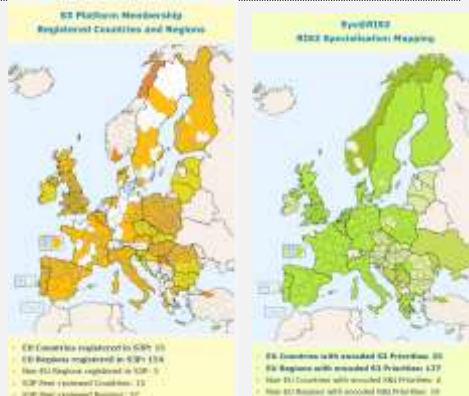




## S3 PLATFORM NEWS

### S3 PLATFORM MEMBERSHIP AND EYE@RIS3 - S3 SPECIALISATION MAPPING



More information and guidelines [here](#).

### REMINDER UPDATE OF THE EYE@RIS3

The S3 Platform is updating the information on the S3 priorities on the basis of the advanced stages of the regional/national RIS3s. Nevertheless, policy makers from the regions/countries are kindly invited to check and regularly update their S3 priorities in the [Eye@RIS3](#). You are also kindly invited to update your national/regional S3 pages (see the example of Slovenia [here](#)).

### 5TH EUROPEAN CONFERENCE ON CORPORATE R&D AND INNOVATION (CONCORDi 2015) - CALL FOR PAPER

The European Commission's Directorate Joint Research Centre ([JRC](#)) - Institute for Prospective Technological Studies ([IPTS](#)) - is organising the 5<sup>th</sup> European Conference on Corporate R&D and Innovation (CONCORDi 2015): **Industrial Research and Innovation: Evidence for Policy**. The Conference will be held in Seville (Spain) on 1-2 October 2015.

More information [here](#).

**Deadline for submission: 18 May 2015**

**Papers' submissions for CONCORDi 2015 are now open** and should be made following the instructions of the Call for Papers document that you can [download here](#).

### SUPPORT TO RIS3 TO THE REGION OF EASTERN MACEDONIA AND THRACE (REMTH) IN GREECE:

4<sup>TH</sup> ENTREPRENEURIAL DISCOVERY PROCESS FOCUS GROUP ON 5 MAY, DRAMA

1<sup>ST</sup> PROJECT DEVELOPMENT LAB ON 6-7 MAY 2015, KOMOTINI



Many of the promising ideas generated during the recent Entrepreneurial Discovery Process (EDP) focus groups events on wine, meat and dairy products, tourism and (forthcoming) marble, will be further pursued in line with possible funding sources in a forthcoming Project Development Lab.

This workshop event will take place in Komotini on 6-7 May.

It will be followed by an on-line stakeholder consultation carried out via the [project website](#), aiming to identify those ideas most appropriate for further development. Based on the outcomes of the first Project Development Lab and the on-line consultation, selected ideas will be taken further forward in a second Project Development Lab, envisaged to take place in the region in June.

Just prior to the Project Development Lab a fourth Entrepreneurial Discovery Process (EDP) focus group event, this time focused on marble will take place in Drama on 5 May. Further details available: [here](#).

### EUROPEAN SMART SPECIALISATION PLATFORM ON ENERGY LAUNCHING EVENT:

**26/05/15, BRUSSELS, BELGIUM**

This Conference with the special High Level participation of:

- **Tibor Navracsics**, European Commissioner for Education, Culture, Youth and Sport,
- **Miguel Cañete**, European Commissioner for Energy and Climate Action,
- **Corina Crețu**, European Commissioner for Regional Policy,

will launch the joint initiative of Directorate-Generals for Regional and Urban Policy Energy and the Joint Research Centre to set up a Platform on Smart Specialisation on Energy.

The platform will collaborate with interested regions/countries to analyse current energy priorities and policies, and identify good practices as well as priorities and roadmaps for bottom-up trans-regional and transnational cooperation to support the optimal and effective uptake of the Cohesion Policy funds to accelerate the development and deployment of Energy technologies

**More information coming soon.** Follow us on the [S3Platform home page](#).

### COMING SOON EVENT: 27-28/05/2015, PEER-REVIEW, SIBIU, ROMANIA



The S3 Platform is pleased to announce that a Peer-Review will take place in Sibiu, the Centru Region (Romania), on 27-28 May.

About details of this event you will be informed via separate email soon. Follow us [here](#) for more details, including how to register.

### COMING SOON EVENT: 18-19/06/2015, CANARY ISLANDS, SPAIN



The S3 Platform is pleased to announce that a thematic workshop on implementation of RIS3 in the area of Blue Growth will take place in the Canary Islands on 18-19 June.

If you are interested in presenting your priorities related to Blue Growth at this workshop, please let us know. More details including how to register will be available [here](#) soon.

