

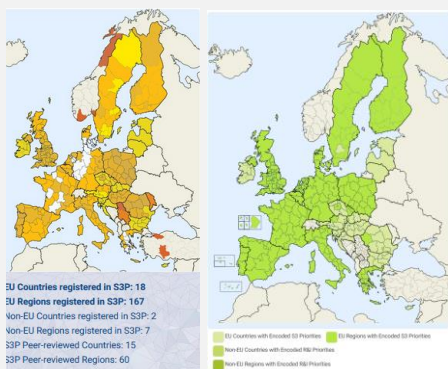


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S3 PLATFORM NEWS

S3 PLATFORM MEMBERSHIP AND EYE@RIS3 - S3 SPECIALISATION MAPPING



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](#)).

Registration to S3P Energy

The [S3 Platform on Energy](#) is opened for registration of the EU Regions/ Member States interested in energy related S3 priorities and welcomes the specific contact of energy related S3 experts from regions/countries.

Register:



[S3P-Energy leaflet:](#)



HOW TO BUILD SMART ENERGY REGIONS 04-05/07/2016, ETTLINGEN (GERMANY)



[This event](#) is organised by the TechnologieRegion Karlsruhe and the Joint Research Centre (JRC). It will discuss how regions and local communities could contribute to reaching ambitious and sustainable greenhouse gas emission reduction targets in the energy sector.

The [How to build Smart Energy Regions](#) event addresses representatives of the local and regional government level in different European regions, scientists and experts, and representatives of the European Commission to discuss good practices and innovative concepts for smart energy solutions at local and regional level.

S2E NATIONAL EVENTS - ROMANIA: 23/06/2016, Bucharest (Romania) BULGARIA: 14/07/2016, Sofia (Bulgaria)

Upcoming [S2E National Events](#) co-organised by the S3 Platform – [Stairway to Excellence](#) (S2E) project and national authorities:

 [Romania national event](#)

 [Bulgaria national event](#)

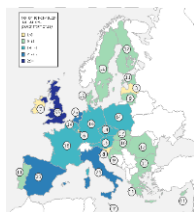
CHANGING PATTERNS OF TERRITORIAL POLICY SMART SPECIALISATION AND INNOVATION IN EUROPE 28-30/09/2016, SEVILLE (SPAIN)



The [1st SMARTER Conference on Smart Specialisation and Territorial Development](#) is co-organised by the S3 Platform and the Regional Studies Association.

[Call for abstract:](#) to be submitted by **30/06/2016**.

IESI CALL FOR ACTION FOR MAPPING 2016 AND AWARD



The JRC is conducting a **new mapping of ICT-enabled social innovation initiatives** to consolidate the [IESI Knowledge Map](#) which aims at supporting social policy reforms in the EU. Most promising initiatives will receive an **IESI Award** and will be invited to showcase their experience in Brussels. Participate in the [short survey](#) by **31/07/2016**

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LAUNCH OF THE SMART SPECIALISATION PLATFORM FOR AGRI-FOOD & SMART SPECIALISATION PLATFORM FOR INDUSTRIAL MODERNISATION

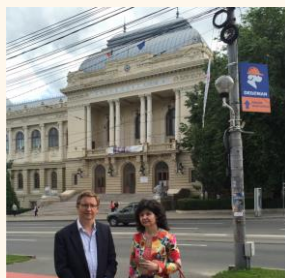


The new [Smart Specialisation Platform for Agri-Food](#) and [Smart Specialisation Platform for Industrial Modernisation](#) were launched during the June [Smart Regions conference](#). These new platforms will offer hands-on support to regions to foster interregional cooperation based on matching smart specialisation priorities related to Agri-food and Industrial Modernisation. They will be hosted by the European Commission's Smart Specialisation Platform located in Seville.



The aim of this initiative is to **create an investment pipeline of mature projects in new growth areas across the EU**, by providing tailored advice and helping regions establish links with the business and research communities. The platforms could help regions develop or share infrastructure such as testing facilities, pilot plants, data centres, and Fab-Labs. Particular support will be given to regions to combine different EU investment instruments, such as the [European Structural and Investment \(ESI\) Funds](#), [COSME](#), [Horizon2020](#) and the European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI), the heart of the [Investment Plan](#).

S3 PLATFORM LAUNCHES A NEW PROJECT ON HIGHER EDUCATION



The [Higher Education in Smart Specialisation \(HESS\)](#) project includes action research in two S3 Platform regions: Navarre in Spain and North East Romania. It aims to analyse how higher education can help implement S3 at regional level, both in the supply of skills and knowledge relevant to the region's priorities, and its broader engagement with the economy and society. Introductory meetings have already been held in Pamplona and Iași. More field work including peer review will take place in the autumn. The results of the action research can provide inspiration for other members of the S3 Platform, and a focused handbook on the subject will be published in the first half of 2017. The project will also analyse how the ESI Funds are being spent on Higher Education across the EU as a whole.

NEW PROJECT ON RIS3 IN LAGGING REGIONS



Building on the outcomes of the [RIS3 in REMTh \(Region of Eastern Macedonia and Thrace, Greece\)](#), the [RIS3 in Lagging Regions project](#) provides appropriate and specific support to the implementation of RIS3 in selected regions where growth is slow or limited. It also develops a cross-cutting approach to key issues regarding growth and governance in those regions.

Two Entrepreneurial Discovery Process (EDP) focus groups were co-organized with the Regional Development Agencies of North-West and North East Romania. The aim of both events was to bring together relevant stakeholders in the priority sectors of cosmetics and biotechnology, respectively, to explore and catalyse the dynamics of the entrepreneurial process of discovery, to examine the key criteria to identify and pursue relevant projects for the region, and to further refine the focus group approach for its future application in other regions:

- [Entrepreneurial Discovery Focus Group on biotechnology, North-East Region, Romania](#) (Iași, Romania)
- [Focus Group on cosmetics and food supplements based on natural resources](#) (Cluj, Romania)

STAIRWAY TO EXCELLENCE (S2E)

Last publications for Stairway to Excellence: - [Joint Statement of the National Event of Estonia](#) (as an outcome of the [Estonia national event](#))
- [Joint Statement of the National Event of Slovenia](#) (as an outcome of the [Slovenia national event](#))

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