



Newsletter

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S3 PLATFORM NEWS

NEW MEMBER STATES AND REGIONS REGISTERED

147 EU regions, 14 EU countries and 2 non-EU regions are now registered in the S3 Platform. Newcomers: Opolskie (PL) and Bayern – welcome! More info [here](#).

PEER REVIEW WORKSHOP ON TRANSNATIONAL ASPECTS OF S3

REGISTRATION OPEN: The S3 Platform is currently preparing together with Vojvodina Regional Government in Serbia a peer review workshop which is scheduled to take place in **Novi Sad, Serbia, on 10-11 April 2014**, which is our first peer-review workshop in a non-EU country. The focus of the event will be **transnational cooperation**. During the workshop, the following 3 European regions will be peer-reviewed: Vojvodina (RS), Weser-Ems (DE, tbc) & Northeast Romania (RO). For more information and registration click [here](#).

WORKSHOP ON DEVELOPING PRIORITIES

REGISTRATION OPEN: The workshop **"How to Successfully Develop and Implement your RIS3 Priorities"** will be organised in Norrköping, East Sweden on 1-2 April 2014. Four advanced regions will present their work with developing their prioritised areas and implementation of policy mixes; East Sweden (SE), Scotland (UK), Lower Austria (AT) and Flanders (BE). More information and open registration can be found [here](#).

CONNECTING RIS3 IN THE BALTIC SEA REGION: TRANS REGIONAL COLLABORATION WITHIN RIS3

The second workshop on connecting the RIS3 in the BSR through transnational collaboration will take place on 20-21 of May in Tallinn (EE). The event will create cooperation opportunities within various priorities and dimensions within the smart specialisation process across the BSR. Please find more information [here](#).



(source: <http://www.allbusinessideas.net/business-model-innovation/>)

THE INNOVATION SCOREBOARD AND REGIONAL INNOVATION SCOREBOARD 2014 HAVE BEEN PUBLISHED

What makes innovation leaders successful? The most innovative countries perform well and clearly above the EU average in all areas: from research and higher education systems, through business innovation activities and intellectual assets up to innovation in SMEs and economic effects, reflecting balanced national research and innovation systems. Please see the complete reports [here](#).

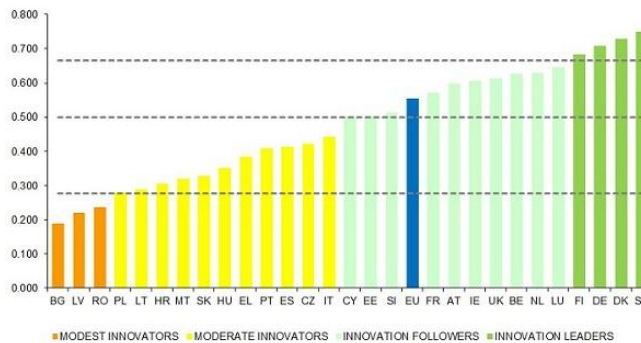
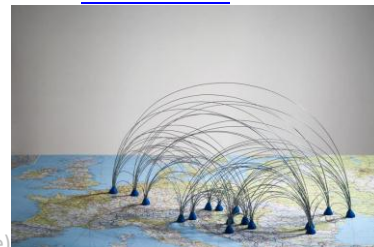


Figure 1: Innovation Union Scoreboard, 2014

PARTICIPATION OF THE S3 PLATFORM IN THE DANUBE-INCO.NET PROJECT

The FP7 project will support the on-going EUSDR policy dialogue, aims to create synergies with other regional policy initiatives and focus on bi-regional dialogue. The project's consortium is very strong with the participation of several Research Ministries, and National Research and Innovation Agencies from 12 countries from the Danube macro-region. One of the aims of the consortium is to launch concrete actions to promote smart specialisation, technology transfer and innovative projects, promoting innovative and inclusive Danube Societies, which task is led by the Platform. If you would like to receive the latest news on the project, please follow the project on its [Facebook site](#).



