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# CEDIS3 NEWSLETTER

## ACTIVITY: ORGANISING THREE MEETING WITH JRC AND S3 PLATFORM

The "Capacity Enhancement for Development and Implementation of Smart Specialisation Strategies in Türkiye's Regions (CEDIS3)" project's Key Expert on Smart Specialisation, Mr Nida Özbolat paid a visit to the Joint Research Centre (JRC), Seville, Spain on 18-22 September 2023. He had several meetings with the Head of the Innovation Policy and Economic Impact Unit Mr Xabier Goenaga, the Head of the Territorial Development Unit Mr Alessandro Rainoldi, Project Leader of the 'Western Balkans and Türkiye' Project Mr Nikola Radovanovic, Deputy Head of Territorial Development Unit Mr Mark Boden, Project Officer of the 'Western Balkans and Türkiye' Project Mr Manuel Gonzalez and Project Officer of the Innovation Policy and Economic Impact Unit Mr Ramojus Reimeris, aiming to introduce and present the content and activities of the CEDIS3 project and consult on the available capacity of the JRC to support CEDIS3 activities.

## KICK-OFF MEETING



The Kick-Off Meeting of the CEDIS3 project took place with the chairing of the Ministry of Industry and Technology (MoIT) Director-General of Development Agencies, Mr Barış Yeniçeri on 10 August 2023. The meeting was carried out with the participation of parties of the CEDIS3 project including End Recipient of Assistance (ERA), Contracting Authority (CA), Technical Assistance Team (TAT) and representatives from partner companies DAI and IPCEU.

Initiating the meeting, Mr Yeniçeri, expressed that the CEDIS3 project holds great importance in terms of fostering the regional development of Türkiye. Discussing the approach and method required for the successful implementation of the project, it was highlighted that the cooperation and coordination between the parties hold great importance.





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# STAKEHOLDER MEETINGS

## THE PRESIDENCY OF STRATEGY AND BUDGET

*26 September 2023*

The stakeholder meeting with the Presidency of Strategy and Budget, which is one of the important stakeholder institutions of the CEDIS3 project was held on 26 September 2023. The meeting was attended by the representatives from the Presidency of Strategy and Budget, members of the Operation Coordination Unit (OCU) and the TAT. The CEDIS3 project was presented and the activities were discussed. The main purpose of the meeting was to introduce the project and discuss possible cooperation between the two parties.

## TOBB

*26 September 2023*

The stakeholder meeting was conducted with the Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Türkiye (TOBB), an important institution for the implementation of the CEDIS3 project. The meeting was carried out with the participation of representatives from the TOBB, members of the OCU and the TAT. In the meeting, it was highlighted that the strong ownership of the TOBB and provincial chambers are of vital importance for the effective implementation of the project. In this regard, it was stated that the project aims to maximise the stakeholders' contribution in the activities.

## TÜBİTAK

*10 October 2023*

The stakeholder meeting with the Scientific and Technological Research Council of Türkiye (TÜBİTAK) was held on 10 October 2023. The meeting was attended by the members of the OCU, representatives from the TÜBİTAK and the TAT. The aim of the meeting was to present the project and its activities to the stakeholder institution. In addition, the possible cooperation opportunities for the key activities were discussed.



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# MONTHLY MANAGEMENT

## 1ST MONTHLY COORDINATION MEETING

*Date: 13 September 2023*

The 1st Monthly Coordination Meeting of the CEDIS3 Project was held between the two parties of the project namely the OCU and the TAT, focusing on vital aspects of the project.

Discussion centred around the updates on the Inception Report and the first monthly report of the project. Additionally, plans and opinions on the stakeholder engagement were highlighted.

## 2ND MONTHLY COORDINATION MEETING

*Date: 3 October 2023*

The 2nd Monthly Coordination Meeting of the CEDIS3 Project took place with the OCU and the TAT in attendance.

The meeting featured a focused evaluation of September activities, showcasing notable progress. Discussion centred around the Opening Event and the first Training Module on General S3 Framework. Decisions were taken to start the necessary preparations.

## POOL OF EXPERTS

## ACTIONS & ACTIVITIES

Pool of experts was introduced to the project team to provide expertise in various aspects of the project activities.

In addition to the expert on communication recruited to assist with the communication issues of the project, an expert on web development and an expert on graphic design have been contracted and work on the project's website, design and visibility has started.

Also, the project initiated the collaboration with reputable experts from the European Union (EU) and Türkiye on the S3 Development Manual and the National S3 Roadmap.

