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S3 Newsletter

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Welcome to the tenth issue of the S3 Newsletter

S3 PLATFORM - A GROWING COMMUNITY

127 EU regions, 7 EU countries, 2 non-EU regions and 1 non-EU country are now registered in the S3 Platform

Newcomers:

Česká Republika (Czech Republic) (CZ)

Bourgogne (Burgundy) (FR)
Friuli – Venezia Giulia (IT)
Greater Manchester (UK)
Κεντρική Μακεδονία (Central Macedonia) (GR)
Lappeenranta – Imatra (FI)
Moravskoslezský kraj (Moravian-Silesian Region) (CZ)

More info:
http://s3platform.jrc.ec.europa.eu/s3-platform-registered-regions

S3 PEER-REVIEW

REGISTRATION OPEN!
S3 Platform 9th Peer-review workshop (NATIONAL LEVEL)

24-25 June 2013 in Budapest (HU)
Building on the experiences of the previous peer-review workshops, we now launch a workshop where EU Member States will have the possibility to present their work on Research and Innovation Strategies for Smart Specialisation and receive peer feedback from 'critical friends' from both national and regional authorities. The workshop will be held in the premises of the National Innovation Office, Budapest, Hungary. Four countries will submit their strategy to peers: Hungary, Portugal, Malta and Lithuania.
The event would allow participants to exchange views and experiences on coordination of RIS3 and related policies and national experiences on multi-level governance. The different experiences will be shared and can be supported from other regional and national governments in order to find the best policy solutions for optimal design of RIS3 that supports a shift of perspective in planning and implementation of innovation.
More info: http://s3platform.jrc.ec.europa.eu/national-peer-review-24-25-jun-2013

REGISTRATION OPEN!
S3 Platform 10th Peer-review workshop

04-05 July in Faro (PT)
The S3 Platform is pleased to announce its tenth peer-review workshop, with the theme "tourism as a RIS3 priority". The workshop will be co-organised by the S3 Platform and the Portuguese region of Algarve. It will be held at the Regional Development and Coordination Commission for Algarve in Faro, Portugal.
During this workshop, four European regions Algarve (PT), Sicily (IT), Rhône-Alpes (FR) and Kujawsko-Pomorskie (PL) will present their current work on RIS3.
All four of the reviewed regions have tourism as a priority in their RIS3 and this theme will be discussed widely during the peer review. In addition, there will be a thematic discussion on S3 and tourism before the peer review itself, bringing together representatives of industry, research and government.
More info: http://s3platform.jrc.ec.europa.eu/9th-peer-review-4-5-july-2013

More peer-review workshops will be organised in the autumn:
• 26-27 September 2013 in Crete (GR)
• November 2013 in Potsdam (DE), exact date to be determined, with a specific focus on metropolitan cities and urban/rural linkages

If your region/country is registered to the Platform and wishes to be peer-reviewed in an upcoming workshop or host one, please contact us at jrc-ipts-s3platform@ec.europa.eu. Please do not forget that we can organise focussed specific peer-review workshops on **national/regional digital agenda strategic policy frameworks** or digital agenda chapters of your RIS3 as well.
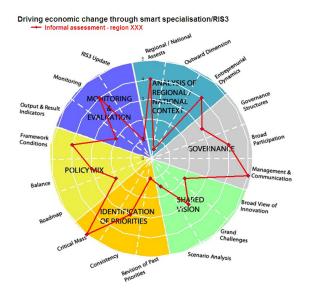
RIS3 ASSESSMENT WHEEL

Maybe you have already come across the "wheel" during our workshops, presentations or work with experts …
The "wheel" is a tool for the **synthetic representation of the progress made in drafting and designing a RIS3**. It allows condensing a huge amount of information in one visual modality.
Although limitations might play a significant role, namely those linked to making a complex process appear simple, the RIS3 Assessment Wheel can usefully support a number of activities, e.g. self-assessments, peer-reviews, expert contributions, presentations at dissemination, meetings, etc.
The "wheel" is built on the basis of the six steps described in the RIS3 Guide and the identification of three critical factors for each of the steps.

NOW THE "WHEEL" IS ON THE WEB FOR USE AND DOWNLOAD!

More detail: http://s3platform.jrc.ec.europa.eu/ris3-assessment-wheel

RIS3 CLINICS

The S3 Platform is pleased to launch its "RIS3 Clinics" aimed at **focussed discussion of individual regional or national RIS3** together with regional or national policy-makers, the Platform's own staff and independent experts where appropriate.

