

# D.T3.1.3 REPORT ON BUSINESS INSIDER & COLLABORATIVE WORKSHOPS BETWEEN PARTNERS AND S3 MANAGERS UM, AE-ROBO

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## INTRODUCTION

In order to increase direct induced innovation in precision agriculture and enable the emergence of regional industrial specialisations, project partners are to organize meetings with S3 managers in all 5 Transform 4.0 partner's areas to discuss supportive (technical/educational/financial) options and programmes, which can be taken into account in future Precision Farming promotional actions and supportive activities.

## METHODOLOGY:

The content scope of the report includes activities related to strengthening regional precision agriculture technologies and specializations through regional and local S3 strategies. It includes consultations with local and regional S3 managers to discuss new possible support schemes (technical/educational/financial) leading to increased direct induced innovation in precision agriculture and enabling regional industrial specializations. The report explores opportunities for further development of technical skills updates, introduction of new educational schemes and possible funding sources for their implementation in the precision agriculture area.

## REPORT

*Please provide short report about the meeting(s) with list of attendees, subjects discussed and summary of the meeting containing lessons learned and possible activities for the future*



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Meeting date: 26 May 2022: 9.00 - 10.30

Zoom platform for online meeting

Attendees:

Nevenka Cukjati - SRIP PMIS (S3 Smart cities and communities)

Jurij Rakun – UM, FKBV

Erik Rihter – UM, FKBV

Peter Lepej – AE-ROBO (partly present)

### **Agenda of the meeting:**

To discuss the S3 regional specializations managers regarding the current and future inclusion of precision agriculture in SRIP PMsS (Smart cities and communities; SCaC); to identify the links between innovation strategies and the agricultural production sector through links at the level of technological development, implementation of regional innovations, support for the agricultural production sector and support for the education system with the possibility of directional training for agricultural needs.

### **Conclusions:**

#### Agriculture is not the main sector

Agriculture is not the main sector of the SRIP PMiS, but with the new strategic plan that is under development this will be partly reshaped by covering areas like adaptation to climate changes, clean waters, green environments, etc. This indirectly affects and includes the area of precision farming.

#### How can SRIP PMiS support knowledge transfer in the field of PA and wider?

The role of the SRIPs is not to offer direct support, but to network specific actors in selected area. The domain for knowledge transfer therefore lies with the individual members of SRIPs.

#### System of technological incubators and laboratories for Industry4.0 companies

SRIPs do currently not offer this kind of services, as their role is primarily networking different actors. Like knowledge transfer, this is done by the resources and possibilities of individual partners.

#### Can SRIPs offer their support in the preparation of new project calls?

Directly no. Indirectly the members of the SRIPs identify potential priority areas which can be used in the project. The members of the SRIP are also invited to submit their ideas for new targeted project calls, but this is then filtered and possibly reshaped at the level of the Ministry in charge (Agriculture, Infrastructure, Education, etc.).



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How do you see the educational system, could SRIP PMiS support in the preparation of new educational entity to support the PF?

Directly no, but with the support of different partners, different stakeholders, this could be achievable and welcome as PF technologies will play an important role in the future. So joint consensus regarding this should be accepted and based on these subsequent steps can be ensured to prepare the educational system.

Could PF become on of the horizontal areas of SRIP PMiS?

PF is a very important area and should be part of the SRIP PMiS. To start this task, different actors should first be identified and invited to cooperate. With this new partnership a strategic plan should be prepared and evaluated on the national level. Once this is approved, the partners should work, promote, spread their activities in support of PK / SRIP PMiS.

Are there currently any members of SRIP PMiS that would fit the PF scope?

There are multiple members of SRIP PMiS that would fit the scope of PF, for instance: among others, Optifarm and Login5 foundation for example could be invited to join the PF vertical.

How do you see that PF could be moved closer to the target groups?

One way of solving this challenge would be to prepare a model farm that uses new PF technologies that could serve as a demonstration tool for different actors like cooperatives, farming associations, industry, educational units, policy makers and other interested parties.