(source: Danube Inco.net Facebook site)

S3 EVENTS AND PUBLICATIONS

THEMATIC EVENT ON DIGITAL INNOVATION FOR REGIONAL GROWTH

The S3 platform together with DG CONNECT and the Regional Authority of Central Macedonia, Greece arranges a thematic event "*Digital Innovation for Regional Growth*", on **29 April 2014 in Thessaloniki, Greece**. For more information and registration click [here](#).

EVENT ON ICT AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The event will take place in Sofia, Bulgaria on the 3-4 of June. Further information will be available soon.

RIM WORKSHOP ON 'REGIONS, INDUSTRY AND ADVANCED MANUFACTURING'

The [Regional Innovation Monitor Plus](#) Partners and Greater Birmingham West Midlands Brussels Office is organizing its first workshop on '*Regions, Industry and Advanced Manufacturing*' held on Tuesday **18th March**. The event will be followed by a networking cocktail reception and will be hosted in Greater Birmingham West Midlands Brussels Office. For more detailed information (including the meeting agenda) and online REGISTRATION: please click [here](#).

EVENT ON SYNERGIES BETWEEN ESIF AND H2020 FOR KETS

Joining forces through *Smart Specialisation: Synergies between ESIF and Horizon 2020 for Key Enabling Technologies*. This info day raises awareness on Key Enabling Technologies (KETs) as drivers for industrial competitiveness in regions. Find out [more](#) about all these topics in **Brussels on 26 March 2014!**

ARCTIC SMARTNESS

The Regional Council of Lapland together with the Lapland University Consortium organises the seminar ARCTIC SMARTNESS – Driving Force for the European Future Development in Brussels on 13th March 2014. More information on the [Invitation](#) and draft [Programme](#). For more information on events, please visit the news section of our [website!](#)

SMART SPECIALISATION IN SOUTHERN EUROPE

The S3 Platform is organising a special session at the Annual Conference of the APDR (Portuguese section of the European Regional Science Association) in Évora, Portugal in July. Please see call for proposals. Deadline for submission of abstracts is 30th March.

DIGITAL AGENDA NEWS – DIGITAL GROWTH WORKSHOP

If your region/country is registered to the Platform and wishes to actively participate in DAE/ICT-related activities, please contact the [S3 Platform](#) specifying your interests. Potential activities are:

- Discuss DAE/ICT-related subjects (please specify) in thematic workshops;
- Have the DAE components of your RIS3 peer-reviewed at specifically focused peer review workshops;
- Have 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).

S3 PUBLICATION SERIES UPDATED!

The S3 Platform publishes a series of working papers and policy briefs in collaboration with prominent international scholars. Check out the latest publications in the [S3 Policy Briefs and Working Papers](#) section of the S3 Platform web site:

- [Universities and Smart Specialisation](#)
S3 Policy Brief 03/2013 by Louise Kempton, John Goddard, John Edwards, Fatime Barbara Hegyi and Susana Elena-Pérez
- [The Role of Government Institutions for Smart Specialisation and Regional Development](#)
S3 Policy Brief 04/2014 by Andrés Rodríguez-Pose, Marco di Cataldo and Alessandro Rainoldi
- [A Policymakers Guide to Transnational Learning in Smart Specialisation](#)
S3 Policy Brief 05/2014 by Åge Mariussen, Inger Midtkandal and Ruslan Rakhmatullin
- [Regional Branching and Smart Specialisation Policy](#)
S3 Policy Brief 06/2014 by Ron Boschma and Carlo Gianelle
- [The S3 Platform Peer Review Methodology](#)
S3 Working Paper 02/2014 by Inger Midtkandal and Ruslan Rakhmatullin

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SECOND NATIONAL PEER REVIEW - THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING!

The 13th S3 Platform peer review was held in **Riga on 25th and 26th February**. It was co-organised with Latvian Ministry of Education and Science. It was attended by over sixty participants from 24 Member States. The workshop was focused on **implementation of S3 and policy mix**. Four countries were reviewed; Latvia, Estonia, Czech Republic and England. Thank you for participating!