



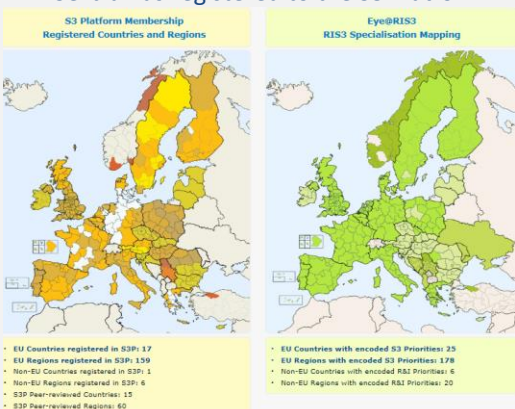
Newsletter

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S3 PLATFORM NEWS

S3 PLATFORM MEMBERSHIP AND EYE@RIS3 - S3 SPECIALISATION MAPPING

Welcome to our latest newcomers to register: Serbia has registered to the S3 Platform.



More information and guidelines [here](#).

REMINDER : UPDATE YOUR S3 PAGES !

Please update your national/regional S3 pages with the S3 Related National Website, Related Links and Country News (see the example of Slovenia [here](#) or our contacts on **S3 Energy** (see the example for Andalusia [here](#)).

TOWARDS A MODEL OF SUSTAINABLE CONSTRUCTION AND ENERGY EFFICIENT BUILDINGS, 03/12/2015, SEVILLE, SPAIN - REGISTRATION OPEN [here](#)



The construction sector represents more than 40% of energy consumption in Europe. The workshop is co-organised by the 'Smart Specialisation Platform on Energy' and the Andalusian Energy Agency to promote strategic cooperation between European regions in innovation and the development of a strategic market for energy in Europe. Agenda and more [here](#).

DANUBE INCO.NET GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND JOINT STEERING GROUP MEETINGS OF THE EUSDR PRIORITY AREAS 7 (KNOWLEDGE SOCIETY) AND 8 (COMPETITIVENESS), BUDAPEST, 9-11/12/2015

A series of stakeholders' meetings is being organised in Budapest. The aim of these meetings is to enhance the research and innovation collaboration and boost the competitiveness of the Danube macro-region. While some of the foreseen meetings have limited access, participants from the Danube countries may be admitted to other meetings upon expressing interest in active participation. For more information: jrc-ipts-s3platform@ec.europa.eu or office@danube-inco.net

PILOT PEER REVIEW WORKSHOP ON INTEGRATED SUSTAINABLE URBAN DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES 28-29/01/2016, SEVILLE, SPAIN - SAVE THE DATE

The Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy invites Urban Authorities to participate in the pilot PEER REVIEW WORKSHOP on Integrated Sustainable Urban Development Strategies (art. 7 Reg. 1301/2013 on ERDF) to be held in Seville with the support of the city of Seville and JRC-IPTS. More soon [here](#).

If you are interested in being one of the four cities presenting its urban strategy please send an email to REGIO-UDN@ec.europa.eu by 27 November 2015.

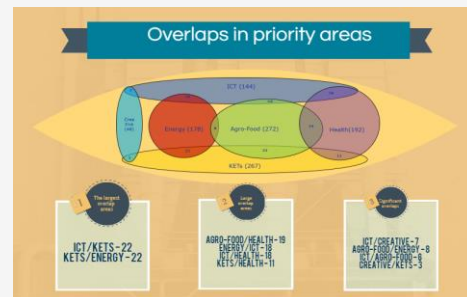
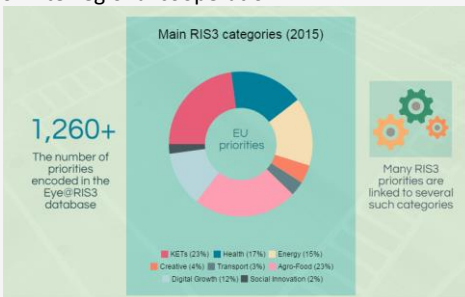
OUR NEW PROJECT: GLOBAL VALUE CHAINS (GVC) IN THE CONTEXT OF SMART SPECIALISATION

What is it about? The S3 Platform is launching a new and exciting project to assist regions in their efforts to facilitate the development of new value chains through the interconnection of regional eco-systems and their actors in quadruple helix in specific S3 investment areas.

Why? Smart Specialisation is an engine for the development of European eco-systems that are necessary to gather critical mass for market breakthroughs.

How? The Platform will provide a multi-level support mechanism, combining efforts at regional, national and European level, which addresses the particular market and system failures that prevent breakthroughs, starting with information and coordination failures and demand uncertainty. The development of interregional collaboration will be driven by opening-up regional smart specialisation strategies.