The RIS3 Clinics are one-day specific working sessions in Seville, based on peer-review presentation templates, providing ad-hoc questions and discussions and specific feedback reports drafted by the S3 Platform. They are **only available on individual demand** from registered regions/countries. It is strongly suggested to **gather up to 3-4 regions** with similar features and/or needs around an individual request, in order to get the highest value added from the working sessions.

Have already come to Seville: Opolskie (PL), Mazowieckie (PL), Sicily (IT), Basilicata (IT), Umbria (IT), Rhône-Alpes (FR).

Upcoming: Warminsko-Mazurskie (PL); Nordic regions (SE-DK).

Please write to us at jrc-ipts-s3platform@ec.europa.eu for further information or to post a specific request for RIS3 Clinics.

THEMATIC WORKSHOP ON SOCIAL INNOVATION

The S3 Platform has developed a concept around thematic workshops in order to **support regions and countries with their work in the prioritised areas**. The concept is modular in the sense that it can be the basis for a complete workshop or part of another workshop as a specific session.

More info: http://s3platform.jrc.ec.europa.eu/thematic-workshops

Please contact us at: jrc-ipts-s3events@ec.europa.eu

NEXT THEMATIC WORKSHOP on 28 June 2013

Social innovation, creating value with and for people (Bilbao, ES), including a special session on smart specialisation organised by the S3 Platform.

More info: http://www.innobasque.com/home

S3 FOCUS – SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION IN EUROPE 2013

Eurostat has recently published a pocketbook on Science, technology and innovation in Europe - 2013 edition.

This pocketbook gives an overview of science, technology and innovation (STI) statistics. All the statistical data and indicators are based on sources available at Eurostat. Only the most relevant indicators have been selected so as to give an overall statistical picture of science, technology and innovation in Europe and of where the EU stands in relation to its partners.

The pocketbook is available at: http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/cache/ITY_OFFPUB/KS-GN-13-001/EN/KS-GN-13-001-EN.PDF

S3 FOCUS – SEMINAR ON RIS3 AND TRANSNATIONAL COOPERATION FOR AN INNOVATIVE DANUBE REGION

The seminar was organised by the European Commission – JRC and took place on 26 April in Brussels. It gathered high level representatives from 14 Danube countries, representatives of the Baltic Sea region, the Commission and other related organisations, and allowed wide discussion on transnational cooperation and smart specialisation. Some synthetic key messages are summarised below.

- Transnational collaboration is essential for the success of the Danube macro-region. Synergies must be reached at the macro regional level, across sectors, institutions and policies to make the region more competitive, to be able to build a critical mass, to align visions and innovation roadmaps.
- RIS3 provide the framework for a continuous improvement of innovation policies and sustainable and inclusive economic growth. Although non-EU Danube countries are not obliged to develop RIS3, this approach may bring an important spill-over effect which will result in better synergies with the EU priorities.
- Universities and research institutions can play a key role in developing and implementing RIS3. However, only a fraction of them are excellent in research by world standards. One of their main challenges is related to the development of a

better institutional governance, leadership and capacity to contribute to the creation of innovative ideas sustaining business development and regional growth through local and international partnerships and networking.

- Adequate institutional capacity at regional and national level is a pre-condition for successful RIS3 design and implementation. It is important to support institutions, platforms, inter-regional networks in order to better identify and implement common objectives, actions and projects with a true Danube-Region dimension. In this framework, peer learning can play an important role.
- Innovation needs to be understood in a broad sense, including a key role of social innovation in the future of the Danube macro-region. A particular issue in the social sphere is the development of better policies for the integration of the Roma community, 80% of which live in the Danube countries.

The JRC has been invited to become a focal point for collaboration within the Danube region and will continue to support the process.

S3 NEXT

EC LARGE EVENTS

June 05-07
Week of innovative regions of Europe - WIRE IV (Cork, IE)
http://wire2013.eu/

June 19-20
Digital agenda assembly (Dublin, IE)
http://ec.europa.eu/digital-agenda/

October 07-10
OPEN DAYS – 11th European Week of Regions and Cities (Brussels, BE)
http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/conferences/od2013/index.cfm

OTHER EVENTS

May 23-24
UNECE International Conference Entrepreneurship and Innovation: Making Things Work Better (Dubrovink, HR)
http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=32036

May 23-24
EARTO Annual Conference 2013 (Dubrovnik, HR)
http://www.earto.eu/earto-events/events/1369260000/detail/earto-annual-conference-2013-dubrovnik.html

May 29-31
EBN annual conference (Londonderry, UK)
www.ebncongress.eu

June 28
Social innovation, creating value with and for people (Bilbao, ES)
http://www.innobasque.com/home

Info on past events related to S3: http://s3platform.jrc.ec.europa.eu/past-events

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