



CyberFense

Comprehensive Initiative for Connected Industry Security Excellence

Interregional Innovation Investments Strand 1



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The Call

The I3 Instrument supports the cooperation between EU Member states regions and partners in policy areas supported by smart specialisation strategies (S3), with a particular focus on the participation in interregional innovation investments pipelines. It supports interregional innovation investments **using S3 as the coordination principle**.

Strand 1 of the I3 Instrument targets consortia of innovation actors from regions which are ready to make investments in interregional innovation projects. These investments can consist of a portfolio of coordinated and interlinked investments in the participating regions. This portfolio approach foresees the identification, within a specific thematic/technological area of cooperation, of a number of investment-ready sub-projects that address one or several bottlenecks identified in the project proposal. **Typically, these investments will serve to strengthen, connect, or expand existing value chains, while creating local innovation and smart economic transformation opportunities.**

Read full description [here](#).

CYBERFENSE – 3 pillars

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CYBERSECURITY IN OT (TRL6-TRL7)

- Upscaling innovative solutions to protect industrial operations

DEMONSTRATING SOLUTIONS (TRL8)

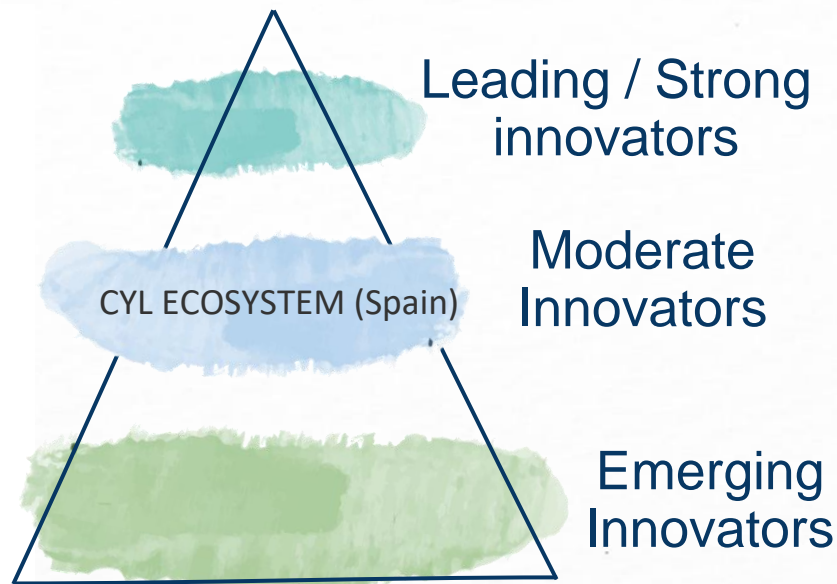
- Open Calls to implement developed solutions in industrial SMEs and upscale to TRL9

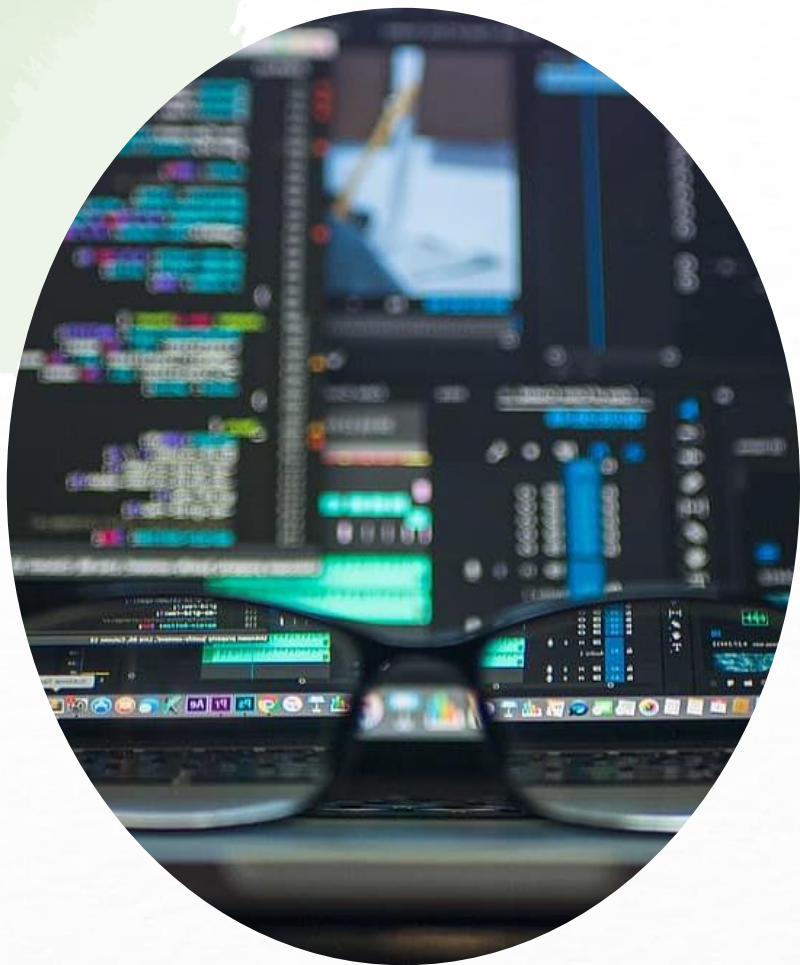
ECOSYSTEMS

- Strengthen regional ecosystems with training, sensibilization, demonstration workshops
- Programmes to involve the silver economy in cybersecurity
- Intergenerational matching to foster talent

The Consortium (in progress)

CyberFense is led by the Castilla y León Innovation Valley, with the Junta de Castilla y León regional administration support





What we look for

SMEs that have cybersecurity innovations for the industry at TRL6 and organisations to support them (EDIHs, DIHs, universities, tech centres) in **emerging or strong / leading innovation regions**



Areas of interest (initial, subject to expansion)

- cybersecurity with AI, Generative AI, blockchain, quantum technology, etc.,
- cybersecurity for industrial environments, IoT, 5G, connected industry, silver economy, microservices, etc.?

Any suggestion?

What we offer

If you are an SME, and you have innovative technologies in the field of cybersecurity that are not yet industrialised or mature

You can join the Consortium as a partner:

- 1) We will allocate budget for your upscaling needs (TRL6-TRL7)
70% funded
- 2) We will launch Open Calls to set up implementation pilots and test your technology in SMEs of different sectors (TRL8)



What we offer

If you are a non for profit organization

You can join the Consortium as a partner (70% funding) and/or:

- 1) Provide services to the SMEs upscaling technologies
- 2) Support us on creating training programmes to sensibelize the industry on cybersecurity
- 3) Support us on implementing intergenerational training experiences
- 4) Take active part on the dissemination and communication of the project

Alternatively, you can support the project with no budget but be informed of our activities and progress on a regular basis, deciding your level of commitment along the way!



Next steps!

If this sounds interesting to you get in touch with us to see how you can contribute to Cyberfense and support us building this project

Proposal deadline is the 17th October 23

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