



S3 Newsletter

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Welcome to the eleventh issue of the S3 Newsletter

S3 PLATFORM - A GROWING COMMUNITY

130 EU regions, 9 EU countries and 2 non-EU regions are now registered in the S3 Platform

Newcomers:

Latvijas Republika (Republic of Latvia) (LV)

Nord-Vest (North-West) (RO)
Pohjois-Savo (Northern Savonia) (FI)
Scotland (UK)

More info:

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

S3 PEER-REVIEW

S3 Platform 10th Peer-review workshop

04-05 July in Faro (PT)

The S3 Platform and the Portuguese region of Algarve are organising in the coming days a peer-review workshop with the theme "tourism as a RIS3 priority".

During this workshop, four European regions Algarve (PT), Sicily (IT), Rhône-Alpes (FR) and Kujawsko-Pomorskie (PL) will present their current work on RIS3.

All four of the reviewed regions have tourism as a priority in their RIS3 and this theme will be discussed widely during the peer review. In addition, there will be a thematic discussion on S3 and tourism before the peer review itself, bringing together representatives of industry, research and government.

More info: <http://s3platform.jrc.ec.europa.eu/9th-peer-review-4-5-july-2013>

For late registrations please contact jrc-ipts-s3events@ec.europa.eu.

More peer-review workshops will be organised in the autumn:

- 26-27 September 2013 in Heraklion (GR), with a specific focus on related variety and RIS3
- 05-06 November 2013 in Potsdam (DE), with a specific focus on smart cities and urban/rural linkages

If your region/country is registered to the Platform and wishes to be peer-reviewed in an upcoming workshop or host one, please contact us at jrc-ipts-s3platform@ec.europa.eu. Please do not forget that we can organise focussed specific peer-review workshops on **national/regional digital agenda strategic policy frameworks** or digital agenda chapters of your RIS3 as well.

Flash news from Budapest!

The 9th S3 Platform peer-review workshop was held on 24-25 June in the premises of the National Innovation Office, Budapest, Hungary and permitted **four EU Member States** (Hungary, Portugal, Malta and Lithuania) to present their work on RIS3 and receive peer feedback from 'critical friends' from both national and regional authorities. Around 60 participants from 20 different countries participated.

More info:

<http://s3platform.jrc.ec.europa.eu/national-peer-review-24-25-jun-2013>

S3 POLICY BRIEFS

We are pleased to announce the launch of the **S3 Policy Brief Series**, which intends to provide scientific analysis to reinforce the policy advice of the S3 Platform. The range of subjects covered is wide, but in general address one or more steps of the RIS3 Guide. The target audiences are policy makers at EU, national and local and regional levels, stakeholders with an interest in RIS3 and researchers of innovation systems and smart specialisation.

The first two policy briefs are available in the S3 Platform website at <http://s3platform.jrc.ec.europa.eu/s3-policy-briefs>.

S3 Policy Brief 01/2013 - Authors: Dominique Foray and Xabier Goenaga

Title: The goals of smart specialisation

S3 Policy Brief 02/2013 - Authors: Dominique Foray and Alessandro Rainoldi

Title: Smart specialisation programmes and implementation

RIS3 GUIDE: UPDATE OF ANNEX III

This update of Annex III to the RIS3 Guide is intended to **provide practical tools to policy-makers, experts and practitioners** working at both national and regional level on how to approach the process of establishing their RIS3 (research and innovation strategies for smart specialisation) and to assess them, including guidance on the use of the RIS3 assessment wheel.

In particular, a section on "kick-starting your RIS3 process" has been added, which is meant to inspire the very first phase of the RIS3 process and its inclusive character: how to launch it, what to do, whom to consult? It is mainly aimed at suggesting to the regional / national policy-maker how to address the actors of the "quadruple helix" (business, research, public sector, civil society/users) and get their views, opinions and input to the RIS3 development process and its steps.

The updated text of Annex III of the RIS3 Guide is available and can be downloaded at <http://s3platform.jrc.ec.europa.eu/s3pguide>

UNIVERSITIES AND RIS3

Universities can be crucial institutions in the design and implementation of successful RIS3. They have a multi-dimensional role to play, with their research, teaching and community activities all contributing to the transformation of a regional economy through RIS3.

