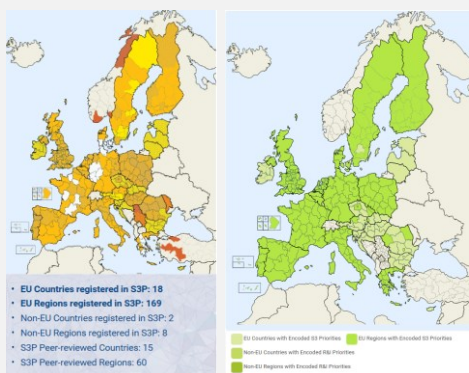# JOINT RESEARCH CENTRE

Newsletter

S3 PLATFORM NEWS

S3 PLATFORM MEMBERSHIP AND EYE@RIS3 - S3 SPECIALISATION MAPPING

Welcome to our latest newcomers to register:
Manisa, Afyonkarahisar, Kütahya, Usak (TR).)

- EU Countries registered in S3P: 18
- EU Regions registered in S3P: 169
- Non-EU Countries registered in S3P: 2
- Non-EU Regions registered in S3P: 8
- S3P Peer-reviewed Countries: 15
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EU Countries with Encoded S3 Priorities   EU Regions with Encoded S3 Priorities
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Non-EU Regions with Encoded R&I Priorities

REMINDER: UPDATE YOUR S3 PRIORITIES AND YOUR NATIONAL/ REGIONAL S3 PLATFORM PAGES

The S3 Platform is updating the information on S3 priorities on the basis of the advanced stages of the regional/ national RIS3s. Regional/ national policy makers are invited to update their S3 priorities in the **Eye@RIS3**.
S3 Platform Country pages have been up-dated with additional features: REGIO Info-view Page, ESIF Open Data Platform, KEEP-Territorial Cooperation Programmes links.
(see the examples for Slovenia)

LIVE WEB STREAMING OF THE FIRST SMARTER CONFERENCE

The First SMARTER Conference on Smart Specialisation and Territorial Development aims to take stock of the smart specialisation experience and assess its current state of the art. A limited number of participants from academia, European Institutions and territorial authorities will discuss these issues, to define the scope and main avenues for future research and policy analysis, and to address the challenges confronting-policy makers and practitioners.
The conference will take place on **29th and 30th September**. Registration is now closed but a **live web streaming** will be available to follow the presentations and debates with keynote speakers in plenary sessions.

S3PENERGY PLATFORM PROMOTES INTER-REGIONAL COOPERATION IN THE EUROPEAN WEEK OF REGIONS AND CITIES (OPEN DAYS)

The Smart Specialisation Platform for Energy (S3PEnergy) is organising the "Energy Innovation in European regions" in the framework of the EUWRC on **13-14 October in Brussels**. The goal of this event is to facilitate interregional cooperation among EU regions having similar Smart Specialisation energy-related priorities. This event will facilitate exchanges among participants and discuss further on a strategic agenda for the implementation of their S3 in the field of energy.

FOLLOW-UP EVENT SMART MEDITERRANEO

Organised in the framework of the S3PEnergy, the Smart Mediterraneo workshop aimed at building synergies among the regions of the Mediterranean Sea and exchanging experiences in the field of smart grids. The main conclusion of the event was that the smart grids sector faces several challenges and obstacles such as the need of more targeted interregional cooperation and higher engagement of private sector. Future scenarios, initiatives and interventions should capitalise on existent evidence and results, facilitated for instance in the framework of the 459 projects carried out across Europe (See the JRC Smart Grids Outlook Report).
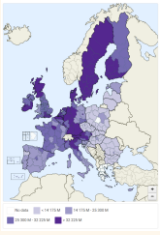
INDUSTRIAL MODERNISATION

The Information on the objectives of the S3P – Industrial modernisation platform are now available one also on how to set up partnerships under the platform and on how to accelerate the development of joint investment projects. The key objective of the Smart Specialisation Platform for Industrial Modernisation (S3P-Industrial Modernisation) will be to provide a platform for and **support the efforts of EU regions and member states** committed to work together for developing a pipeline of investment projects connected to their RIS3 priority areas related to industrial modernisation.

A **kick-off event of S3P - Industrial Modernisation** will be organised to foster interregional cooperation and investments on the **16-17 November 2016 in Barcelona**. This working meeting will result in the first batch of partnerships formally joining the platform as members. At the same time, it will result in agreed working arrangements to prepare partnerships in thematic areas and establish a project investment pipeline, in particular for pilots and demonstrators in the targeted areas. The European Commission is committed to develop support and advisory services to accelerate this project pipeline. To register for the event, please visit the event website.
Please visit the S3P - Industrial Modernisation website for other related events.

S3 NEWS AND PUBLICATIONS

Download S3·publications and EU S3 guides

IMPLEMENTING RIS3 IN THE REGION OF EASTERN MACEDONIA AND THRACE: TOWARDS A RIS3 TOOL BOX

Authors: MARK BODEN, PATRICE DOS SANTOS, KAREL HAEGEMAN, ELISABETTA MARINELLI, SUSANA VALERO

This policy brief provides a summary of the approach and outcomes of a European Parliament Preparatory Action centred on the refinement and implementation of the Research and Innovation Smart Specialisation Strategy (RIS3) in the region of Eastern Macedonia and Thrace (REMth).

SMART SPECIALISATION: CREATING GROWTH THROUGH TRANS-NATIONAL COOPERATION AND VALUE CHAINS

Authors: MARIUSSEN ÅGE; RAKHMATULLIN RUSLAN; STANIONYTE LINA.

This JRC Science for Policy Report is a Thematic Work on the Understanding of Transnational cooperation and Value Chains in the context of Smart Specialisation.

HOW OUTWARD-LOOKING IS SMART SPECIALISATION?

Authors: JENS SÖRVIK, INGER MIDTKANDAL, CHIARA MARZOCCHI AND ELVIRA UYARRA

This study is a new technical report by the Smart Specialisation Platform that presents the findings from a survey sent out to S3P members last year. An integral part of Smart Specialisation is the outward-looking dimension, to find a region's potential advantages in international markets, and to identify partners to help deliver new solutions and solve common challenges.

It is available both as a pdf and as a Power Point.

SMART STORIES: EVIDENCE FROM THE REGIONS

In recent years, over 100 smart specialisation Strategies have been developed, mostly at regional level, across the Union.
The smart stories reflect the way in which managing authorities have used the RIS3 concept to develop their own innovation-driven regional development policies.

This month, evidence is given from Lithuania, with a focus on defining S3 priority through the Entrepreneurial Discovery Process.

View more and share your story

IMPLEMENTATION EXAMPLES: THE PLATFORM ANALYSIS

The Platform has developed a wide range of S3 implementation examples, based on practical experiences from regions and countries across Europe.

These cases show effective ways to tackle specific problems and challenges, taking into account the context, resources and institutional settings characterising each region and country.

This month, the example relates to the issue of good governance, with a highlight on the region of Friuli Venezia Giulia in Italy.

View more and submit new examples

S3 HUB / S3 IN MEDIA

The Europe Media Monitor (EMM) collects thousands of news sources in over 70 languages and allows to easily explore and understand current news reported by the world's online media.

Smart specialisation is a topic followed by the EMM.