Coming soon: We are currently preparing *a special issue of our S3 newsletter* which will tell more about this GVC project, first pilot areas, and will feature the most prominent S3 areas with the potential for interregional cooperation.



S3 NEWS AND PUBLICATIONS



WORKSHOP ON BLUE GROWTH AND SMART SPECIALISATION, 8-9/10/2015, CANARY ISLANDS, SPAIN

On 8-9 October the Canary Islands hosted an S3 Platform workshop on Blue Growth and Smart Specialisation. Organised within the framework of the EU Open Days, the workshop brought together maritime regions with RIS3 priorities related to Blue Growth. A special session on Ocean Energy was included as part of the programme. More information including the presentations can be found on [here](#).



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

The first of two final events organised as part of the European Parliament Preparatory action on RIS3 in the Greek region of Eastern Macedonia and Thrace took place.

Organised by JRC-IPTS in collaboration with the managing authority of the region, the primary aim of this event was to take stock of what the project has achieved, both in the region and beyond, as well as to reflect on the key challenges for the future. The event was conceived as a way to listen to the concerns of REMTh stakeholders, in order to reflect on how to best support local development and resilience in times of uncertainty, as now faced by the region. Further information on these final events, including a summary of the outcomes of the Xanthi event, is available [here](#).

STAIRWAY TO EXCELLENCE (S2E)

After the recent publication on the [Stairway to Excellence](#) pages of various material, including Synergies examples, Country Reports, the presentations of National Events are available. The Stairway to Excellence (S2E) organised the Lithuanian National event on 30 October at the Lithuanian Academy of Science in Vilnius. This event was co-organised with MOSTA, the Research and Higher Education Monitoring and Analysis Centre, an analytical and advisory body reporting to the [Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Lithuania](#).

A [Call for contributions](#) for the forthcoming S2E National Events or the final S2E conference remains open.

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DIGITAL GROWTH

There are a number of events and initiatives that can be of interest for regions and member states investing in Digital growth, in the upcoming period of time:

- **16-17 November, Brussels.** [The B-Day: Broadband 2020 and beyond](#).
- **24 November, Manchester.** The first [EAFIP workshop on Health and Elderly Care Sector Procurers](#).
- **2 December, Brussels.** [High-level conference on the digital transformation of industries and enterprises](#).
- **10 December, Brussels.** [Financing possibilities for KETS & Digital Transformation projects under the Investment Plan](#).

Furthermore, there are two public consultations on Digital growth related topics: [Public consultation on Europe's needs for Internet speed and quality beyond 2020](#).

This public consultation is to assess Europe's connectivity needs with a view to develop better public policies. It is addressed to everyone and every sector.

The online survey on the [new eGovernment Action Plan](#), is open for contributions until January 2016.

As a result of an open call and selection process, six Innovation Centres have been selected as [ARISE Europe](#) cooperation partners of EIT Digital: "Acceleration Business City" from Ljubljana, "Building Global Innovators" from Lisbon, "Found.action" from Athens, "InITS" from Wien, "RubixLab" from Bratislava, "Startup Wise Guys" from Tallinn.

Please see more on Digital Growth [here](#).

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 organised its first PXL workshop in Bologna. More than 40 policy-makers and experts provided targeted feedback to Emilia-Romagna (Italy), Sweden and Wielkopolska (Poland) on their monitoring systems. The most prominent

issues raised by participants were: Adjusting monitoring data for different target audiences, using monitoring as a disciplinary mechanism for public authorities to focus and learn, visualising data to make it more accessible and involving stakeholders in the setting up of such systems. More information can soon be found [here](#).



CONCORDI 2015 EXPLORED NEW EVIDENCE-BASED SUPPORT TO RESEARCH AND INNOVATION POLICIES

CONCORDI's conferences aim at bridging science and policy-making. The topic of this year's edition connects to three important policy priorities of the Juncker's Commission: the recently launched new EU Better Regulation agenda, which calls for the best evidence to support policy design; the renewed commitment to boost jobs and growth using innovation as an important driver; and the Investment Plan for Europe, aiming at mobilising at least €315 billion of investment over three years, and for which research and innovation is a strategic target. During the second day, a round table with a selected group of policy-makers from Commission services (i.e. Research and Innovation; Economic and Financial Affairs; Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs; Competition; Taxation and Custom Unions; and Regional and Urban Policy) plus a representative of the European Investment Bank discussed how the outcome of the Conference can support their on-going and upcoming policy agendas. Full information of CONCORDI 2015 is available [here](#).

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