Interregional Innovation Investments (I3) Instrument

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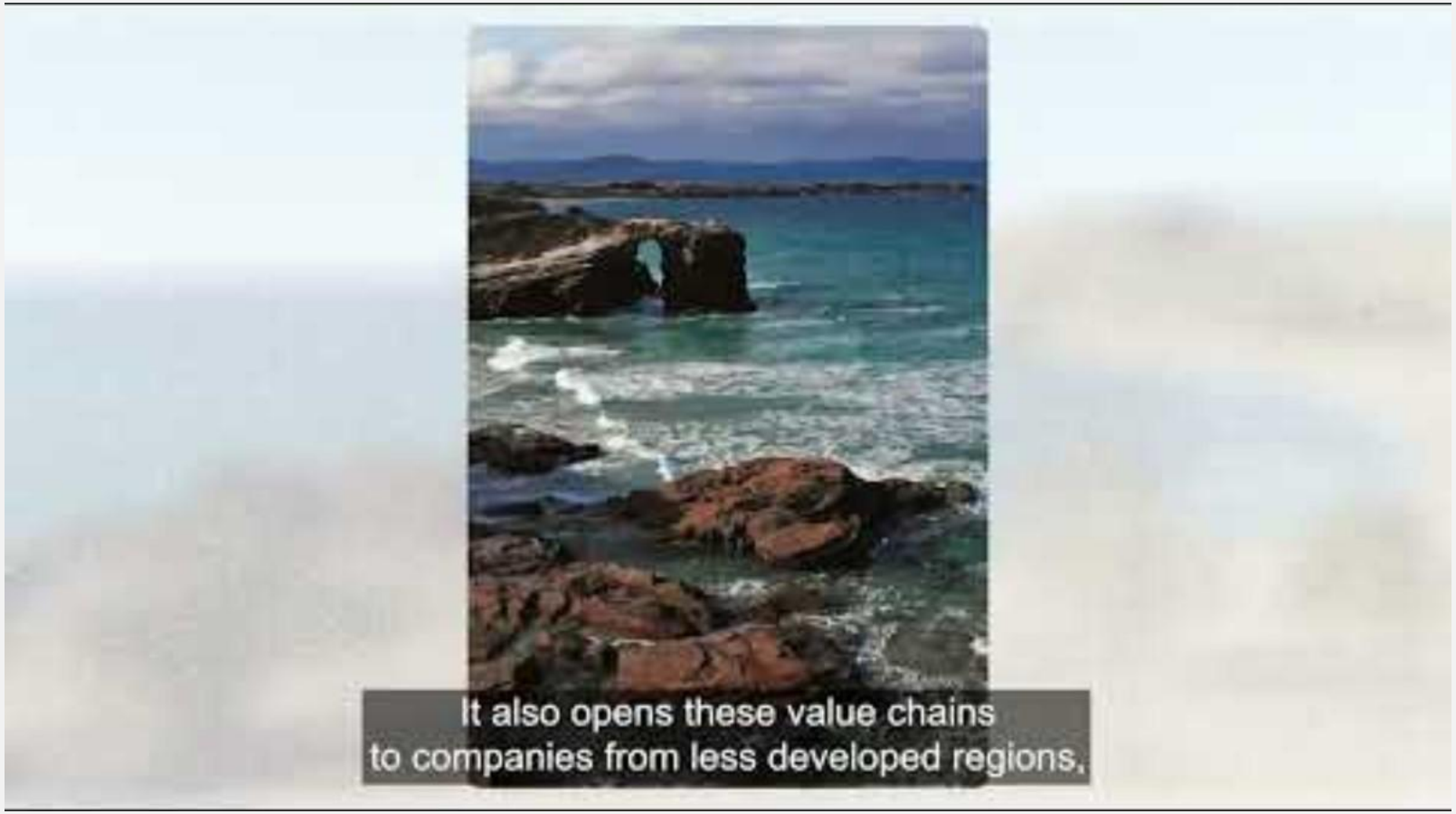


I3: A EUROPEAN SCALE-UP STORY

Have you seen a promising innovation that was ready to grow but could not find one critical piece in its own region?



PILOT FACILITY



INDUSTRIAL PARTNER



FIRST USER



INVESTMENT

The missing capability may already exist... just somewhere else in Europe.

