

Smart Specialisation and the Baltic Sea Region

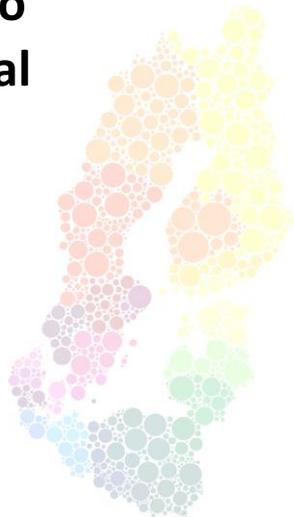
INTERNATIONAL VALUE CHAINS AS A GOAL FOR REGIONAL SMART SPECIALISATION – EXPERIENCES WITH VALUE CHAINS

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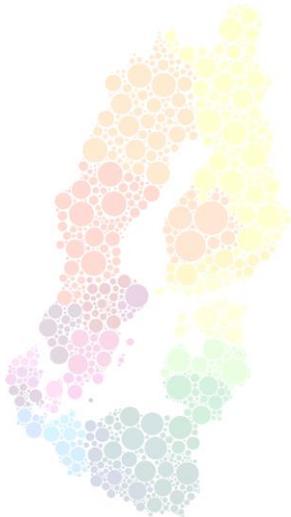
Since the First Directors Meeting in Stockholm, significant work has taken place to build the BSR S3 ecosystem foundations:

- a **leadership programme through the Swedish Institute on Smart Specialisation** to support capacity building and a stronger awareness of the benefits of industry-led interregional collaboration for S3;
- **an S3-focused workshop (organised by Region Vasterbotten) at a high-level event in Lahti on the Future of Europe** which provided the opportunity to further discuss the post-2020 S3 proposals and the BSR's S3 ecosystem ambition
- Region Vasterbotten organised a workshop session at a **BSR Bio / Circular Economy event to gauge appetite and demand from stakeholders regarding a stronger, S3-focused interregional approach** to Bio / Circular Economy across the BSR
- Region Vasterbotten will host an **OECD event linked to the industrial transition of international mining communities** – this event will feature an S3 session
- Region Vasterbotten is the lead partner in the **IR BSR Platform project for the set-up of a BSR S3 Ecosystem**. Starts in September 2019

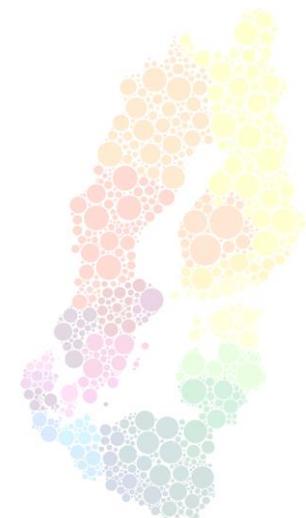
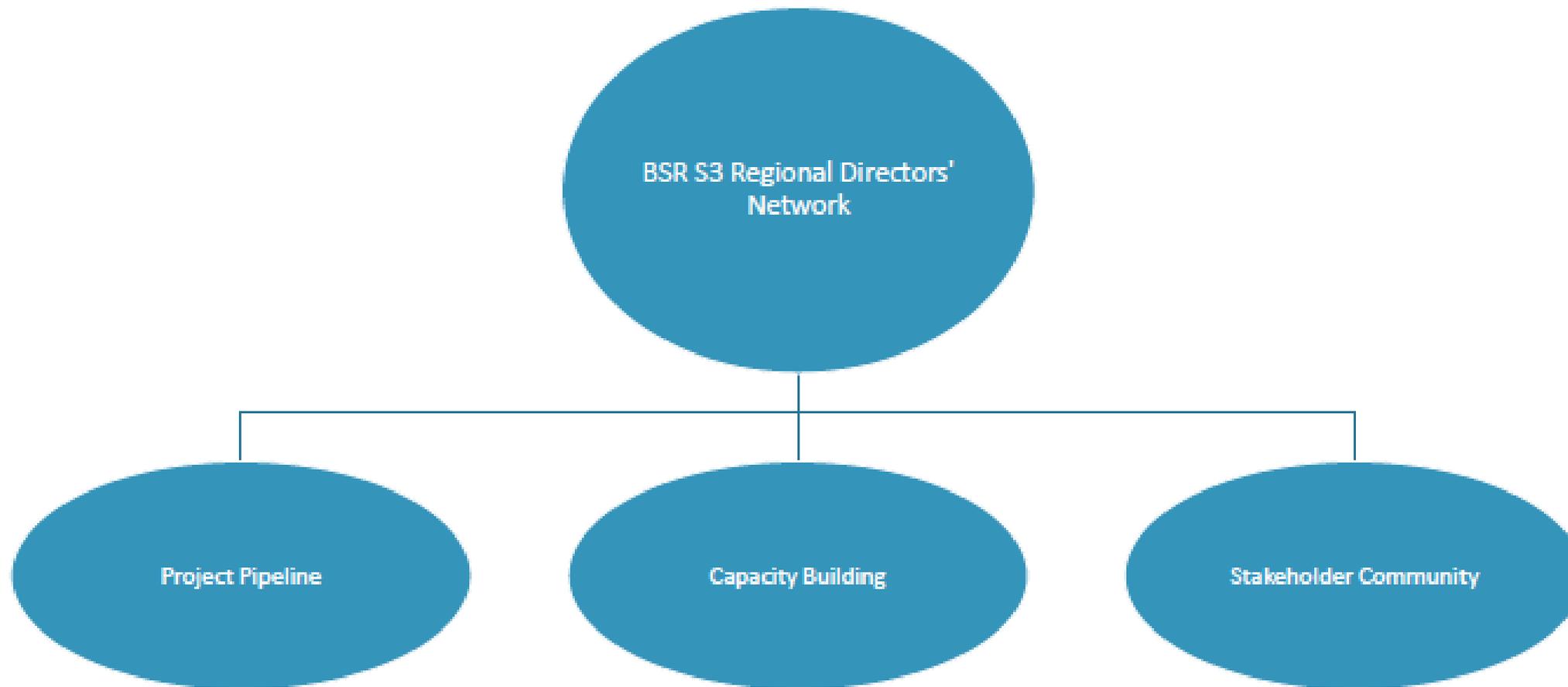


Directors Network and the BSR S3 Ecosystem

- The development of a **'bank' of BSR S3 case studies, which demonstrate the value of S3-focused industrial collaboration across BSR regions**. This early work can be built upon to generate an evidence base on the BSR's approach to S3, showing the innovation benefits of interregional working.
- The DN offers a significant opportunity to drive new value in the BSR's interregional S3 efforts. This requires strong leadership, guidance and commitment while balancing this with the voluntary nature of the Network. Furthermore, a common approach also requires a common language to deliver international opportunities.
- The European Commission's (EC) proposals for the post-2020 S3 agenda are accompanied by a new instrument for interregional innovation investment – 'Component 5'. While discussions remain rather fluid about the future of this instrument, an EC consultation exercise is proposed in June 2019.



Outline illustration of BSR S3 Ecosystem – the key pillars



Thank you

