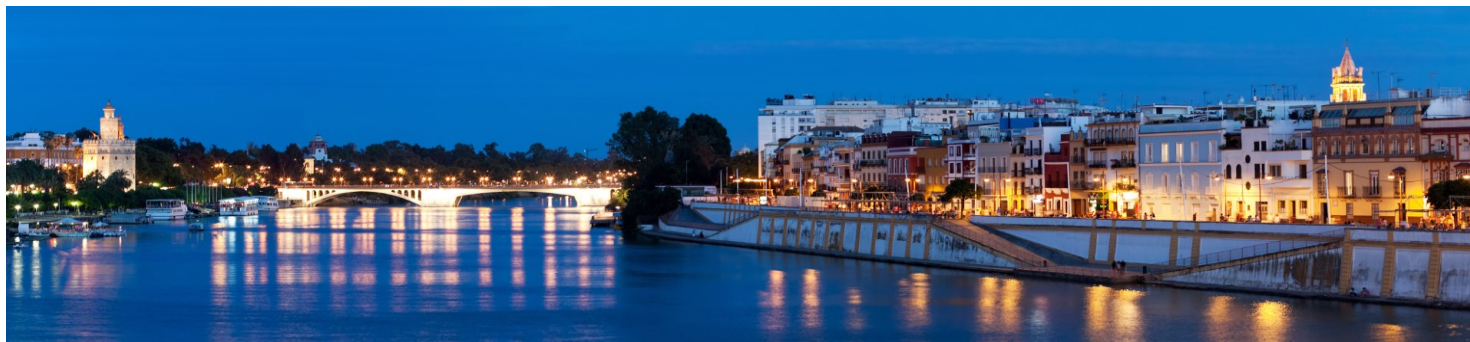
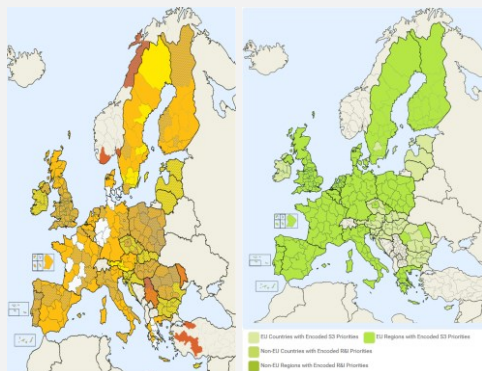


## S3 PLATFORM NEWS



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



### **REMINDER:** UPDATE YOUR S3 PRIORITIES AND YOUR NATIONAL/ REGIONAL S3 PLATFORM PAGES

The S3 Platform is updating the information on S3 priorities on the basis of the advanced stages of the regional/national RIS3s.

Regional/ national policy makers are invited to update their S3 priorities in the **Eye@RIS3**.

S3 Platform Country pages have been updated with additional features: REGIO Infoview Page, ESIF Open Data Platform, KEEP-Territorial Cooperation Programmes links.

(see the examples for [Slovenia](#))



EUROPEAN CLUSTER CONFERENCE 2016  
1-2/12/2016, BRUSSELS, BELGIUM

The [European Cluster Conference 2016](#) will take place in Brussels on 1-2 December 2016 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel with a European cluster matchmaking pre-event on 30 November 2016. The [EU Cluster Portal](#) is supported by the European Commission's Directorate General for the Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs which supports EU regions and Member States with various instruments including its Call for European Strategic Cluster Partnerships for smart specialisation investments aim to strengthen industry participation and inter-regional collaboration in implementation of smart specialisation strategies.



