

# 1 WP3 THEMATIC WORKING GROUPS

## THEMATIC WORKING GROUP : THE FORWARD PILLAR

According to FORWARD objectives, the lack of critical mass and connectivity between ORs and continental Europe are some of the main obstacles ORs are facing to access EU framework programme.

The aim of work package 3 (Co-creation and implementation of thematic working plans) is to reinforce the actual and reveal the potential competitive advantages of Outermost Regions in their respective research and innovation fields of expertise, and the identification of common interests.

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**Three main reasons explain the weak participation of the ORS in Horizon 2020 calls and funded projects (WP2 diagnosis) :**

- 1 European, national, and regional public policies do not enough support the participation of outermost regions in the European Research Area
- 2 A lack of strategy impedes the connection of ORs to major European networks
- 3 Few organizations are involved in Framework Programme



WP4 will enable stakeholders to benefit from training activities with the help of the implementation of a capacity building plan.

As for WP5, networking activities, such as scientific conferences and tailored events (workshop and webinars) will bring ORs closer

## 8 THEMATIC WORKING GROUPS (TWG)

8 thematic groups have been defined based on the pillars of the Horizon Europe program and ORs common interests. Since December 2020, experts from Europe, ORs and other countries have had online meetings.

After 3 months of exchanges/interactions/common work, an action plan has been drawn by all the TWG members with general ambition for each TWG.

