What is needed from the EU to foster (more) regional cooperation?

Successful examples for regional cooperation:
FURGY CLEAN Innovation DE-DK
Sustainable Energy Emmen-Haren DE-NL
IrRadiare - Portugal
Biogas 2020 NO-SE-DK

An increasing role for regions
How the EU could bring cooperation to another level

- Promote expertise and experience sharing:
  An observatory for RE cooperation?
  A database to share experiences?
  An EU platform for best practices?

- Financial incentives
How the EU could help overcoming obstacles to regional cooperation

- **Political obstacles:**
  - promote a positive political narrative
  - foster cooperation in research and innovation
  - encourage energy and green economy clusters

- **Legislative and normative obstacles:**
  - need for leveling/balancing subsidy/taxation scheme differences
  - ensure better transposition of directives
  - urge MS to change legislation to end legislation conflicts

- **Give possibility to regions for experimentation and find solutions at the local level:**
  - introduce the new legal tool proposed under the Luxembourg Presidency?