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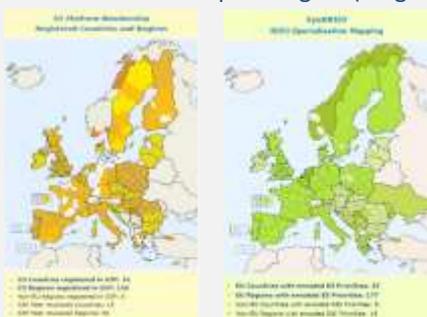
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S3 PLATFORM NEWS

S3 PLATFORM MEMBERSHIP AND EYE@RIS3 - S3 SPECIALISATION MAPPING

Welcome to our latest newcomers to register:

Sweden and Sofia Capital Region (Bulgaria)



More information and guidelines [here](#).

REMINDER : UPDATE YOUR S3 PAGES !

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](#). Please update your national/regional S3 pages with the S3 Related National Website, Related Links and Country News (see the example of Slovenia [here](#)).

We now also have contacts on **S3 Energy** (see the example for Andalusia [here](#)).



EXPO MILANO 2015
Registration closing 1st August

22/09/2015, MILANO, ITALY

The S3 Platform will be present at EXPO 2015 in Milano.

Register for S3 Platform workshop SMART SPECIALISATION AND FOOD: FOOD, GASTRONOMY AND BIO-ECONOMY AS ELEMENTS OF REGIONAL INNOVATION STRATEGIES taking place at EXPO 2015 in the EU Pavilion on 22 September 2015.

More information [here](#).

ANNUAL CONGRESS OF THE EUROPEAN REGIONAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION (ERSA): "WORLD RENAISSANCE – CHANGING ROLES FOR PEOPLE AND PLACES", 25-28/08/2015, LISBON, PORTUGAL



The World's largest gathering of Regional Science researchers. The umbrella topic of the conference is "World Renaissance – Changing roles for people and places"; besides this, sessions of different formats will cover all fields of Regional Science. More information can be found [here](#).

Corina Crețu, European Commissioner for Regional Policy, will participate in the morning of 28 August to a debate in the Portuguese Parliament between European Politicians and European Regional Scientists on "Science, Policy and Society: Discussion of Real Issues".

Also keynote speeches will be provided during the ERSA Congress by:

- **Philip McCann** holding the University of Groningen Endowed Chair of Economic Geography, Special adviser of Commissioner Corina Crețu, and member of the Mirror Group of the S3 Platform
- **John Goddard**, Professor of Regional Development Studies, and also member of the S3 Platform Mirror Group
- **Andrés Rodríguez-Pose**, Professor of Economic Geography at The London School of Economics.

REGIONAL STUDIES ASSOCIATION INAUGURAL AUSTRALASIAN CONFERENCE: "RETHINKING THE REGION & REGIONALISM IN AUSTRALASIA: CHALLENGES & OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE 21ST CENTURY", 31/08-02/09/2015, RMIT UNIVERSITY, MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA

Cities and regions in Australia and New Zealand have experienced more than 30 years of social and demographic dynamism as a consequence of micro economic reform, greater engagement with the global networks of production, new patterns of migration, rising national prosperity and the shift towards a service based economy. In many respects, the antipodean nations have led the World in the process of economic liberalisation, stripping away regulations to move from being some of the most protected economies in the OECD in the 1960s to amongst the most open economies in the 21st Century. Public sector reform at the national, provincial/state and local levels have contributed to these processes of change, calling into question both previous paradigms and policy settings. This first Regional Studies Association event in Australasia seeks to contribute to the growth in academic dialogue at the local and global scales. The Smart Specialisation approach to innovation policy in the European Union will be a topic of the conference. More information available [here](#).

DUAL USE TECHNOLOGIES: INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE & BROKERAGE EVENT, 27-28/10/2015, SEVILLE, SPAIN

The European Commission, the Regional Government of Andalusia and CESEAND, a member of the Enterprise Europe Network for the region of Andalusia, Spain, organize an International Conference on Dual-Use Technologies to explore and to promote cooperation opportunities among companies and public entities working in this field. More information [here](#).



Registration is now open [here](#)

for the 5th European Conference on Corporate R&D and Innovation ([CONCORDi 2015](#)) which will focus on "Evidence for policy". The conference organized by the European Commission, Joint Research Centre's Institute for Prospective Technological Studies ([JRC-IPTS](#)) will take place on 1-2 October 2015 in Seville (Spain). More information [here](#).

