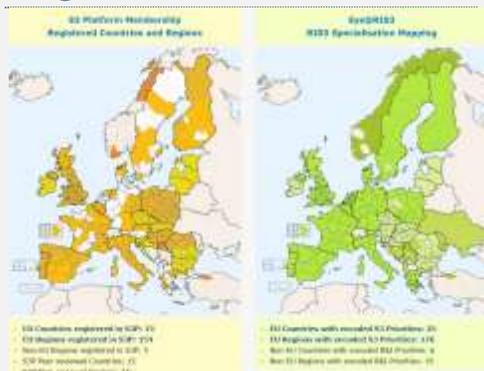


## S3 PLATFORM NEWS

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



More information and guidelines [here](#)

### REMINDER UPDATE OF THE EYE@RIS3 TOOL

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 kindly invited to check and regularly update their S3 priorities in the [Eye@RIS3](#). You are also kindly invited to update your national/regional S3 pages (see the example of Slovenia [here](#)).

### 5TH EUROPEAN CONFERENCE ON CORPORATE R&D AND INNOVATION (CONCORDI 2015) - CALL FOR PAPER

The European Commission's Directorate Joint Research Centre ([JRC](#)) - Institute for Prospective Technological Studies ([IPTS](#)) - is organising the 5<sup>th</sup> European Conference on Corporate R&D and Innovation (CONCORDi 2015): **Industrial Research and Innovation: Evidence for Policy**.

The Conference will be held in Seville (Spain) on 1-2 October 2015.

More information [here](#).

**Deadline for submission: 18 May 2015**

**Papers' submissions for CONCORDi 2015 are now open** and should be made following the instructions of the Call for Papers document that you can [download here](#).



SMART SPECIALISATION WORKSHOP ON FUEL CELLS & HYDROGEN: 22-23/04/2015, LYON, FRANCE

**REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN.** Our upcoming workshop aims at bringing together regions interested in fuel cells and hydrogen (FCH) as part of their Smart Specialisation strategies. It will focus on the role of FCH technologies on regional development for both clean transport (cars, buses, captive fleets...) and sustainable low carbon energy (stationary power generation, energy storage and grid balancing...). The objective is to initiate practical FCH cooperation between European regions, including their industry and research partners.

Each session will be opened by high-level speakers who represent experienced regions, various stakeholders or the European Commission. The Fuel Cells and Hydrogen Joint Undertaking is launching this initiative together with the Smart Specialisation Platform and the Rhône-Alpes region of France. The draft agenda is available [here](#).



Please [follow this link to register](#)

### PEER-REVIEW WORKSHOP: 19-20/03/15, RZESZÓW, PODKARPACIE, POLAND

The current workshop is co-organised by the S3 Platform and the Marshal Office of Podkarpackie Region. It will take place on 19-20th March 2015 at the Rzeszów University of Technology. The main topic of this workshop is *ECONOMIC TRANSITION OF REGIONS*. Even if the registration is closed, please contact [Krzysztof MIESZKOWSKI](#) should you wish to join. More information about the workshop can be found [here](#).

### EUROPEAN SMART SPECIALISATION PLATFORM ON ENERGY LAUNCHING EVENT: 26/05/15, BRUSSELS, BE

This Conference with the special High Level participation of:

- **Tibor Navracsics**, European Commissioner for Education, Culture, Youth and Sport,
- **Miguel Cañete**, European Commissioner for Energy and Climate,
- **Corina Crețu**, European Commissioner for Regional Policy,

will launch the joint initiative of DG REGIO, DG ENER and DG JRC to set up a platform on smart specialisation on energy.

The platform will collaborate with interested regions/countries to analyse current energy priorities and policies, and identify good practices as well as priorities and roadmaps for bottom-up trans-regional and transnational cooperation to accelerate the development and deployment of energy technologies.

