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# S3 Newsletter

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Welcome to the seventh issue of the S3 Newsletter

## S3 PLATFORM - A GROWING COMMUNITY

**107 regions, 4 countries and 2 non-EU regions are now registered in the S3 Platform**

Newcomers:

### **Magyarország (Hungary)**

Dél-Alföld (Southern Great Plain) (HU)  
Κρήτη (Crete) (GR)  
Limousin (FR)  
Uusimaa (FI)  
Vojvodina (SRB)

More info:

<http://s3platform.jrc.ec.europa.eu/s3-platform-registered-regions>

## S3 PEER-REVIEW

### **OPEN FOR REGISTRATION**

#### **S3 Platform 7<sup>th</sup> Peer-review workshop**

13-14 March 2013 in Brno (CZ)

Organised jointly with the South Moravian region. Four regions have confirmed their interest in submitting their RIS3 to peer-review. These are: Saxony (DE), South Moravia (CZ), Świętokrzyskie (PL) and Wales (UK).

The workshop will include a session on multi-level governance and in particular on discussing the links and co-ordination between the national and regional level.

More info and registration:

<http://s3platform.jrc.ec.europa.eu/7th-peer-review-13-14-mar>

### **REGISTRATION CLOSED**

S3 Platform 6<sup>th</sup> Peer-review workshop - 7-8 February 2013 in Palma de Mallorca (ES)

We have reached full capacity for this next workshop organised jointly with the Balears region and registration is now closed. Five regions will have their strategy peer-reviewed: Aragón and Balears (ES), Lapland (FI), Marche (IT) and Pomorskie (PL).

More info (including draft agenda and practical information):  
<http://s3platform.jrc.ec.europa.eu/6th-peer-review-7-8-feb>

**More peer-review workshops** will be organised in the coming months.

Provisional dates are as follows:

- 14-15 May 2013 in Vaasa (FI) – dates confirmed
- late June 2013
- late September 2013

**If your region/country is registered to the Platform and wishes to be peer-reviewed** in an upcoming workshop or host one, please contact the S3 Platform at [jrc-ipts-s3platform@ec.europa.eu](mailto:jrc-ipts-s3platform@ec.europa.eu).

Since January 2012, the Platform has organized 5 Peer Review Workshops for registered regions. 81 regional / national administrations have participated at least once to a peer-review, of which 28 regions have participated more than once. Around 260 policy-makers and experts have attended the workshops so far. Including the next February rendez-vous in Palma de Mallorca, 24 EU regions will have had their strategy peer-reviewed.



Small groups working at a parallel peer-review session  
Pisa (IT) workshop - Sep 2012

33 regions/countries participating

Peer-reviewed regions:  
Centre (FR)  
Satakunta (FI)  
Tuscany (IT)

Plenary introductory session  
Strasbourg (FR) workshop – Dec 2012

29 regions/countries participating

Peer-reviewed regions:  
Alsace (FR)  
Attica (EL)  
Bratislava (SK)  
Emilia-Romagna (IT)



Family photo at the Azores workshop  
Ponta Delgada (PT) – Jun 2012

20 regions/countries participating

Peer-reviewed regions:  
Azores (PT)  
Canary Islands (ES)  
Cornwall (UK)  
La Réunion (FR)

## S3 GOES DIGITAL !

The Europe 2020 strategy has recognised the enormous potential and enabling role of ICT and made the Digital Agenda for Europe (DAE) one of its seven flagships. Its aim is to deliver smart, sustainable and inclusive economic growth through the realisation of the digital single market and the exploitation of the potentials for innovation of fast and ultra-fast internet and interoperable services and applications.

The development of a chapter for digital growth within their RIS3 will enable regions to identify the priorities for ICT investment relevant to their specific territory, balancing the needs between offer and demand for ICT infrastructure, applications and services. ICT uptake and innovative applications indeed can play a crucial role in the context of the RIS3 priority setting exercise and the identification of future areas of specialisation.