RIS3 WORKSHOP, 02/07/2015, MALTA

The S3 Platform took part in the National RIS3 meeting in Malta organised together with DG REGIO and the Maltese administration with the participation of the Malta Council for Science and Technology, Ministry of European Affairs and Implementation of Electoral Manifesto, Ministry for [The Ministry for Education and Employment](#) as well as representatives from research community, Malta Chamber of Commerce, Academia and education. The discussion focused on the completion of the S3 process and delivering of the RIS3 strategy. Experts (*critical friends*) from France, Italy and Spain provided comments and shared their experience, contributing to a fruitful dialogue. Within the context of the Stairways to Excellence project, the meeting also provided the opportunity to discuss the conditions under which synergies between European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF) and other innovation-related Community Funds can be develop in the implementation of Maltese RIS3.

RIS3 IN EASTERN MACEDONIA AND THRACE, 24/06/15, ALEXANDROUPOLIS, GREECE

The second project development lab, aiming at the further development of project ideas took place on the 24th of June in Alexandroupolis. This event aimed to further advance the entrepreneurial discovery process (EDP) of the region, building on the ideas generated in the four previous EDP focus groups organised as part of the preparatory action. Details of this and all previous events can be found on the recently revamped project website [here](#).

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EXTERNAL DIMENSIONS OF SMART SPECIALISATION: OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES FOR TRANS-REGIONAL AND TRANSNATIONAL COLLABORATION IN THE EU-13

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S3 WORKING PAPER 09/2015

The [paper](#) explores the issues of trans-regional and transnational collaboration in the context of smart specialisation in regions with the less developed research and development and innovation systems. A systematic methodological approach to trans-regional and transnational cooperation is proposed. It is discussed how this methodology can be exploited to build innovation capacities and enhance innovation potential in selected regions. Specifically, the paper addresses the following questions: What could be a conceptual approach to trans-regional cooperation within the context of Smart Specialisation? What could be, in this context, the role of regional governments/national authorities? How regional authorities can benefit from the analysis of trans-regional opportunities, potential competitors and collaborators? Based on this analysis, what steps can policy-makers take to improve trans-regional cooperation? The following issues related to linking smart specialisation and value chains are considered: how to match regions and value chains, how patterns of value chains can be promoted by smart specialisation; and how to identify the preconditions for 'discovering' new value chains. The main obstacles to the internationalization of smart specialisation are distinguished and ways to overcome them are discussed. Policies providing support for technology upgrading are highlighted. The paper concludes discussing of policies to improve trans-regional cooperation in less developed R&I systems in short and long term.

RIS3 GO LOCAL: THE FIRST RIS3 DEVELOPED BY A RURAL ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPALITIES IN EXTREMADURA (SPAIN)

The Local Action Group (LAG) 'Tagus' (Tajo-Salor-Almonte in Extremadura) together with 'Emprendedorex', the Rural Development Network of Extremadura and the Local Action Group de 'Los Pedroces' (Andalusia) visited the S3 Platform to present and discuss a RIS3 developed by a rural inter-municipal community. The Tagus RIS3 example is going to be followed by other LAGs in Spain. Main elements of interests of this experience are the sub-regional scale, the contribution to the territorial implementation of the regional RIS3 of Extremadura and the mix of different policy frameworks as Smart Specialisation and the LEADER programme. More information [here](#).

STUDY ON 3DP AND SURVEY



The European Commission has launched a study on 3D-Printing in the EU. The aim is to detect missing competencies with regard to important future applications and to lay the ground for joint-demonstration platforms across EU regions to accelerate market uptake.

The study will cover at least 60 EU regions. Each region interested to participate is invited to fill in the short survey [here](#) or can take contact with the project leader (vincent.duchene@ideaconsult.be).

STAIRWAY TO EXCELLENCE (S2E)

[National and Regional Fact & Figures](#) are now available on-line for all EU13 Member States. They are also available from the respective [S3P registered country/region](#) pages. The S3Working Paper No 09/2015 "[External dimensions of smart specialisations: Opportunities and challenges for trans-regional and transnational cooperation in EU-13](#)" has also been published (see above). More on S2E [here](#).