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# S34Growth: EU industry renewal, competitiveness and internationalisation through industry- led interregional cooperation

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- Supporting the renewal of Europe's industry and competitiveness
- Emphasising the importance of industry-led interregional collaboration
- New kind of interregional cooperation linking value chains across Europe and improving commercialisation and product and service development

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In S34Growth, 10 European regions (Tampere, the Basque Country, Catalonia, Flanders, Lombardy, Norte, Scotland, Skåne, South Holland, and South Netherlands) from 8 EU countries develop an innovative interregional element to their structural fund policy instruments, supporting the renewal of Europe's industry and competitiveness.

Within the Vanguard Initiative – New Growth through Smart Specialisation, the S34Growth partners have been pioneering a new approach to European industry-led interregional cooperation since late 2013.



Malmö

### On-Site Deep Dives around Europe

The main activities of interregional learning and exchange of experience is based on On-Site Deep Dive (OSDD) visits to S34Growth partner regions. So far, the partnership has explored the regional innovation systems, smart specialisation strategies and industry-led innovations in Tampere, Skåne, Norte and Scotland. The OSDDs provide the partners with vital information when developing their own Regional Action Plans.



Porto



Glasgow

### Regional Stakeholder Groups

An important element of S34Growth activities are the Regional Stakeholder Groups that each partner organisation has formed in its region. In February 2017, the stakeholders of Tampere region came together to hear about the results of the OSDDs in Skåne and Norte, to give an update on the European cooperation within their own organisations, and to discuss challenges of future innovation policy and funding.



Regional Stakeholder Group in Tampere

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