



# Opportunity Zones for innovation ecosystems governance- ZES

**The overall objective of ZES is to contribute to reform the Cohesion Policy for the programming period 2021-2027 in strengthening the regional capabilities towards shock-absorb development trajectories**

The main objective of the ZES (opportunity Zones for innovation EcosystemS governance) project is to build a logical framework for prioritizing public choices at city level towards Innovation Ecosystem (IE) rationale. The ZES project focuses on IEs governance and decision-making processes starting from the analysis of local assets – and their potentials – with respect the urban context to reinforce the urban dimension of S3 and Cohesion Policy for the next programming period. The project moves forward the MAPS-LED findings by investigating governance models and decision-making processes beyond the innovation-driven transformation phase characterized by local IEs, focusing on the assets closely connected with the specific assets/values of the urban context. The IE explanation synthesizes the complex dynamics, connections and relationships between actors involved in innovation-oriented processes within cities. The investigation of the complex knowledge and innovation dynamics occurring within Innovation Ecosystem with respect the urban context can provide useful suggestions for improving the Smart Specialisation Strategies (S3) approach and reinforcing the Cohesion Policy in a period characterized by uncertainty and severe challenges for EU regions and cities.

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