

## S3 PLATFORM NEWS

### EYE@RIS3 - S3 SPECIALISATION MAPPING



- EU Countries with encoded S3 Priorities: 21
- EU Regions with encoded S3 Priorities: 176
- Non-EU Countries with encoded R&I Priorities: 4
- Non-EU Regions with encoded R&I Priorities: 17

97% of EU NUTS2 regions are covered

More information and guidelines for adding priorities to the Eye@RIS3 are available [here](#)

### REMINDER

#### UPDATE OF THE EYE@RIS3 TOOL

The S3 Platform has encoded and updated the information on the S3 priorities on the basis of the advanced stages of the regional/national RIS3s and ESIF Operational programmes. We hereby kindly ask the policy makers from the regions/countries responsible for the S3 process to double-check and to update the S3 priorities of their region/country in the [Eye@RIS3](#) online tool where/when required.

### WORKSHOP CONNECTING THE RIS3 IN THE BALTIC SEA REGION 09/12/2014 IN VILNIUS (LITHUANIA)

#### REGISTRATION OPEN:



Organised together with the international innovation conference in Vilnius, the workshop will give a frame for exploring cooperation opportunities in order to tie the RIS3 across the Baltic Sea Region tighter. It will offer parallel sessions to discuss and to discover opportunities in specific areas such as Health Technologies and Sustainable Cities, Creative Society and also an Open Session for other topics proposed by the participants.

Take advantage to meet your partners in RIS3, share the knowledge, exploit the opportunities in the BSR and present your ideas for collaboration!

More information and registration [here](#).

### WORKSHOP - THE ENTREPRENEURIAL PROCESS OF DISCOVERY IN EASTERN MACEDONIA AND THRACE: FOCUS GROUP ON WINE 18TH -19TH NOVEMBER 2014, DRAMA (GREECE)

This workshop focuses on the entrepreneurial discovery process in the region's wine sector and on activities which can contribute to its future development.

More information [here](#) or contact [JRC-IPTS-REMTH@ec.europa.eu](mailto:JRC-IPTS-REMTH@ec.europa.eu)

### WORKSHOP ON MONITORING SMART SPECIALISATION 11-12 DECEMBER 2014, IN BARCELONA (SPAIN)

Together with the CITEK project, the S3 Platform is organising the workshop "Monitoring Smart Specialisation - A new Architecture for Transnational Cooperation". This workshop constitutes the starting point for a more structured discussion on monitoring in the smart specialisation process. More information [here](#).

## S3P ONLINE SURVEY

### ON EXAMPLES OF SUCCESSFUL INTER-REGIONAL AND TRANS-NATIONAL R&I PARTNERSHIPS

The S3 Platform has launched an online survey on examples of successful inter-regional and trans-national R&I partnerships. Following the bottom-up approach, we are looking for examples to set a base for shared learning and to facilitate better connectivity between the R&I partners in different countries and regions. This survey is intended to gather information on successful and sustainable R&I collaboration partnerships – between national and/or regional authorities managing R&I policies and EU structural funds, implementing agencies, innovation centres, technology parks, research institutions, cluster organisations, SME networks and other. Your proposals will serve for the establishment of a repository of cases which will then allow discussing practices applied in order to find possible supporting instruments and measures tackling the bottle-necks of trans-national R&I cooperation. The most inspiring and relevant examples will be selected by the S3 Platform to be presented at various upcoming events organised by the S3 Platform and collaborating partners. The S3 Cooperation survey is available [here](#).

## S3 NEWS AND PUBLICATIONS

### S3 PLATFORM XVII PEER REVIEW WORKSHOP - CROSS BORDER COOPERATION



Involving four regions: Galicia (Spain), Norte (Portugal), South Ostrobothnia (Finland), and Burgundy (France).

Hold in Baiona Parador, in Galicia, the workshop tackled the issue of cross-border cooperation, looking at how this can help shape priority setting, explore related variety and develop critical mass.

The event was followed by the launch of the Galicia – North of Portugal cross border S3!

**Presentations available [here](#) .**

### THE STAIRWAY TO EXCELLENCE PROJECT (S2E):

Members of the Stairway to Excellence team have been attending national events to increase the visibility of the project and discuss the issue of synergies between ESIF and funding sources such as H2020, COSME and Erasmus+.

Events have included Regional Forum for Smart Specialisation which held at the Convent of Marshals of the Republic of Poland on 28-29 October in Kazimierz Dolny, Poland and the Eleventh Czech Days for European Research (CZEDER11), which was held on 4 November in Prague.

**More information on S2E [here](#) .**

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#### SMART SPECIALISATION. OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES FOR REGIONAL INNOVATION POLICY

**BOOK REVIEW:** DOMINIQUE FORAY, ROUTLEDGE, 2015

MORE INFORMATION ON THE [EDITOR'S WEBPAGE](#)

What is Smart Specialisation exactly? How was the sketch of an academic concept translated into a precise set of policy guidelines? And how can policy makers design and implement such strategies in order to enhance economic competitiveness and community wellbeing through investment in research and innovation? This is what Dominique Foray masterfully explains and discusses with sharp knowledge of the economic matters involved and instructive empirical observations in the book *Smart Specialisation. Opportunities and Challenges for Regional Innovation Policy*. A highly recommended reading to Smart Specialisation practitioners and to all people interested in understanding more about how Smart Specialisation policies will be shaping the economic horizon of Europe in the present decade and the years to come after.

[Find out more...](#)

#### RESEARCH AND INNOVATION STRATEGIES FOR SMART SPECIALISATION IN EUROPE

#### SPECIAL ISSUE OF THE EUROPEAN JOURNAL OF INNOVATION MANAGEMENT

MORE INFORMATION ON THE VOLUME 17 ISSUE 4 [EDITOR'S WEBPAGE](#)

A special issue entirely devoted to S3 has just been published by the European Journal of Innovation Management (editor's webpage). It provides a unique opportunity to deepen our understanding of smart specialisation, both in terms of policy formulation and its practical implementation in the field. The six papers in this Special Issue are the fruit of ground-breaking research and policy testing by nearly 20 leading academics and policy makers throughout the EU. They explore the early smart specialisation concept and its further developments, examine the methodological tools at its disposal and advance specific policy proposals and governance considerations based on actual experimentation in the field.

#### Index of the Special Issue:

- Guest editorial on research and innovation strategies for smart specialisation in Europe: Theory and practice of new innovation policy approaches by Mikel Landabaso. The paper concludes underlining the challenges and the way forward in designing and implementing RIS3-oriented policy mixes. (pp. 378 - 389)
- Path dependence in policies supporting smart specialisation strategies: Insights from the Basque case by Jesús M. Valdaliso, Ederne Magro, Mikel Navarro, Mari Jose Aranguren and James R. Wilson (pp. 390 - 408)
- Smart specialisation in European regions: issues of strategy, institutions and implementation by Philip McCann and Raquel Ortega-Argilés (pp. 409 - 427)
- Adapting smart specialisation to a micro-economy – the case of Malta by Luke Georghiou, Elvira Uyarra, Ramona Saliba Scerri, Nadine Castillo and Jennifer Cassingena Harper (pp. 428 - 447)
- Smart specialisation strategies in south Europe during crisis by Nicos Komninos, Bernard Musyck and Alasdair Iain Reid (pp. 448 – 471)
- Smart specialisation in the tangled web of European inter-regional trade by Carlo Gianelle, Xabier Goenaga, Ignacio González Vázquez and Mark Thissen (pp. 472 - 491)
- From smart specialisation to smart specialisation policy by Dominique Foray (pp. 492 - 507)

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