The S3 Platform, together with DG CONNECT and in co-operation with DG REGIO, is going to integrate the DAE perspectives and challenges into its activities in 2013 and onwards. The aim of this initiative is to provide support to national and regional policy makers to successfully develop and implement ICT-based innovation in their RIS3 and related EU cohesion policy operational programmes (OP). More detailed information will be made available in the next issues of this Newsletter.

**If your region/country is registered to the Platform and wishes to actively participate in DAE/ICT-related activities, such as:**

- (i) discussing DAE/ICT-related subjects (please specify) in thematic workshops;
  - (ii) having the DAE components of your RIS3 peer-reviewed at specifically focused peer-review workshops;
  - (iii) having an independent expert informally assessing the DAE components of your RIS3 and (if appropriate) the related sections of your draft OP in the second part of 2013 (we can assist a sample of 20 countries/regions on the basis on the requests we receive);
- please contact the S3 Platform at [jrc-ipts-s3platform@ec.europa.eu](mailto:jrc-ipts-s3platform@ec.europa.eu) specifying your interests.

## S3 FOCUS – REGIOSTARS AWARDS 2014

The objective of the **RegioStars Awards** is to identify good practices in regional development and to highlight original and innovative projects which could be attractive and inspiring to other regions. The RegioStars awards form part of the Commission's Regions for Economic Change initiative, which aims to highlight good practice in urban and regional development.

**The application process for the 2014 RegioStars Awards is now open.**

Applications should be sent **by 19 April 2013** to the electronic address [REGIO-STARS@ec.europa.eu](mailto:REGIO-STARS@ec.europa.eu). The selected finalists will have the opportunity to showcase their projects before an independent jury during the eleventh annual European Week of Regions and Cities - OPEN DAYS 2013. The Award ceremony itself will take place in Brussels in early 2014.

There are **five RegioStars Award categories** for 2014:

1. SMART GROWTH: SME innovation
2. SUSTAINABLE GROWTH: Green growth and jobs through Bio-economy
3. INCLUSIVE GROWTH: Creating jobs for the young generation
4. CITYSTAR CATEGORY: Investment projects in sustainable urban public transport
5. MAJOR INVESTMENT PROJECTS: Energy efficiency and the low carbon economy

More info: <http://ec.europa.eu/inforegio/goto.cfm?page=regiostars2014>

## S3 NEXT

## S3 EVENTS

### February 07-08

S3 Platform Peer-review workshop (Palma de Mallorca, ES)  
<http://s3platform.jrc.ec.europa.eu/6th-peer-review-7-8-feb>

### March 13-14

S3 Platform Peer-review workshop (Brno, CZ)  
<http://s3platform.jrc.ec.europa.eu/7th-peer-review-13-14-mar>

## OTHER EVENTS

### January 31

Accelerating European growth through innovation (Berlin, DE)  
<http://www.eitictlabs.eu/ict-labs/all-events/article/business-conference-accelerating-european-growth-through-innovation-in-berlin/>

### February 05-06

How to capitalise on the transformative power of service innovation for structural change? (Belfast, UK)  
[http://www.europe-innova.eu/web/guest/home/-/journal\\_content/56/10136/1023867](http://www.europe-innova.eu/web/guest/home/-/journal_content/56/10136/1023867)

### February 12

Smart specialisation conference (Zagreb, HR)

### February 19-21

Celebrating a brighter future! FTTH conference 2013 (London, UK)  
<http://www.ftthcouncil.eu/ftth-conference/welcome>

### April 02-04

"InnoMatch" Regional Innovation Fair (Arad, RO)  
<http://www.regiuneavest.ro/en/events/innovation-fair/>

### April 11-12

Training Workshop on Smart Specialisation for South East European countries (Belgrade, SR)  
<http://wbc-inco.net/object/event/11347>

### May 05-08

RSA European Conference 2013 - Shape and be Shaped: The Future Dynamics of Regional Development (Tampere, FI)  
<http://www.regionalstudies.org/conferences/conference/rsa-european-conference-2013>

### May 23-24

EARTO Annual Conference 2013 (Dubrovnik, HR)  
<http://www.earto.eu/earto-events/events/1369260000/detail/earto-annual-conference-2013-dubrovnik.html>

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