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S3 Newsletter

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Welcome to the twelfth issue of the S3 Newsletter

S3 PLATFORM - A GROWING COMMUNITY

132 EU regions, 11 EU countries and 2 non-EU regions are now registered in the S3 Platform

Newcomers:

Portugal (PT)
United Kingdom (UK)

Dalarna (SE)
Tees Valley and Durham (UK)

More info:
http://s3platform.jrc.ec.europa.eu/s3-platform-registered-regions

S3 PEER-REVIEW

S3 Platform 11th Peer-review workshop

26-27 September in Heraklion (GR)
The S3 Platform and the Greek region of Crete are pleased to announce the organisation of the S3 Platform's 11th peer-review workshop in the city of Heraklion. The workshop will include a session on **RIS3 and green growth**, including the role of ICT and smart specialisation.
Five regions (Castilla y León (Spain), Crete (Greece), Moravia-Silesia (Czech Republic), Nordland (Norway) and Umbria (Italy)) will present their current work on RIS3. The other workshop participants will be asked to act as 'critical friends' and discuss the strategies of the four regions under review.
The workshop is also going to include a plenary discussion on the application of the concept of related variety to RIS3, led by Prof. Ron Boschma, Director of the Centre for Innovation, Research and Competence in the Learning Economy (CIRCLE) at Lund University in Sweden.
More info:
http://s3platform.jrc.ec.europa.eu/11th-peer-review-26-27-september-2013-crete

The S3 Platform 12th peer-review workshop will be organised on 05-06 November 2013 in Potsdam (DE), with a specific focus on smart cities and urban/rural linkages.
The following four European regions will have their strategy discussed by peers and experts: Berlin-Brandenburg (DE), Mazowieckie – Warsaw region (PL), Prague capital city (CZ) and Greater Manchester (UK).
More information will be available in the S3 Platform website in the coming weeks.

We are currently preparing the calendar of peer-review workshops for the first semester of 2014!
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.

OPEN DAYS 2013 – 11th EUROPEAN WEEK OF REGIONS AND CITIES

In October 2013, regions and cities will be finalising preparations for the 2014-2020 cohesion policy, rural development and fisheries programmes. The OPEN DAYS will offer EU institutions, managing authorities and final beneficiaries a chance to exchange and network on new approaches before the new operational programmes are implemented in 2014. Regions and cities will also be able to present the results of their 2007-2013 EU-funded programmes and projects, showcasing the impact these have on regional development, i.e. contributing to smart, sustainable and inclusive growth.
In the framework the OPEN DAYS and in the context of the S3 Platform's work on the role of universities in smart specialisation, a workshop will be co-hosted with DG Education and Culture in association with the European University Association **on 9 October 2013 in Brussels**. The workshop will be one of many workshops addressing regional innovation at the OPEN DAYS.
For more information and to register please follow the following link: http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/conferences/od2013/index.cfm

RIS3 AND RURAL AREAS: A THEMATIC WORKSHOP

RIS3 are placed based economic development strategies and one of the defining features of many places are the rural or peri-rural contexts. In order to explore the theme of rurality and smart specialisation further, the S3 Platform has accepted the invitation of Centro region in Portugal to host a **workshop on 22-23 October 2013**. Participants will be met at Lisbon airport and transferred to the hotel and meeting venue. The agenda will be based on participatory methods such as World Café that have been used widely in S3 Platform events, allowing a complete exploration of the theme. Furthermore, the results of the workshop will lead to an S3 Policy Brief to be circulated among EU, national and regional policy makers and practitioners.
More information on the S3 Platform website at http://s3platform.jrc.ec.europa.eu/rural

SMART SPECIALISATION IN THE UK AND BEYOND

Northern Ireland, one of the first members to join the S3 Platform, will be hosting a conference on smart specialisation **in Belfast on 16-17 October 2013**. With a focus on the UK, it will also look at examples from other parts of the EU as well as internationally. This conference is an excellent opportunity for regions to build partnerships with the different parts of the UK (England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland) as well as learn from their experience. More information as well as a link to registration on the S3 Platform website: http://s3platform.jrc.ec.europa.eu/belfast

Get smarter together in the Baltic Sea Region – taking innovation and smart specialisation across borders
On 6 and 7 November 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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The Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy of the European Commission and the Flemish Government invite you to discuss the new growth opportunities and transformation powers of regional smart specialisation, in particular in view of the multi-level governance challenges of the European growth and re-industrialisation agendas.
At this crucial moment smart specialisation strategies are about to be launched across Europe mobilising a large number of stakeholders and leveraging public and private funds for innovation.
This high-level event will take place **on 8 November 2013 in Brussels** and will present the state of the art of smart specialisation and discuss its implications for European competitiveness, economic policy making and governance in the search for new growth opportunities.
It will also aim at stimulating processes of mapping and combining national, regional and European innovation roadmaps through a series of thematic workshops focusing on specific areas of joint opportunity linked to common societal challenges.
This conference is targeted at policy-makers at regional, national and European level in the fields of research, innovation, industrial policy and regional development, including ESIF (European Structural and Innovation Funds) Managing Authorities and their stakeholders.
More information: http://en.vleva.eu/smartspecialisation

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://en.vleva.eu/smartspecialisation

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)
http://s3platform.jrc.ec.europa.eu/11th-peer-review-26-27-september-2013-crete

October 10
Photonics21 workshop (Paris, FR)
http://www.photonics21.org/Events/index.php

October 16-17
Smart specialisation in the UK and beyond (Belfast, UK)
http://s3platform.jrc.ec.europa.eu/belfast

October 22-23
S3 Platform thematic workshop: Smart specialisation in rural areas (Fundão - Centro region, PT)
http://s3platform.jrc.ec.europa.eu/rural

October 24
Scientific support for growth, jobs and solidarity: culture and creative industries (Brussels, BE)
http://www.cinemaalliance.eu/?World-Cinema-Alliance=2965&WCA=Scientific-Support-for-Growth-&-Jobs&PHPSESSID=enmeiaqcnabndr68koa379pt80

October 28-29
III Congreso europeo de cooperación territorial europea y de vecindad (Cordoba, ES)
http://centrodeestudiosandaluces.es/actividades/sitios/cte/?pagina=35

November 05-06
S3 Platform peer-review workshop (Potsdam, DE)

November 06-07
Get smarter in the Baltic Sea Region (Malmö, SE)
http://s3platform.jrc.ec.europa.eu/news-and-events

November 29
Resilient territories: innovation and creativity for new modes of regional development (Faro, PT)
http://www.apdr.pt/evento_19/index.html

Info on past events related to S3: http://s3platform.jrc.ec.europa.eu/past-events

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