

# S3-MANAGER CONSULTATION

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Date of meeting	Sept. 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2019
Location	ecoplus, Lower Austrian business agency St. Pölten

14:00

- Introduction of TransFarm project
- Explanation, why S3 Managers are involved
- What are regional / national authorities doing to support the regional industry operating in Precision Farming?

Ecoplus (the Lower Austrian business agency) operates so called Technopoles. One is located in Wieselburg, focusing on Agricultural Technology.

The Mechatronic Cluster incorporates Precision Farming technologies provided by the industrial sector.

Besides:

Maschinenring already operates PF machinery as know how center.

Agro-Innovation-Labs (RWA and BayWa) provide drone services.

Blade Scape offer drones for rent.

The S3-strategy is implemented in the regional Lower Austrian FTI strategy (research, technology, innovation). There are no specific subsidy schemes for PF, neither for farmer, nor for industry. But the FTI strategy of Lower Austria includes Industry 4.0, which includes PF-technology.

Other Federal Provinces do not focus on Agricultural Technology in their regional strategies.

Ask for numbers such as

- a. Existing supporting schemes
- b. Number of project financed
- c. Regional competence networks established
- d. M€ granted to innovation projects in PF

ad a) Subsidy scheme “Industry 4.0”, financed by Lower Austria, not by EFRE

ad b) projects mainly carried out by Josephinum Research (Wieselburg, part of Francisco Josephinum), University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences (BOKU, Vienna), University of Veterinary Medicine (vetmed, Vienna), Austrian Institute of Technology (AIT, Klosterneuburg), Linz Center of Mechatronics (LCM, Linz). A certain number of projects financed could not be obtained.

ad c) regional competence networks are Technopol Wieselburg, Josephinum Research & BLT Wieselburg and Mechatronic Cluster

ad d) A certain value of granted innovation projects could not be obtained. ELER fond to support research and development in agriculture, with 20 % of whole budget. Share will be raised to 30 % in the future.

Vision for the future (programming period 2021-2027)

The S3 strategy will be transformed in the Lower Austrian Business Strategy (“Wirtschaftsstrategie NÖ”) in the Areas Digitisation, Big Data which also includes Smart Farming.

Invitation to transnational seminar in Linz (03./04.12.2019)

Mr. Nagelhofer will attend meeting

Rossböck and Seidl from ÖROK will be invited, too.

Klaus Oberreiter and Iris Reingruber will be invited from Upper Austria.

Project Partners have to invite their local S3-Managers for seminar in Linz. - Info to Marco Meggiolaro

Collaboration during case studies fixed

## Open questions

*Means regional strategy only Lower Austria?*

*Is S3 Manager consultation necessary also in other provinces, which do not focus on PF?*

*Has the proposed future regional action plan to be signed by the local authorities? And is it obligatory for authorities?*

*Streimelweger, Karner*