### KICK-OFF EVENT ON THE SMART SPECIALISATION PLATFORM ON AGRI-FOOD, 6-7/12/16 FLORENCE, ITALY Registration still OPEN

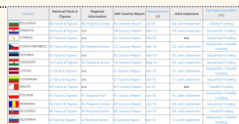
The main objectives are:

- To understand the role of national and regional governments in sustaining and enhancing R&I in agri-food specialisation area;
- To understand the implementation process of agri-food smart specialisation domain: common elements, issues and approaches;
- To present the initiatives of new members and partnerships that have formally joined this thematic platform;
- To explore the opportunities of new sub-thematic areas that could be developed during the next months;
- To discuss working arrangements for the preparation of new partnerships in thematic areas of shared interest and establish a project investment pipeline with a specific focus on pilots and demonstrators;
- To discuss the potential impact that the ongoing process of agri-food platform setting up has for different stakeholders at regional and national level;
- To frame appropriate policy advice and recommend strategies and actions for different stakeholders.

[Agenda and registration form.](#)

## S3 NEWS AND PUBLICATIONS

### STAIRWAY TO EXCELLENCE (S2E)



Links to [Synergies Examples](#) have now been added to the [overview by country](#) that already linked to respective [National Facts & Figures](#) (+ Regional Information if any), S2E Country Report, [National Event](#) and Joint statement.

### IX EUROPEAN ECONOMIC FORUM – LODZKIE 2016



The Smart Specialisation Platform supported with its S3 expertise the Lodzkie Region in the organisation of the workshop and the panel session on entrepreneurial discovery process.

### SMART GRID CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES IN THE BALTIC REGION



The event addressed specific examples of how S3 regions are preparing the ground for smart-grid deployment, including interregional cooperation as a key driver to support S3 implementation and the effective uptake of the Cohesion Policy Funds for Smart Grids. The workshop offered an opportunity to exchange good practices and innovative concepts supporting S3 and energy policy in the Baltic region.

### SMART SPECIALISATION IN EU AND CHILE, COMMON CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES



The Smart Specialisation Platform (S3P) organised the Policy learning dialogue: Smart Specialisation in EU and Chile, common challenges and opportunities. S3P staff and 22 Chilean officials representing Corfo, Conycit, and Regional Authorities of Tarapacá, Atacama, Biobio and O'Higgins shared experiences and learnt from the challenges associated to the implementation of the smart specialisation concept in the EU and Chile.

### GOVERNING SMART SPECIALISATION

Editors: **DIMITRIOS KYRIAKOU, MANUEL PALAZUELOS, INMACULADA PERIÁÑEZ AND ALESSANDRO RAINOLDI**



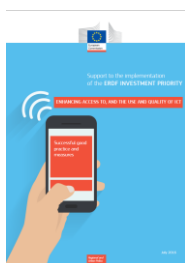
Elaborated by the S3 Platform, with contributions from leading scholars on the field. Governing Smart Specialisation is one of the first books to directly address the EDP.

*(no online version)*

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### ENHANCING ACCESS TO, AND THE USE AND QUALITY OF ICT

Authors: **DG REGIO (ANA-PAULA LAISSY)**



Member States that are providing investments into ICT through ESIF funds are obliged to develop a specific Strategy Policy Framework for **Digital Growth** if the aim is to develop different ICT products and services; and to enhance the demand for ICT.

### SMART STORIES: EVIDENCE FROM LAPLAND ON THE USE OF NATURAL RESOURCES

In recent years, over 100 smart specialisation Strategies have been developed, mostly at regional level, across the Union. The smart stories reflect the way in which managing authorities have used the RIS3 concept to develop their own innovation-driven regional development policies.



This month, evidence is given from Lapland (Finland), with a focus on the **promotion of regional clusters** to refine natural resources, build on inter-regional and international collaboration and position the region in value chains.

*View more and share your story:*

<http://s3platform.jrc.ec.europa.eu/smart-stories>

### Implementation examples: THE PLATFORM ANALYSIS

The Platform has developed a wide range of S3 implementation examples, based on practical experiences from regions and countries across Europe. These cases show effective ways to tackle specific problems and challenges, taking into account the context, resources and institutional settings characterising each region and country.

This month, the example relates to the question of selection criteria and process, with a special focus on Romania. In order to boost entrepreneurial activities in the areas of S3, the country has **developed calls targeting start-ups and spin-offs** to finance the realisation of new or significantly improved products based on research results (industrial research / experimental development).

*View more and submit new examples:*

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