## S3 NEWS AND PUBLICATIONS

### UKRAINE JOINS HORIZON 2020

More information [here](#) and below:

[EC Press Release](#)

[Horizon 2020](#)

[Associated countries](#) to Horizon 2020 EU-Ukraine [research and innovation cooperation](#)

### PEER-REVIEW WORKSHOP TOOK PLACE IN POLAND

A peer-review workshop co-organised by the S3 Platform and the Marshal Office of Podkarpackie Region, took place on 19-20th March 2015, at the Rzeszów University of Technology.

The main topic was *ECONOMIC TRANSITION OF REGIONS*. More information [here](#).

### ICT-ENABLED SOCIAL INNOVATION (IESI) PROJECT

The European Commission's JRC-IPTS, through the [IESI project](#), is conducting research to provide evidence-based knowledge on the role of ICT-enabled social innovation in supporting social investment reforms.

A [report presenting the 2014 Knowledge Map](#) of policy experiences across the EU has been developed and discussed during an [Experts Workshop](#) in Brussels.

The IESI Knowledge Map will be further enriched in the continuation of the research with examples from EU regions and beyond.

More information on IESI Project Website [here](#).

Contact: [Gianluca Misuraca](#), IESI Project Leader .

### STAIRWAY TO EXCELLENCE

The Stairway to Excellence (S2E) pages keep been enriched with further [National and Regional Fact & Figures](#).

Also, a [Croatia National Event](#) took place on 26 March in Zagreb (HR) as the first of a series, followed by a [Latvia National Event](#), on 15 April in Riga (LV).

More information on S2E [here](#).

### S3 PLATFORM ON TWITTER – FOLLOW US!



### [NEW S3 PUBLICATIONS – YOU CAN DOWNLOAD ALL DOCUMENTS HERE](#)

#### MAPPING INNOVATION PRIORITIES AND SPECIALISATION PATTERNS IN EUROPE

AUTHORS: JENS SÖRVIK AND ALEXANDER KLEIBRINK

##### S3 WORKING PAPER 08/2015

The most common R&I priority areas in the EU are energy, health, information and communication technologies, food, advanced materials, services, tourism, sustainable innovation, advanced manufacturing systems, and the cultural and creative industries. You can find the Working paper [here](#).

#### MONITORING MECHANISMS FOR SMART SPECIALISATION STRATEGIES

AUTHORS: CARLO GIANELLE AND ALEXANDER KLEIBRINK

##### S3 POLICY BRIEF 13/2015

This policy brief describes the fundamental functions of RIS3 monitoring mechanisms, their relationship with the underlying logic of intervention as well as the challenges with regard to indicator selection, data quality and governance. You can find it [here](#).

#### WORLD CORPORATE TOP R&D INVESTORS: INNOVATION AND IP BUNDLES

AUTHORS: ÉLÈNE DERNIS, MAFINI DOSSO, FERNANDO HERVÁS, VALENTINE MILLOT, MARIAGRAZIA SQUICCIARINI AND ANTONIO VEZZANI

This joint EC-OECD report builds on the efforts to collect up-to-date, reliable and comparable company data on the top corporate R&D investors worldwide carried-out by the European Commission since 2004 (the EU Industrial R&D Investment Scoreboard publication) and on the solid knowledge and experience of the OECD in developing and providing robust and state of the art indicators on science, technology and industry (see for example OECD's STI Scoreboard publications). You can find the report [here](#).

#### INVITATION TO THE RIM PLUS WORKSHOP: “DEVELOPING NEW INDUSTRIAL VALUE CHAINS THROUGH OPEN INNOVATION COLLABORATION SPACES”, 29/04/2015, BRUSSELS (BELGIUM)

The RIM Plus is organising in cooperation with DG Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs of the European Commission and Emilia-Romagna Region, a workshop on developing new industrial value chains across European regions, taking advanced manufacturing as an example. It will be the first in a series of eight events to be organised during the period 2015-2016.

The registrations are now open and more detailed information can be found [here](#).

#### KETs FOR REGIONAL GROWTH: SYNERGIES BETWEEN HORIZON 2020 AND ESIF 06/05/2015, COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONS, BRUSSELS (BELGIUM)

Synergies with other EU, national or regional programmes are encouraged in Horizon 2020 in order to stimulate the use of the new opportunities to bring together funding from different and also public sources for industrial projects. The event is aimed at regional/national and research, innovation and industry stakeholders, who have set priorities in Key Enabling Technologies (KETs) and is designed to encourage active dialogue and exchange of ideas between the KETs- H2020 stakeholders and the national/regional authorities that apply for structural funds. To register, click [here](#).

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#### WIRE 2015: WEEK OF INNOVATIVE REGIONS IN EUROPE 2015, 4-5 JUNE 2015, RIGA (LATVIA)

The State Education Development Agency of Latvia and the European Commission invite you to participate at the International Conference “**Week of Innovative Regions in Europe 2015**”, organised under the frame of the Latvian Presidency of the Council of the European Union, in **Riga, Latvia**, on **4th and 5th June, 2015**.

Please find the programme, practical information, registration and more [here](#).

