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S3 PLATFORM - A GROWING COMMUNITY

142 EU regions, 14 EU countries and 2 non-EU regions are now registered in the S3 Platform

Newcomers:

Eesti (Estonia) (EE)
România (RO)

Lorraine (FR)
Östergötland (East Sweden) (SE)
Pohjois-Karjala (North Karelia) (FI)
Provence – Alpes - Côte d'Azur (PACA) (FR)
Wien (Vienna) (AT)

More info:

<http://s3platform.jrc.ec.europa.eu/s3-platform-registered-regions>

S3 PEER-REVIEW

OPEN FOR REGISTRATION!!

The S3 Platform is pleased to announce its first Digital Growth Peer-review Workshop.

It will be organised on 03-04 December 2013 in Seville (ES), hosted by the Regional Government of Andalucía.

Three regions will submit their digital growth strategy to peers for discussions and feedback:

- Andalucía – with a special focus on rural broadband;
- Małopolskie - with a special focus on ICT as a specialisation: the cases of touchless computer interface and intelligent systems;
- Scotland - with a special focus on the link between transformation of public services and growth and development of the digital economy.

The workshop will take the opportunity to launch the "Digital Agenda Toolbox", jointly developed by DG CONNECT and the S3 Platform. The toolbox is intended to provide support to regional and national authorities in developing digital growth strategies.

Through the workshop, we aim at putting the regions in the conditions to share knowledge on how to:

- connect RIS3 and digital growth strategies;
- use ICT as an enabling technology, with the specific case of broadband in rural areas;
- better understand ICT as a specialisation and an application area;
- set policy tools to enable ICT diffusion.

More info and registration: <http://s3platform.jrc.ec.europa.eu/dgws-andalucia>

We are currently finalising the calendar of peer-review workshops for the first semester of 2014!

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 specific peer-review workshops on **ICT / digital growth** or digital agenda chapters of your RIS3, as well as **thematically focussed** peer-reviews following requests from registered regions and countries.

As a supporting tool for the definition and targeting of the 2014 S3 Platform peer-review activity, a **stock-taking workshop with the 45 regions and 4 countries which have submitted their RIS3 to peer-review so far** will take place on 04 December in Seville (ES). Attendance is reserved to invited peer-reviewed regions and countries only. The outcome of the workshop will be made available on the S3 Platform website.

S3 FOCUS – SMART SPECIALISATION STRATEGIES FOR RURAL INNOVATION

The S3 Platform thematic workshop “Smart specialisation strategies for rural innovation” was organized jointly with the Centro Region of Portugal on 21-23 October. The purpose of the workshop was to discuss the **opportunities for rural areas in developing and implementing RIS3**.

The main idea behind the workshop was that rural areas are often associated with scarce resources, low levels of innovation and small scale development, but many rural areas have successfully built on their strengths and transformed challenges into opportunities. The recognition of the considerable bottom-up growth potential of rural areas opens up new development horizons. The long-term competitiveness and innovation potential of rural areas and the ability to achieve sustainable and inclusive growth can be boosted by good planning of a RIS3 strategy.

The event gathered over 50 participants from across Europe to reflect on how smart specialisation can be adapted to rural areas. The workshop was highly participative and the results will form part of a policy brief for EU and national policy makers.

More info: <http://s3platform.jrc.ec.europa.eu/rural>

S3 FOCUS – RIS3 EVALUATION AND MONITORING MECHANISMS IN POLAND

The Polish Ministry for Regional Development has organised a workshop with regional authorities, devoted to the subject of monitoring and evaluation of RIS3. The workshop took place in Gdańsk on 29 and 30 October.

The objective of the event was to **discuss the institutional issues involved in the evaluation and monitoring mechanisms in RIS3**, with a special reference to the Polish case. Additionally, some insights on the technical/methodological difficulties and challenges to be faced by designing such as control and assessment tools were put on the table.

Some **main issues raised** were linked to the following questions:

- Where should the focus of monitoring and evaluation activities be placed, on the results or on the methods? More efforts are needed to design feasible procedures and secondly on the analysis of the results obtained from such methodologies.
- How about the creation of regional/national observatories to follow-up many of the issues related to monitoring and evaluation of RIS3? A positive, initial assessment of this option was issued in general.

