

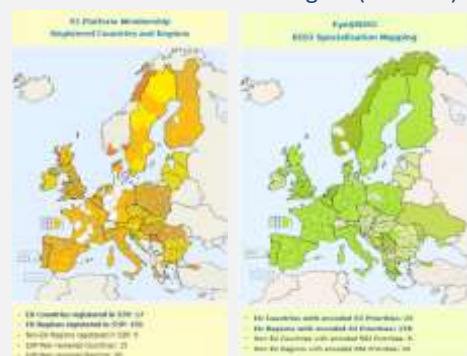


## S3 PLATFORM NEWS

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

Welcome to our latest newcomers to register:

AUSTRIA and Voreio Aigaio (GREECE).



More information and guidelines [here](#).

### REMINDER : UPDATE YOUR S3 PAGES !

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](#). Please update your national/regional S3 pages with the S3 Related National Website, Related Links and Country News (see the example of Slovenia [here](#)).

We now also have contacts on **S3 Energy** (see the example for Andalusia [here](#)).

### RIS3 IN THE REGION OF EASTERN MACEDONIA AND THRACE (REMTh) FINAL EVENTS, 21/10/2015 IN XANTHI (GR), 18/11/2015, BRUSSELS (BE)



The first of two final events on the RIS3 of the Region of Eastern Macedonia and Thrace (REMTh) will take place on 21 October 2015 in Xanthi, Greece.

Please click [here](#) to consult the agenda and [here](#) to register for the event

The second will be held in Brussels on 18th November. More information soon [here](#).

### CALL FOR REGISTRATION

PEER EXCHANGE AND LEARNING WORKSHOP ON MONITORING SMART SPECIALISATION,  
10/11/2015, BOLOGNA, ITALY



The S3 Platform together with the Regional Government of Emilia-Romagna (IT) are organising jointly the first **Peer eXchange and Learning (PXL) Workshop on Monitoring Smart Specialisation** in Bologna (IT) on **10 November 2015**.

The aim of the workshop is to achieve a better understanding of the obstacles, barriers and potential problems of RIS3 monitoring in Emilia-Romagna (Italy), Wielkopolska (Poland) and Sweden; to discuss concrete actions needed to set up a solid RIS3 monitoring process; to present recent findings from a survey on monitoring innovation strategies for smart specialisation (RIS3).

We kindly invite you to register to this event at this link: [registration](#).

**Agenda and Practical Information** is available on the event webpage: [information](#).

### INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON DUAL-USE TECHNOLOGIES WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF RIS3 STRATEGIES IN EUROPE, 27-28 /10/2015, SEVILLE, SPAIN

The Regional Government of Andalusia through IDEA Agency and the European Commission is organising an International Conference on Dual-use Technologies and RIS3 Strategies in Europe (products, services and technologies that can address the needs of civil and defence communities). The event is to gather regional, national and European authorities, companies, original equipment manufacturers (OEMs), SMEs and knowledge management agents. Its aim is to explore and promote cooperation opportunities, sharing common challenges, developing business opportunities and bring about lines for actions. More information [here](#).

### JRC ANNUAL EVENT ON THE SCIENTIFIC SUPPORT TO THE DANUBE STRATEGY, 27-28/10/2015, ULM, GERMANY

The Joint Research Centre of the European Commission is organising in Ulm (DE) its annual event on Scientific Support to the EU Strategy for the Danube Region. The event incorporates four parallel technical workshops on the 27<sup>th</sup> October allowing for interactive discussions between scientists and policy makers on the following subjects: Energy, Water, Smart Specialisation in ICT, Instruments for fostering scientific exchange and collaboration. A high-level panel session on the 28<sup>th</sup> October will discuss the need to further reinforce collaboration in the Danube macro-region. More information available [here](#).

## S3 NEWS AND PUBLICATIONS

**S3 & Food, EXPO 2015,  
22/09/2015, MILAN, ITALY**



*Planning innovation paths in food smart specialisation areas represents a wicked problem; that means an issue highly **complex, difficult to understand and frame**. The search for a solution implies a wise stakeholders' management. Alessio Cavicchi*

The S3 Platform was present at EXPO 2015 in Milan with the Workshop: Smart Specialisation and Food: Food, Gastronomy and Bio-economy as elements of Regional Innovation Strategies. Presentations and more information [here](#).

### TAIEX REGIO PEER 2 PEER

TAIEX REGIO PEER 2 PEER is designed to share expertise between bodies that manage funding under the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) and the Cohesion Fund. Public institutions involved in the management of the ERDF or Cohesion Fund can request support through this expert database. See the online application tool and more information [here](#).

### BOOSTING INNOVATION: SMART SPECIALISATION STRATEGIES AND THE ROLE OF PRE-COMMERCIAL PROCUREMENT, 09/09/2015, BRUSSELS, BELGIUM

The Puglia Region Representation Office in Brussels hosted the seminar: "Boosting innovation: Smart Specialisation Strategies and the role of pre-commercial procurement". In this framework, the Pre-Commercial Procurement process recently undertaken by Puglia Region in the water sector was presented as an interesting pilot case.

More available (in Italian) [here](#).

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RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY ORGANISATIONS AND SMART SPECIALISATION

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**S3 POLICY BRIEF 15/2015**

Research and Technology Organisations (RTOs) have developed in many European countries to assist in the support of local industry, often around specific industrial technologies or sectors. RTOs have important roles to play in smart specialisation. First, many RTOs have capabilities to identify industry needs and technological opportunities as a key input into the entrepreneurial discovery process. Second, RTOs, as increasingly international organisations, can facilitate the access to global knowledge for regional firms through their networks and research collaborations. And third, RTOs often central in the development of particular clusters through their specialisation around core technologies. All these roles involve potential challenges and difficulties as the interests of the RTOs do not necessarily align with the regional needs. The case studies in this report (Spain, Finland, Italy, and the UK) illustrate the variety of RTOs and the complexities of their relationships with regional hosts, but also some of the initiatives to support smart specialisation. See the full brief [here](#).

### "13TH EUROPEAN WEEK OF REGIONS AND CITIES" OPEN DAYS, 13-15/10/2015, BRUSSELS, BELGIUM



The S3 platform participated at the "13<sup>th</sup> European Week of Regions and Cities" Open Days (Brussels, 13-15 October) in the following workshops:

- How can regional Smart Specialisation Strategies support innovation ecosystems and value chains?
- Research Infrastructures as drivers of knowledge and innovation in European regions
- The rising impact of healthcare innovation on regional economies
- Interregional Cooperation in Smart Specialisation Strategies - Innovative Tourism, Cultural and Creative Industries: building on Regional best practices for an effective use of European Structural and Investment Funds

More information and pictures [here](#).

### STAIRWAY TO EXCELLENCE (S2E)

Now available on [Stairway to Excellence](#) pages:

- Over 20 [Synergies examples](#) in which SF/ ESIF and FP7/ H2020 funds have been combined,
- [Country Reports](#), beyond the [Facts and Figures](#) already available for all EU13,
- links to [Guidance on Enabling synergies](#) for policy makers and Implementing Bodies: in French, German, Italian, Polish and Spanish.

Also, [Fiches](#) on a selection of [European instruments/ platforms/ concepts](#) started to be published.

[Call for contributions](#): The S2E team keeps inviting contributions for the forthcoming national S2E events or the final S2E conference.