A workshop in February 2013 at the S3 Platform's headquarters in Seville produced a report including key messages, a summary of the discussions and good practice examples from different universities.

The principal "take home" message of the debate was that there was clearly no "one size fit" approach as Europe's regions needed different types of cooperation reflecting their specific contexts. But "common guidelines" could be established that were based on good practices with respect to: established successful cooperation between universities and regional authorities; coordination achieved between national policy and regional policy and funding instruments; and, crucially, how mutual understanding and medium-to-long term cooperation frameworks had been developed.

More info: <http://s3platform.jrc.ec.europa.eu/universities>

RIS3 IN THE BALTIC SEA REGION

Get smarter together in the Baltic Sea Region – taking innovation and smart specialisation across borders

On November 7th 2013 in Malmö, Sweden, the S3 Platform together with BSR Stars, StarDust and Vinnova, will organise an event to find cooperation partners and exploit the synergies between the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region and the RIS3s in the same area. The event will offer concrete opportunities to add a cross-border dimension to the development of Smart Specialisation by matching interesting partner regions with the aim at achieving something that they cannot do on their own. Matchmaking will be concentrated around identified common topics, for example Personal Health and Sustainable Cities. On November 6th, results of StarDust will be presented and discussed in relation to how to create strong competitive advantages in the macro-region. The events aim at gathering representatives among innovative companies, clusters, universities, innovation agencies and other actors involved in development and implementation of Smart Specialisation Strategies around the Baltic Sea.

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S3 PAST EVENTS

EuroNanoForum 2013, 18-20 June 2013, Dublin (IE)

EuroNanoForum 2013 focused on the commercialisation of nanotechnologies, exploiting its potential for new applications and taking them further from enabling technologies to end products. It also introduced the industry to new innovations for growth opportunities. Additionally, the conference hosted two workshops which focused on the role of Key Enabling Technologies in the new funding period ('KETs and Horizon2020' and 'KETs-Development and Deployment').

'The Week of Innovative Regions in Europe' (WIRE), 5-7 June 2013, Cork (IE)

This conference series is now recognised as a key element in facilitation of the European regional agenda. The conferences have generally succeeded in bringing together regional, national and European stakeholders including public organisations, policymakers, research communities and enterprises to address, develop and progress key topics of interest to the community. The three-day conference, Week of Innovative Regions Europe IV (WIRE IV), was organised in Cork, Ireland during Ireland's Presidency of the European Union in 2013. The WIRE IV focused on regional aspects relevant to the final stages of the Horizon 2020 design and legislative process and will be positioned primarily as an implementation focussed activity in the context of the Cohesion Policy 2014-2020 and Europe 2020.

Further info on those and other past events related to S3:

<http://s3platform.jrc.ec.europa.eu/past-events>

S3 NEXT

EC LARGE EVENTS

October 07-10

OPEN DAYS – 11th European Week of Regions and Cities (Brussels, BE)

http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/conferences/od2013/index.cfm

November 08

Regions as motors of new growth through smart specialisation (Brussels, BE)

http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/conferences/agenda_index_en.cfm?nmenu=1

OTHER EVENTS

July 02

Regional smart specialisation strategies (Novi Sad, RS)

<http://www.uns.ac.rs/en/>

July 04-05

S3 Platform peer-review workshop "Tourism and smart specialisation" (Faro, PT)

<http://s3platform.jrc.ec.europa.eu/9th-peer-review-4-5-july-2013>

September 03-06

TCI Global Conference: Designing the future - Innovation through strategic partnerships (Kolding, DK)

www.tci2013.com

September 26-27

CONCORDi-2013: 4th European Conference on Corporate R&D and Innovation (Seville, ES)

<http://iri.jrc.ec.europa.eu/concord/2013/index.html>

September 26-27

S3 Platform peer-review workshop (Heraklion, GR)

October 09-11

17th Asian Science Parks Association annual conference (Gwangju, KR)

http://www.aspa.or.kr/board/sub01_v.php

October 15-16

S3 thematic workshop: RIS3 and rural innovation (Centro region, PT)

October 16-17

Smart specialisation conference: Lessons from the UK and beyond: progress, good practices and next steps (Belfast, UK)

November 05-06

S3 Platform peer-review workshop (Potsdam, DE)

November 06-07

Get smarter in the Baltic Sea Region (Malmö, SE)

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