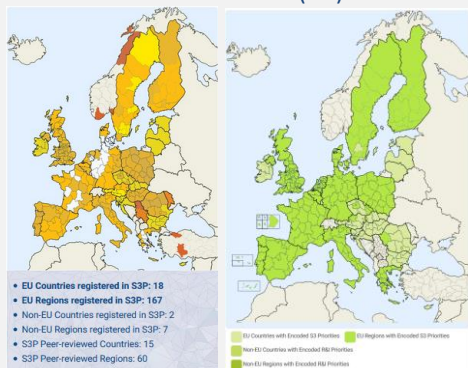


## S3 PLATFORM NEWS

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

Welcome to our latest newcomers to register:  
Niedersachsen (DE)



More information and guidelines [here](#).



### REMINDER : UPDATE YOUR S3 PRIORITIES !

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 urged to check and update their S3 priorities in the **Eye@RIS3**.

You are also kindly invited to 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](#)).

### UPCOMING S2E NATIONAL EVENTS

[S2E National Events](#) are co-organised by the S3 Platform – [Stairway to Excellence](#) (S2E) project and national authorities:

- 23/06/16  [Romania national event](#)
- July 2016  [Bulgaria national event](#)

More on [call for contribution to forthcoming S2E events](#).



SMART SPECIALISATION PLATFORM IN ENERGY,  
HOW EUROPEAN REGIONS ARE IMPLEMENTING THEIR PRIORITIES?  
16/06/2016, BRUSSELS, BELGIUM



The [Smart Specialisation Platform on Energy \(#S3PEnergy\)](#) in cooperation with DGs REGIO and ENER organises [this conference](#) by addressing "implementation" and "interregional cooperation" at the centre of the discussions!

Member States and regions are currently on the way of implementing their Smart Specialisation Strategies and most of them include energy-related priorities.

[The conference](#) is presented in the framework of the [European Sustainable Energy Week \(#EUSEW16\)](#) and will illustrate good examples in key thematic applications such as: energy efficiency, heating and cooling and renewable energy.



CHANGING PATTERNS OF TERRITORIAL POLICY  
SMART SPECIALISATION AND INNOVATION IN EUROPE  
28-30/09/2016, SEVILLE, SPAIN

The [1st SMARTER Conference on Smart Specialisation and Territorial Development](#) is co-organised by the S3 Platform and the Regional Studies Association. [Call for abstract](#) should be submitted by **30/06/2016**.



SMART REGIONS CONFERENCE  
1-2/06/2016, BRUSSELS, BELGIUM

The thematic S3 Platforms for **Industrial Modernisation and Investment** and **Agri-food** will be officially launched at [this conference](#) which will bring together stakeholders for smart specialisation investments. Regions that have indicated their interest to start a partnership in specific Industrial Modernisation topics will be invited to present their proposal. "[Smart Stories](#)" taking through the features of Smart Specialisation will be presented during [this High Level Event](#).

Event Secretariat e-mail: [smart\\_regions@iservice-europa.eu](mailto:smart_regions@iservice-europa.eu)

Launch event on the Interreg project on 'Beyond EDP'  
15/06/2016, Blois, France

The project "[Improve the RIS3 effectiveness through the management of the entrepreneurial discovery process \(EDP\)](#)" addresses the inadequacies in the design and implementation of innovation policies which may negatively impact the effectiveness of Structural Funds. The project aims at professionalising the management of this process.

## S3 NEWS AND PUBLICATIONS

### INFO DAYS ON S3 PLATFORM ON INDUSTRIAL MODERNISATION AND AGRI-FOOD



We would like to thank all the participants of the Info-days on the Thematic Platforms for Agri-Food and Industrial Modernisation for their active participation and valuable input, which will feed into the success of the [Smart Regions High Level Event](#) on 1-2 June in Brussels.

You can find the presentations on both event sites:

- S3 Platform on Industrial Modernisation and Investment [INFORMATION DAY](#)
- S3 Platform - AGRI-FOOD [INFORMATION DAY](#)

We hope to see many of you at the High Level Event!

### ESIF - VIEWER



The S3 platform has launched a new [online tool](#) that visualises planned ESIF investments in a map, the [ESIF-viewer](#).

The tool allows the users to create their own searches of planned investments in European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF) data (ERDF, CF, ESF and YEI).

The user can search the data based on Member state, region, type of Operational Programme (OP), thematic objectives and categories of intervention. The amounts in this tool are presented at regional level and include data from regional OPs, but also shares of national and transnational cooperation programmes. Through this tool a user can get an overview of which topics different regions plan to invest into, but also find specific regions planning to invest in a particular topic.

### STAIRWAY TO EXCELLENCE (S2E)

[Stairway to Excellence \(S2E\) last publications/ updates](#) available on-line:

- [Joint Statement of the National Event of Czech Republic](#) (as an outcome of the [Czech Republic national event](#))
- Presentations from [Hungary national event](#), [Poland national event](#) and [Slovenia national event](#) (related Joint statements soon to be published)

- References about where to find more information on State Aid added in the [Frequently Asked Questions](#)

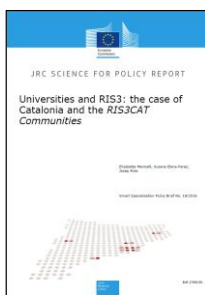
And recent announcements:

- [Climate-KIC: Call for the EIT Regional Innovation Scheme \(EIT RIS\)](#)

### [DOWNLOAD S3-PUBLICATIONS AND EU S3 GUIDES](#)

#### UNIVERSITIES AND RIS3: THE CASE OF CATALONIA AND THE RIS3CAT COMMUNITIES

Authors: ELISABETTA MARINELLI, SUSANA ELENA-PEREZ, JOSEP ALIAS



[This report](#) assesses the role of universities in the overall design and implementation of the Catalan RIS3 and EDP, and then goes in depth into one of its key instruments, namely the RIS3CAT Communities. The latter provide a platform for triple-helix stakeholders to interact and agree on a set of collaborative projects, which can be partially funded by public resources. Based on in-depth interviews with senior university managers and desk-based research, the study highlights how HEIs are evolving and adapting to the new policy environment.

#### EU FUNDS WORKING TOGETHER FOR JOBS AND GROWTH: SYNERGIES BETWEEN THE R&I FRAMEWORK PROGRAMMES AND THE EUROPEAN STRUCTURAL & INVESTMENT FUNDS

Authors: DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR RESEARCH AND INNOVATION



[This publication](#) describes the rationale for developing links between the different funding sources and explains how they can be combined. It showcases examples of synergies that have emerged at strategic, programming and project implementation levels and also highlights initiatives with a high potential for synergies.

This important evidence-based contribution to the Commission's strategy addresses some of the key challenges facing the Union today.

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