

## **PRICNAC call for projects: Understanding "3S smart specialisation strategies "**

**The webinar on "3S smart specialisation strategies" was held on 22 July 2021.**

This second webinar follows on from the first webinar on "Concrete instructions for the proposal of small scale projects" to support potential applicants to the [call for small scale projects](#). Smart Specialisation Strategies (3S) refers to a system with the capacity to develop new activities from existing resources. PRICNAC small scale projects are expected to be in line with the 3S logic.

The webinar on 3S was moderated by Dr Mafini Dosso, Project Leader "Smart Specialisation in Innovation and Informal African Economies" at the Joint Research Centre of the European Commission. In her presentation, Ms Dosso outlined the main types and forms of innovation, the challenges of innovation for local and global development, and the strategic approach to innovation for sustainable territorial transformation, thereby introducing an initial explanation of the 3S concept.

Many questions were asked, which highlighted the need for another information session on this topic. A second webinar on 3S will be organised soon

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### **First webinar on the call for small scale project proposals**

***On 16 July 2021, the PRICNAC project consortium hosted a webinar on " Concrete instructions for small scale project proposals ". About 50 people took part in the webinar.***

The webinar with the title "Concrete instructions for the proposal of small scale projects" was organised following the [call for small scale project proposals](#) launched on 9 July 2021. Following "[Information days](#)", this was intended to the immediate target of the project and to potential candidates to the call for small scale project proposals for a better understanding of the PRICNAC project and to provide all the modalities to subscribe to the call for proposals. Moderated by the AUF and OBREAL Global teams, the webinar covered the following subjects:

- Presentation of the PRICNAC consortium composed of AUF, OBREAL Global, CAMES and REIFAC
- Presentation of the objectives of PRICNAC and the four Axes of the ACP Innovation Fund
- Clarification of the rules applicable to the call for projects, how to register online and how to compile the budget.

The presentation of these various elements resulted in a fruitful exchange which helped to clear up any unclear aspect. To conclude, all participants were encouraged to attend the webinar on smart specialisation strategies on 22 July 2021.