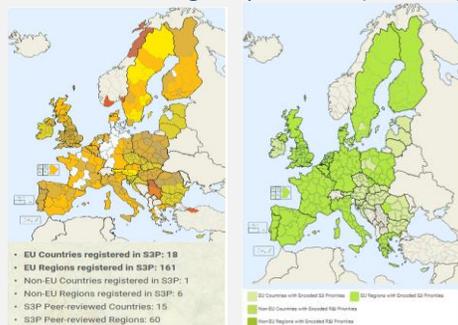# *Newsletter*

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S3 PLATFORM NEWS

S3 PLATFORM MEMBERSHIP AND EYE@RIS3 - S3 SPECIALISATION MAPPING

Welcome to our latest newcomers to register:
Italy, Baden-Württemberg and Mecklenburg-Vorpommern (Germany)

- EU Countries registered in S3P: 18
- EU Regions registered in S3P: 161
- Non-EU Countries registered in S3P: 1
- Non-EU Regions registered in S3P: 6
- S3P Peer-reviewed Countries: 15
- S3P Peer-reviewed Regions: 60

More information and guidelines **here**.

REMINDER : UPDATE YOUR S3 PAGES !

Please update your national/regional S3 pages with the S3 Related National Website, Related Links and Country News (see the example of Slovenia **here** or our contacts on **S3 Energy** (see the example for Andalusia **here**).

The Urban Development Network
Peer Review Workshop
Sevilla, 28-29 January 2016

PILOT PEER REVIEW WORKSHOP ON INTEGRATED SUSTAINABLE URBAN DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES
28-29/01/2016, SEVILLE, SPAIN
REGISTRATION NOW OPEN - DEADLINE ON 08/01/16!

The City of Seville and the European Commission (**Directorate General for Regional and Urban Policy and the Joint Research Centre)** invite urban authorities eligible for ERDF funding under Art. 7 Reg. 1301/2013 to the pilot **peer-review workshop on Integrated Sustainable Urban Development Strategies**.

Attendance at the seminar will offer urban authorities an opportunity to discuss and exchange on **Integrated Sustainable Urban Development Strategies** together with other EU cities, urban experts and the European Commission.

The workshop's methodology will be based on the peer review one developed by the Smart Specialisation Platform. Four cities will present their **strategies** in two parallel sessions for open discussion and feedback.

To register, see the agenda and more information **here.**

OUR WEBSITE HAS BEEN UPDATED
PLEASE VISIT OUR NEW LOOK AND FEEL WEB:
SMART SPECIALISATION PLATFORM

What we can do for you?

The Smart Specialisation Platform provides professional advice to EU countries and regions for the design and implementation of their research and innovation strategies for smart specialisation (RIS3). Our services include: Providing guidance material and good practice examples; Organising information sessions for policy makers and participating in conferences; Providing training to policy-makers; Facilitating peer-reviews and mutual learning; Supporting access to relevant data; Participating in high quality research projects to inform strategy formation and policy making.

Please visit our website new outfit:

Smart Specialisation S3 Platform invites you to navigate through our various pages where you'll find new Look and Feel Web Pages to access S3 Sections, S3 Tools, S3P Calendar and much more.

Visit our new Look and Feel Home page **here**.

S3 NEWS AND PUBLICATIONS

THE INNOVATION ADOPTION GAP, 16-17/12/2015, GENEVA, SWITZERLAND

The S3 Platform participated to the UN Team of Specialists on Innovation and Competitiveness Policies meeting in Geneva on 16-17 December 2015. The group is to focus on 'The Innovation Adoption Gap: Strategies and Policy Options for Accelerating the Adoption and Diffusion of Innovations'. This applied policy seminar is expected to lay the groundwork for developing good practices and policy recommendations for addressing gaps in the adoption of innovations. The conclusions may also serve as a contribution to the implementation of the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda at the regional level.

Please find the agenda of the meeting **here**.
Further information can be found **here**.

SEMINAR TOWARDS A SUSTAINABLE REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT BASED ON SMART SPECIALISATION , 2-5/12/2015, PIURA, PERU

The EU Smart Specialisation approach was presented in the seminar 'Towards a sustainable regional development based on smart specialisation', organized by the University of Piura (Peru), and the regional government of Piura with the support of Fondecyt (Fondo Nacional de Desarrollo en Ciencia, Tecnología e Innovación).
The S3 Platform delivered several keynote speeches on the Cohesion Policy, Smart Specialisation and the Entrepreneurial discovery process. The Platform animated the debate on the opportunity to adopt S3 for R&I in the region. Our intervention earned the attention of the audience, helping to spread the message of Smart Specialisation beyond the EU boundaries and supporting the momentum that Smart Specialisation policy is gaining internationally. Concytec has just approved a project 'Regional Priority areas' (Áreas Prioritarias Regionales)

More information **here**.

S3 PLATFORM ON TWITTER – FOLLOW US!

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FINAL REPORT ON RIS3 IN EASTERN MACEDONIA AND THRACE (REMTH) NOW AVAILABLE

This European Parliament Preparatory Action aimed to facilitate the refinement and implementation of the RIS3 strategy in a region heavily hit by the crisis, to serve as a model for other convergence regions in Greece and Europe, and to serve as a unique test bed for theories on smart specialisation. It was implemented by JRC-IPTS in collaboration with DG REGIO, the Managing Authority of Eastern Macedonia and Thrace, and the Regional Council of Innovation and Entrepreneurship and with the support of selected independent experts. The experience will be used to implement similar support activities in other low income and low growth regions in several European countries. The final report is available **here**.

UPCOMING SCIENCE-FOR-POLICY REPORT: *UNDERSTANDING OF GLOBAL VALUE CHAINS AND THEIR ANALYSIS WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF SMART SPECIALISATION*

Authors: **PROFESSOR LOUIS BRENNAN (TRINITY COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY OF DUBLIN) AND RUSLAN RAKHMATULLIN (S3 PLATFORM, EC)**

Using the case of the Irish pharmaceutical sector, this paper elaborates the foundations and functioning of global value chains, the importance of their analysis within the S3 context, in line with the existing RIS3 framework. A methodological approach to analysing a country's position in GVCs in terms of activities, flows and relationships will be presented. The approach will be illustrated with its application to the Irish pharmaceutical sector. This paper is expected to be published in the beginning of January 2016.

DIGITAL AGENDA

On 18th December the new Look and Feel Smart Specialisation web was launched.
The Digital Growth section has also updated its Look and Feel web page, and in particular the Digital Agenda Toolbox, with revisions of thematic fiches and new guidance materials for the different themes of the toolbox.
Please visit our Digital Growth S3 Section **here** and the Digital Agenda Toolbox **here**.

LIVING ROOM OF EMERGING INDUSTRIES, 01/11/2015, MILAN, ITALY

The S3 Platform together with the Region of Lombardy organized jointly the event on the Entrepreneurial Discovery Process (EDP) in the field of Emerging Industries. The discussion of this focus-oriented workshop should result in the establishment of S3 lab by the Region of Lombardy. The scope of this activity will refer to issues which are relevant to S3 implementation in this field.
More information **here**.

STAIRWAY TO EXCELLENCE (S2E)

New "Stairway to Excellence" (S2E) webpages are now available as part of the just re-designed Smart Specialisation Platform (S3P) website.

The activities of the S2E project include:
- National policy events
- National and Regional Fact & Figures
- S2E Country Reports
- Practical Synergies Examples between different innovation-related EU funding
- Fiches on a selection of European Instruments/ Platforms/ Concepts

The S2E webpages also provide links to Contacts, Publications, Relevant Initiatives, Reference Documents and FAQs.