**More information coming soon. Follow us on the [S3Platform home page](#).**

## S3 NEWS AND PUBLICATIONS



### HIGH LEVEL CONFERENCE: RESEARCH AND INNOVATION STRATEGIES FOR SMART SPECIALISATION: CHALLENGES AND MONITORING IMPLEMENTATION

The S3 Platform organised successfully the **high-level meeting on challenges and monitoring implementation of S3 strategies**, which presented the state of play regarding the implementation phase of RIS3.

The Conference hosted by the Regional Government of Andalusia brought together EU, national and regional representatives, experts and policy makers in charge of implementing and monitoring RIS3.

Speakers include the European Commissioner for Regional Policy Ms. Créţu, Carmen Vela, Secretary of State for Research, Development and Innovation, in the Spanish Ministry of Economy and Competitiveness Professor Dominique Foray from the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Lausanne and Isfandyar Zaman Khan from the World Bank.

More information, the **presentation** used and some **background material** sent by some speakers [here](#).

### STAIRWAY TO EXCELLENCE (S2E)

The [Stairway to Excellence \(S2E\) page](#) has been enriched with new sections where content is being made available on:

- Countries & Regions info (Facts&Figures)
- Cases studies (about combination of funds)

More on this and the National Events that the S2E team started to organize (Croatia in March, Latvia in April) [here](#).

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#### SMART SPECIALISATION STRATEGIES: STATE OF IMPLEMENTATION AND PROSPECTS FOR COOPERATION BETWEEN REGIONS, 17 MARCH 2015 – COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONS, BRUSSELS (BELGIUM)

Lunchtime briefing, 17 March 2015, 13:00-14:30 - room JDE 51

Speakers: **Katja Reppel**, Deputy Head of Unit, Competence Centre Smart and Sustainable Growth DG REGIO, and **Alessandro Rainoldi**, JRC, IPTS, S3 Platform

Implementing “smart specialisation strategies” has become a priority for all member states regions receiving funding from the European Structural and Investment Funds between 2014 and 2020. These strategies will help regions to tap into their innovation potential and the EU will accompany their implementation through various networking activities including the “Smart Specialisation Platform” set up by the European Commission’s Joint Research Centre (JRC) in Seville. The Platform provides expertise, advice and exchange among policy makers and national and regional administrations on the concept of smart specialisation. Being open to EU, candidate and neighbouring countries and attracted about 160+ regions and countries from all member states and Norway and Serbia. During this briefing, representatives of the European Commission's DG for Regional and Urban Policy (DG REGIO) and of the JRC will present an overview on the planned 2014-2020 strategies and discuss way of cooperation between them.

- 1) What's the **state of smart specialisation strategies** in the different member states and regions?
- 2) What are assumed future **challenges of implementation** and how will they be addressed at EU level?
- 3) What activities are planned by DG REGIO and the JRC to support **exchange and cooperation** between regions in 2015 and beyond?

Lunchtime briefings at the CoR deliver insights into issues relevant for officials working for regional and local administrations and the offices and representations of regions and member states in Brussels, EU institutions, and colleagues from associations, think-tanks and similar organisations. During the briefings, there are usually two or three contributions of 10-15 minutes each, mostly by Commission colleagues at director or head of unit level, which are followed a Q+A session of 30 minutes. Briefings can be followed live on the web and presentations and video recordings are made public afterwards. Lunchtime briefings are attended by 50-100 colleagues on average and recordings are looked at up to 600 times.

Events page and registration: [here](#).

The event can be followed live via [internet](#).

#### GROW YOUR REGION: DELIVERING SMART SPECIALISATION AND ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION THROUGH CLUSTERS CONFERENCE, 27-28 APRIL 2015, BRUSSELS (BELGIUM)

The European Commission, the DG for Regional and Urban Policy and the DG for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs, would like to invite you to the conference **GROW your REGION: Delivering Smart Specialisation and Economic Transformation through Clusters** which will take place in Brussels, Belgium on 27 and 28 April 2015 at the Square (rue Mont des Arts, 1000 Brussels).

To register for this event please click [here](#).

For more information about the conference and the draft programme, please visit the [European Commission's website](#).

#### GROW your REGION Conference

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