S3 PLATFORM Peer Review for National RIS3

Peer discussion as a step towards Research and Innovation Strategies for Smart Specialisation (RIS3)

Budapest (Hungary), 24th-25th June 2013

The Smart Specialisation Platform (S3 Platform) established by the European Commission in June 2011 at JRC-IPTS in Seville, is to provide professional advice to regions and member states in their design and development of RIS3. One of the main activities and tools offered by the S3 Platform is peer review workshops.

The peer-review workshops bring together regional and national authorities for mutual learning and exploration of ways in which Research and Innovation Strategies for Smart Specialisation (RIS3) can be developed. The S3 Platform aims to create an open and trusted learning environment where practical and conceptual aspects of RIS3 can be discussed and explored through challenges and experiences of individual regions. The workshops have two main objectives. The first objective is to allow regions and national authorities meet their peers, the European Commission staff, academic experts and others to discuss common issues related to Smart Specialisation. The second objective is to allow the participants to peer-review each other's work on RIS3. More information about the S3 Platform Peer Review workshops can be found on this webpage: http://s3platform.jrc.ec.europa.eu/peer-review

Independently of whether they are developed at regional or national level, the RIS3 are to be understood as a tool for structural change. Designing RIS3 implies a governance mechanism that involves intensively all appropriate levels of stakeholders and decision makers: it should be an exercise that includes policy development by local, regional and national authorities with clearly defined roles and responsibilities and moreover a sound coordination among the levels. The national level of governments faces strong challenges related to coordination: coordination of related policies and coordination of RIS3 planning and multilevel governance. How to meet these challenges will vary, taking into account diverse governance structures and institutional set-up and capabilities in the different Member States.

Based on and building on the experiences from the peer-review workshops organised by the S3 Platform, we now launch a peer-review workshop where Member States will have the possibility to present their work on Research and Innovation strategies for smart specialisation and receive peer feedback from 'critical friends' from both national and regional authorities.

The event would allow participants to exchange views and experiences on coordination of RIS3 and related policies and national experiences on multi-level governance. The different national experiences will be shared and can be supported from other regional and national governments in order to find the best policy solutions for optimal design of RIS3 that supports a shift of perspective in planning and implementation of innovation.

Participation will be open for: (i) national responsible authorities (28) for RIS3 by direct invitation through the S3 Platform, and (ii) registered members of the S3 Platform. An appropriate balance of both national and regional peers will be ensured through management of registrations.

Organizers

National Innovation Office (Hungary), European Commission (JRC - S3 Platform)

Where

National Innovation Office, Budapest, Hungary, Andrassy 12.

24th of June 2013	
10:30 – 11:30	**Study tour to the European Institute of Innovation and Technology***
12:00 – 12:30	Registration
12:30 – 14:00	**Lunch**
14:00 – 15:30	**Session 1.: RIS3: a tool for change** Moderated by Alessandro Rainoldi, Head of Smart Specialization Platform, Joint Research Center, European Commission László Turóczy, Deputy Minister of State for Competitiveness, Ministry of National Economy Normunds Popens, Deputy Director General, DG REGIO Nicola Bellini, Professor of Institute of Management, Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna, Pisa, expert of the Smart Specialization Platform Alessandro Rainoldi, Head of Smart Specialization Platform, Joint Research Center, European Commission Discussion
15:30 – 16:00	**Coffee Break**
16:00 – 18.00	**Session 2.: Multilevel governance of research and innovation policies** Moderated by Katja Reppel, Deputy Head of Unit, CC Smart and Sustainable Growth, DG Regional and Urban Policy, European Commission Towards a new place-based approach and a smartly specialised, innovative Danube Region, Armin Mahr, Head of Strategy Unit for

	regional & location policy, Austrian Federal Ministry of Science and Research
	The socio-spatial context for innovation: learning macro-regions, Adrian Healy, Cardiff School of Planning and Geography
	UK devolutionary experience: RIS3 as embedded within the LEP based model – Aphrodite Korou and Kevin Richardson, Department of Business, Innovation and Skills, UK government
	Cooperation of national and regional administrations in Spain - Fernando Merida Martin, Head of Programs Coordination Area, Ministry of Economy of Spain
	Discussion
	Closing of Day 1
19:30	**Dinner**
	25th of June 2013

09:00 – 10:00	**Session 3.: Methodology of S3 Platform in transnational learning**

Smart Specialization platform, Fatime Barbara Hegyi, Joint Research Center, European Commission

Transnational learning, Åge Mariussen, Institute leader of Botnia Atlantica Institute and expert of the Smart Specialization Platform

Introduction to S3 peer review workshops, Inger Midtkandal, Smart Specialization Platform, Joint Research Center, European Commission

10:00 – 12:15	**Session 4.: Parallel peer review sessions**	
	Peer review Malta	**Peer review Lithuania**
	Presentation by the national representatives and peer discussion.	Presentation by the national representatives and peer discussion.
	Moderated by: Fatime Hegyi	Moderated by: Alexander Kleibrink
	Rapporteur: Ales Gnamus	Rapporteur: Inger Midtkandal
12:15 – 13:15	**Lunch**	
13:15 – 15:30	**Session 5.: Parallel peer review sessions**	

	Peer review Portugal	**Peer review Hungary**
	Presentation by the national representatives and peer discussion. Moderated by: Ales Gnamus Rapporteur: Alexander Kleibrink	Presentation by the national representatives and peer discussion. Moderated by: Inger Midtkandal Rapporteur: Fatime Hegyi
15:30 – 16:00	**Coffee break**	
16:00 – 17:00	**Session 6.: Conclusions and lessons learned** Moderated by Alessandro Rainoldi, Head of Smart Specialization Platform, Joint Research Center, European Commission Feedback from Csaba Deak, vice-president, National Innovation Office Feedback from the peer reviewed countries Nicola Bellini, Professor of Institute of Management, Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna, Pisa, expert of the Smart Specialization Platform Adrian Healy, Cardiff School of Planning and Geography and expert of the Smart Specialization Platform Åge Mariussen, Institute leader of Botnia Atlantica Institute and expert of the Smart Specialization Platform Short comments by critical friends. Closing remarks	
17:00	**End of Peer review workshop**	

* Meeting point for participants of the study tour:
9.50 in front of the National Innovation Office (12. Andrassy ut) or directly at the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (Infopark - Building E, 1 Neumann Janos utca) at 10.30.