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Topic 3 - Widening participation in P2Ps

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Key Discussion Items

- Findings from the JPI evaluation – how to increase the participation from the “group of marginal players”
- How to use SF
- Experiences from the Smart Specialization Strategies on the use of Structural Funds in financing P2Ps

Key Findings

- Group of marginal players not the same as EU 13
- Main barriers:
 - **lack of political commitment**
 - lack of funding
 - difficult to use SF
- EU13 very active in smart specialisation strategy platform

Recommendations

- Do not use SF to fund participation in P2P – rather to build capacity and invest in infrastructure
- Top down approach from EC needed to adapt rules for SF to make them more suitable for P2Ps
- Marginal players should select a few initiatives - build trust and political commitment
- Make it possible for regions to take part in JPI activities