Instructions for Smart Specialisation Stories

The S3 Platform is seeking stories of how smart specialisation is working in practice. They will be used in publications and online media. In order to be used they must provide specific details of how the S3 has impacted on the country/region.

Please provide a maximum of 1000 words. The final text will be edited down to around 300 words by the S3 Platform team.

1. Which step of the RIS3 Guide does your story relate to? (see diagram below). *Usually this will be just one but may be more.*



2. What is new about this story compared to the situation before the S3 was designed? *Background information is fine if it relates to how things changed with S3, but otherwise it should not be included.*

3. Please provide specific details about the story? For example, it relates to process, what is the name of the new process, who is involved and what results can be observed so far?

4. Who were the main actors that made this change happen?

5. What were the challenges and solutions encountered?

6. Please provide links to supporting documents or online media, as well as a relevant photo. *An official URL, ideally to S3 page, is required as is photo. Other media e.g. a video is optional.*

7. If possible, please provide quotes of opinions from policy makers and regional actors.