members of the Operation Coordination Unit of Ministry of Industry and Technology, Mr Hüseyin Ulubeyli, Mr Ahmet Alıcı and Mr Maide Yolcu, Key-Experts of the project, Mr Krzysztof Siwek and Mr Nida Özbolat and other members of the Technical Assistance Team of the project.

During the meeting, the project was introduced and the possibility of co-operation between the two parties was discussed, in this context, the TAT was invited to participate in the “Training and Consultation Meetings” to be held within the Information and Document Unit of the TURKPATENT. The project team participated in the related event.



## TURKSTAT



15 December 2023

The stakeholder meeting with the Turkish Statistical Institute (TURKSTAT), which is one of the important stakeholder institutions of the CEDIS3 project was held on 15 December 2023.

The meeting was carried out with the participation of Head of Annual Business Statistics Department of Turkish Statistical Institute, Mr Ersen Aktaş, Operation Coordination Unit Members of the Ministry of Industry and Technology, Mr Hüseyin Ulubeyli and Mr Ahmet Alıcı, Key-Experts of the project, Mr Krzysztof Siwek and Mr Nida Özbolat and other members of the Technical Assistance Team of the project. In the aforementioned meeting, the project was introduced and opinions and ideas were shared on the possibility of co-operation.