

Session 3

Closing the digital gap in Europe and Central Asia – Regional Priority 1

This technical session will allow for a deeper dive into digitalization and innovation in Europe and Central Asia, reflecting the big challenge of how to ensure that smallholders and other vulnerable groups in rural areas become part of the digital transformation.

A moderated panel discussion will highlight the issues of digitalization and the importance of its inclusion in the programme of the region as an accelerator (as outlined in the Strategic Framework) towards achieving the SDGs.

The session also expects members and non-state actors to provide their thoughts and views along the lines of the guiding questions in the background document regarding how to contribute to closing the digital gap, ensuring that smallholders become part of the digital transformation in order to address Regional Priority 1.

(background document)