- How stakeholders can be taken into account in the assessment procedures? Several options were pointed out: participatory evaluation, linking the outcomes of the evaluation to future priority settings, filling the implementation gap, etc.
- To what extent are the policy measures implemented indeed correcting the market failure identified as starting point for policy intervention? Market failures in innovation systems can be considered as indicators of barriers to be removed.

CONFERENCE: THE INNOVATION UNION AT REGIONAL LEVEL

This conference on the Innovation Union, organised by the EU Committee of the Regions on 27 November in Brussels, brings together key representatives of EU institutions, Member States and regions to take stock of the **implementation of the flagship initiative at regional level**. Accompanied by an exhibition of good practice from Europe's regions and cities, the event will focus on four aspects:

- smart specialisation strategies;
- innovation, enterprises and jobs;
- networking across borders;
- open innovation 2.0.

More info and registration: <http://cor.europa.eu/en/events/Pages/eu2020-innovation-union.aspx>

S3 NEXT

EC LARGE EVENTS

November 08

Regions as motors of new growth through smart specialisation (Brussels, BE)

<http://en.vleva.eu/smartspecialisation>

November 27

Europe 2020 conference: Innovation Union (Brussels, BE)

<http://cor.europa.eu/en/events/Pages/eu2020-innovation-union.aspx>

OTHER EVENTS

November 06-07

Get smarter in the Baltic Sea Region (Malmö, SE)

<http://s3platform.jrc.ec.europa.eu/news-and-events>

November 12

EIT Awards – Celebrating innovation and entrepreneurship (Budapest, HU)

<http://eit.europa.eu/entrepreneurship/eit-awards-2013/>

November 14-15

Invest in researchers: Better training and careers using new funding opportunities (Vilnius, LT)

<http://www.investinresearchers2013.eu/>

November 14-15

Conference on Innovation Procurement (Krakow, PL)

http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/policies/innovation/policy/public-procurement/conference-krakow/index_en.htm

November 18

Regional Workshop on Smart Grid Development in the Danube Region (Brussels, BE)

<http://groupspaces.com/Energy2/item/483989>

November 20-21

2nd WBC-INCO.NET Training Workshop on Smart Specialisation for South East European countries (Skopje, MK)

<http://wbc-inco.net/object/event/12897>

November 21-22

European Technology Congress (Wroclaw, PL)

November 22

Cluster policies in the programming period 2014-2020 (Novi Sad, RS)

<http://www.clusterpolisee.eu/>

November 22

Politiche per la ricerca e l'innovazione La specializzazione intelligente per la crescita del sistema regionale (Recanati, IT)

<http://www.impresa.marche.it/NewsEventi/tabid/80/EntryId/217/Save-the-date-Politiche-per-la-ricerca-e-l-innovazione-La-specializzazione-intelligente-per-la-crescita-del-sistema-regionale.aspx>

November 26

Regions and Innovation: Collaborating Across Borders (Brussels, BE)

<http://errin.eu/content/rim-plus-cross-border-innovation-best-practices-between-regions>

November 27-29

Maritime and Innovation Brokerage Event 2013 (Santiago de Compostela, ES)

<http://www.maritimebrokerageevent2013.org/>

November 29

Resilient territories: innovation and creativity for new modes of regional development (Faro, PT)

http://www.apdr.pt/evento_19/index.html

December 03-04

S3 Platform digital growth peer-review workshop (Seville, ES)

<http://s3platform.jrc.ec.europa.eu/dgws-andalucia>

December 04-05

2013 Hydrogen & Fuel Cells Energy Summit (Berlin, DE)

<http://v11.vuturevx.com/exchange-sites/Whitmore%20Group/59/events-pdfs-eu/ehf1-agenda-mkt.pdf>

December 11

How to establish synergies between RIS3 and the Atlantic Strategy? (Brussels, BE)

<http://arcatlantique.org/index.php?act=1,4,2,2,,,,en>

December 16-17

Encuentro internacional de desarrollo regional - La política regional en Europa: impacto y nuevos desafíos (Sevilla, ES)

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

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