THIS IS WHERE I3 INSTRUMENT STARTS

I3: REGIONAL COOPERATION AS INVESTMENT

CONNECT: Regions combine complementary Smart Specialisation strengths.

INVEST: Companies and innovation actors test and deploy solutions in real conditions.

SCALE: The partnership builds a European value chain with a meaningful investment role for less-developed regions.



TESTING EARLY WILDFIRE DETECTION TECHNOLOGIES

Greece (2024-2027)
Total Budget: 7 665 483, 15 EUR
70 % ERDF contribution



INNOVATIVE PRODUCTS FOR SUSTAINABLE MICROMOBILITY

Belgium-Italy-Slov (2023-2025)
Total Budget: 4 215 285, 72 EUR
70 % ERDF contribution

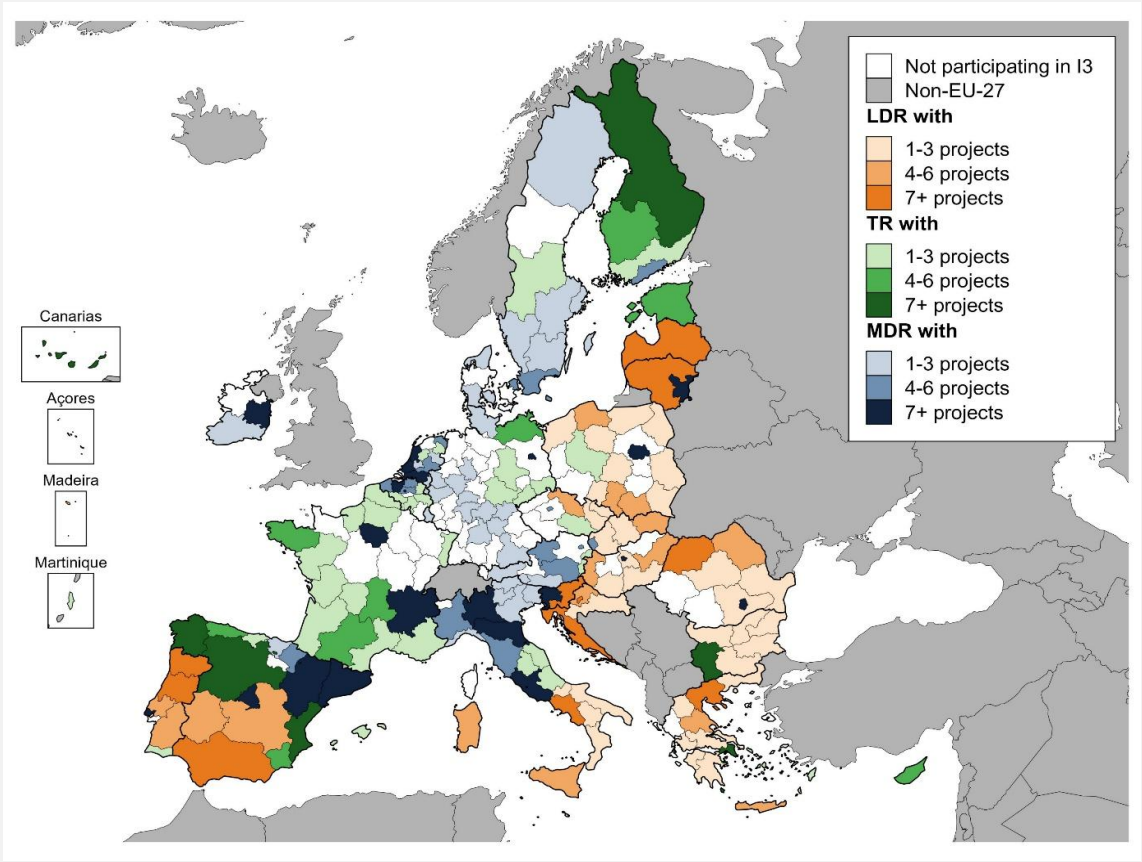


ENHANCING PACKAGING INNOVATION ECOSYS

Poland-Czechia-Hungary-Lithuania (2024-2026)
Total Budget: 1 212 413 EUR
99,99 % ERDF contribution

I3: PARTICIPATION IN MS AND COHESION GROUPS

Figure II. Involvement in I3 across regions, by cohesion group



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