

S3 PLATFORM NEWS

S3 PLATFORM MEMBERSHIP AND EYE@RIS3 - S3 SPECIALISATION MAPPING

Welcome to our latest newcomers to register: Sud Muntenia (ROMANIA) and Central Bohemia (CZECH REPUBLIC).



More information and guidelines [here](#).

REMINDER : UPDATE YOUR S3 PRIORITIES !

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 urged to check and update their S3 priorities in the Eye@RIS3.

You are also kindly invited to 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](#)).

REGIOSTARS AWARDS:

LAUNCH OF THE 2016 REGIOSTARS AWARDS BY THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION'S DIRECTORATE GENERAL FOR REGIONAL AND URBAN POLICY



If you have any questions please contact regiostars2016@iservice-europa.eu.



EVENTS IN POLAND: 27-28/04/2016 IN WARSAW:

STAIRWAYS TO EXCELLENCE NATIONAL EVENT - THE SYNERGIES BETWEEN RESEARCH AND INNOVATION FUNDING, AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SMART SPECIALISATION STRATEGY (S3)

A 2-day event organised jointly by the S3 Platform & Stairways to Excellence team, the Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy, and Polish National Contact Point for Research Programmes of the EU will provide an opportunity to share experiences in combining European Structural and Investment Funds with Horizon 2020, COSME and other funding sources to improve excellence in the national R&I systems. The national event will be followed the next day with the workshop on implementation of the smart specialisation strategy in Poland (limited only to representatives of the Polish regional and national authorities).

For more information [here for S2E](#) and [here for S3](#).

Still possible to register for the S2E event on 27/04/2016 [here](#).



SMART REGIONS CONFERENCE, 1-2/06/2016, BRUSSELS, BELGIUM

The S3 Platform for INDUSTRIAL MODERNISATION will be officially launched at this conference which will bring together stakeholders for smart specialisation investments. Regions that have indicated their interest to start a partnership in specific Industrial Modernisation value chains will be invited to present their proposal at the launch event. Further information, please find event page [here](#).

Event Secretariat e-mail: smart_regions@iservice-europa.eu

Event webpage: http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/en/conferences/smart-regions/



1ST SMARTER CONFERENCE ON SMART SPECIALISATION AND TERRITORIAL DEVELOPMENT CHANGING PATTERNS OF TERRITORIAL POLICY: SMART SPECIALISATION AND INNOVATION IN EUROPE, 28-30/09/2016, SEVILLE, SPAIN

The First SMARTER Conference on Smart Specialisation and Territorial Development is co-organised by the S3 Platform and the Regional Studies Association.

For more information and registration [here](#).

Please also see our [Call for abstract](#) to submit by 30/06/2016.



SMARTSPEC FINAL CONFERENCE - 12/05/2016, BRUSSELS, BELGIUM

The insight

This FP7 funded research project led by Cardiff University will have its final conference at the Committee of the Regions in Brussels. This project has included research on the EPD, social innovation and less developed regional innovation systems, and has benefited from the participation of several S3 Platform regions. More information including how to register [here](#).

S3 NEWS AND PUBLICATIONS

REGISTRATION AND CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST IS **OPEN** FOR THE
INFO DAYS ON S3 PLATFORM ON INDUSTRIAL MODERNISATION AND AGRI-FOOD! 11-12/05/2016, BRUSSELS, BELGIUM

These events are open to regional and national authorities as well as other actors interested in taking part in a new European Platforms to jointly align priorities, investment efforts and innovation support activities in this thematic area.

S3 Platform on Industrial Modernisation: If you wish to attend the event, [please sign up here](#). You will also be invited to answer a number of questions regarding your region's experience and ambition in the context of Industrial Modernisation related investment and innovation. Further information and agenda are available [here](#).

S3 Platform on Agri-Food: Registration is available [here](#). The registration form allows You to share your ideas for joining forces with other regions in the area of Agri-food.

Further information and agenda are available [here](#).

S3 PLATFORM ON INDUSTRIAL MODERNISATION
Info Day, 11 May 2016, Brussels

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AIMS
The aim is to support the central and regional authorities of the Member States to develop high quality industrial specialisation strategies and to foster the implementation of such strategies across the EU. The platform will also support the development of a pipeline of concrete ambitious investment projects across the EU.

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S3 PLATFORM FOR AGRI-FOOD
FROM JOINT INVESTMENTS TO NEW EUROPEAN VALUE CHAINS

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Info Day, 12 May 2016, Brussels

The European Commission is to launch a new and exciting initiative to assist regions in their efforts to facilitate the development of new value chains through the interconnection of regional innovation eco-systems and their innovation actors in specific S3 investment areas such as Agri-Food.

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**SMART SPECIALISATION
SUCCESS STORIES**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTION !

The insight that this booklet provides - thanks to the precious contribution of national and regional authorities - shows that smart specialisation has gone far beyond the mere fulfilment of the ex-ante conditionality criteria linked to Cohesion policy allocations. It has triggered a change in the way innovation-driven regional development policies are dealt with across Europe.

Please remember, the online repository in an ongoing project, so please keep on sharing with us your success story! Both printed and online version will be presented and distributed on the High Level Event on the 1-2 June 2016

STAIRWAY TO EXCELLENCE (S2E)

Recent updates on [Stairway to Excellence](#) pages include presentations for the recent (6 Apr 2016) [S2E National Events](#) in Ljubljana: [Slovenia National Event](#).

The next national event will take place on 27 Apr 2016 in Warsaw: [Poland National Event](#). S2E keeps its [Call for contribution](#) to forthcoming national S2E events or the final S2E conference.

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GLOBAL VALUE CHAINS AND SMART SPECIALISATION STRATEGY

Authors: LOUIS BRENNAN, RUSLAN RAKHMATULLIN



The 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 is presented. The approach is illustrated with its application to the Irish pharmaceutical sector. Report is available [here](#).

BLUE GROWTH AND SMART SPECIALISATION: HOW TO CATCH MARITIME GROWTH THROUGH 'VALUE NETS'

Authors: JAN MAARTEN DE VET, JOHN EDWARDS, AND MATTEO BOCCI



The paper sets out several pathways to building so-called 'Blue Value Nets', notably through: 1) Expanding nets through suppliers and enablers; 2) Sharing infrastructure; and 3) Boosting Blue clusters and networks. However, the public sector can support this process also by: a) Enabling competency development and knowledge sharing; b) Use of maritime clusters as a tool to promote Smart Specialisation; c) Stimulating trans-boundary cooperation and; 4) Promoting 'Collaborative Labs'. Report is available [here](#).