S3 Peer Reviews: Learning together

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Peer Review Workshops

Implementing and reviewing a RIS3 is a continuous process:
- Need to adapt and update the strategy
- Transnational learning - learning from each other AND learning together
- Critical friends and critical buddies

▪Our past peer-review workshops:

    1st Workshop in Seville (Jan 2012)
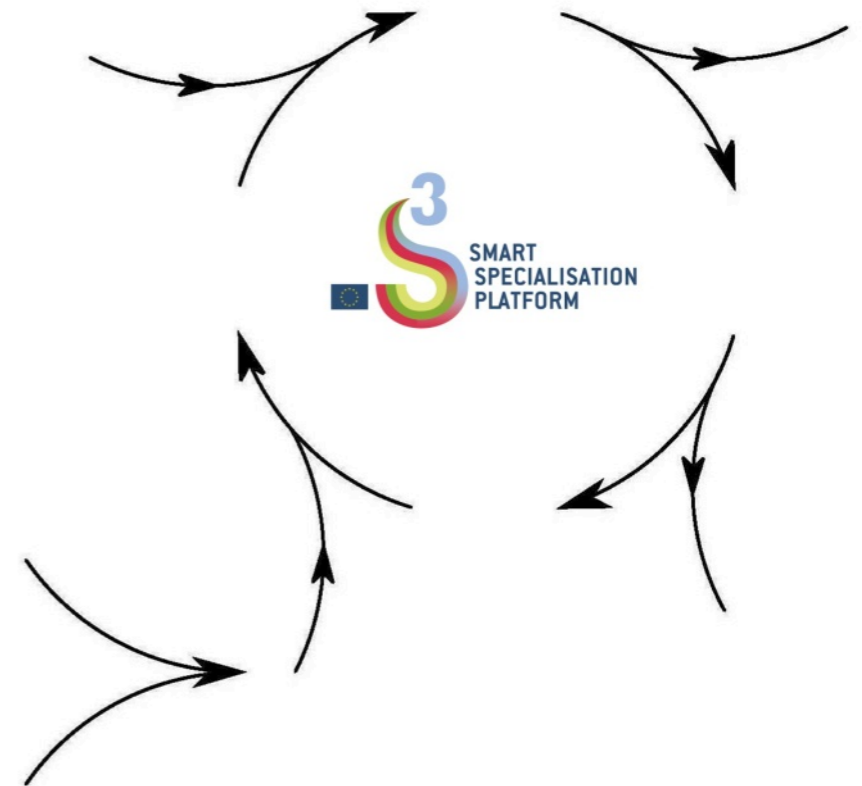
    2nd Workshop in Seville (May 2012)

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    14th Workshop in Riga (February 2014)

Our **current** workshop:

    15th Workshop in Portorož (May 2014)

Our **next** national peer review event:

    16th Workshop in Dublin (July 2014)

http://s3platform.jrc.ec.europa.eu/peer-review

S3 Peer Reviews are about mutual learning

* *Friendly (yet critical) discussions that allow us all:*

✓ *Focus on specific objectives and issues/problems*

✓ *Build shared cognitive frameworks (common understanding)*

✓ *Discover good practices (and failed policies!)*

Peer Review basics

* *Participants* *switch roles* (being peer-reviewed in one session, and becoming a reviewer/ peer in another one)

* *Get some* *experience in* *evaluating RIS3*/*benchmarking:*
- *Regions under review*
- *Critical peers and buddies*
- *Experts*

* *Integrating expertise/ knowledge* from *a variety of* *sources* (peers, invited experts, European Commission)
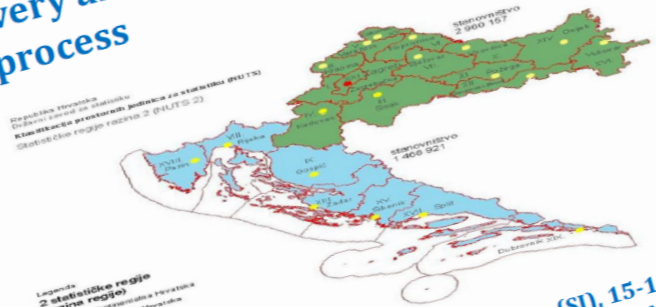
* Feedback reports

3 countries will be peer reviewed in Portorož

Today:

CROATIA
Prioritisation, Entrepreneurial Discovery and Policy mix in the RIS3 process

Ljubljana (SI), 15-16 May 20
Mr.sc. Marija Rajaković

CYPRUS:
Prioritisation, Entrepreneurial Discovery and Policy mix in the RIS3 process

Portoroz (SI), 15-16 May 2014
Leonidas Antoniou
Antonis Theocharous
Spyros Avdimiotis

Tomorrow:

Ljubljana (SI), 15-16 May 2014
Peter Wostner

Slovenia:
Prioritisation, Entrepreneurial Discovery and Policy mix in the RIS3 process

They have prepared specific questions to discuss with you

Common issues to discuss?
- Entrepreneurial Process of Discovery
- Quadruple Helix, and RIS3 Governance
- Monitoring and Evaluation
- Making tough choices (with limited resources)

Croatia's questions...

Which issues would you like to discuss and why?

Questions we would like peers to discuss after our presentation:

Questions posed by Cyprus:

- RIS3 as a mobiliser of stakeholders
- RIS3 understood as a process (and not as a document or ex-ante conditionality)
- Main **bottlenecks** in RIS3 development and implementation:
  - Institutional positioning & leadership
  - Attitude towards previous policy initiatives and related difficulties in setting the priorities
  - Challenge with setting the policy-mix and related monitoring system

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What will happen during the peer review session?

15 min	**Table discussion 1** *What is the **real problem or issue behind the question** that region would like to discuss?*
15 min	**Table discussion 2** *Any **policy suggestions from your experience?** (What worked and what did not work for your region?)*
15 min	**Table discussion 3** *What did you learn today?* **What lessons will you take home?**

Pro-Active Networking

Today/tomorrow, you will *meet peers* from other EU regions and countries working on RIS3 related issues.

- During this workshop, you will be able to *add new contacts* to your professional network of peers for possible cooperation in the future.

- **Think of how you could cooperate with these *regions/countries* in** the future:
  - *Benchmarking* and comparison exercises with other regions?
  - *Mutual learning exercises* with other regions?
  - An INTERREG project?
  - Start your own network that could be used later for tackling new policy issues?

- **Engage your peers pro-actively:**
  - Make sure you *know people* at least at your table(s). Exchange business cards.
  - After the workshop, *re-connect with other participants* (contact them via email, LinkedIn…)
    - With pro-active suggestions of possible cooperation,
    - Offer to share your experience in dealing with similar policy issues,
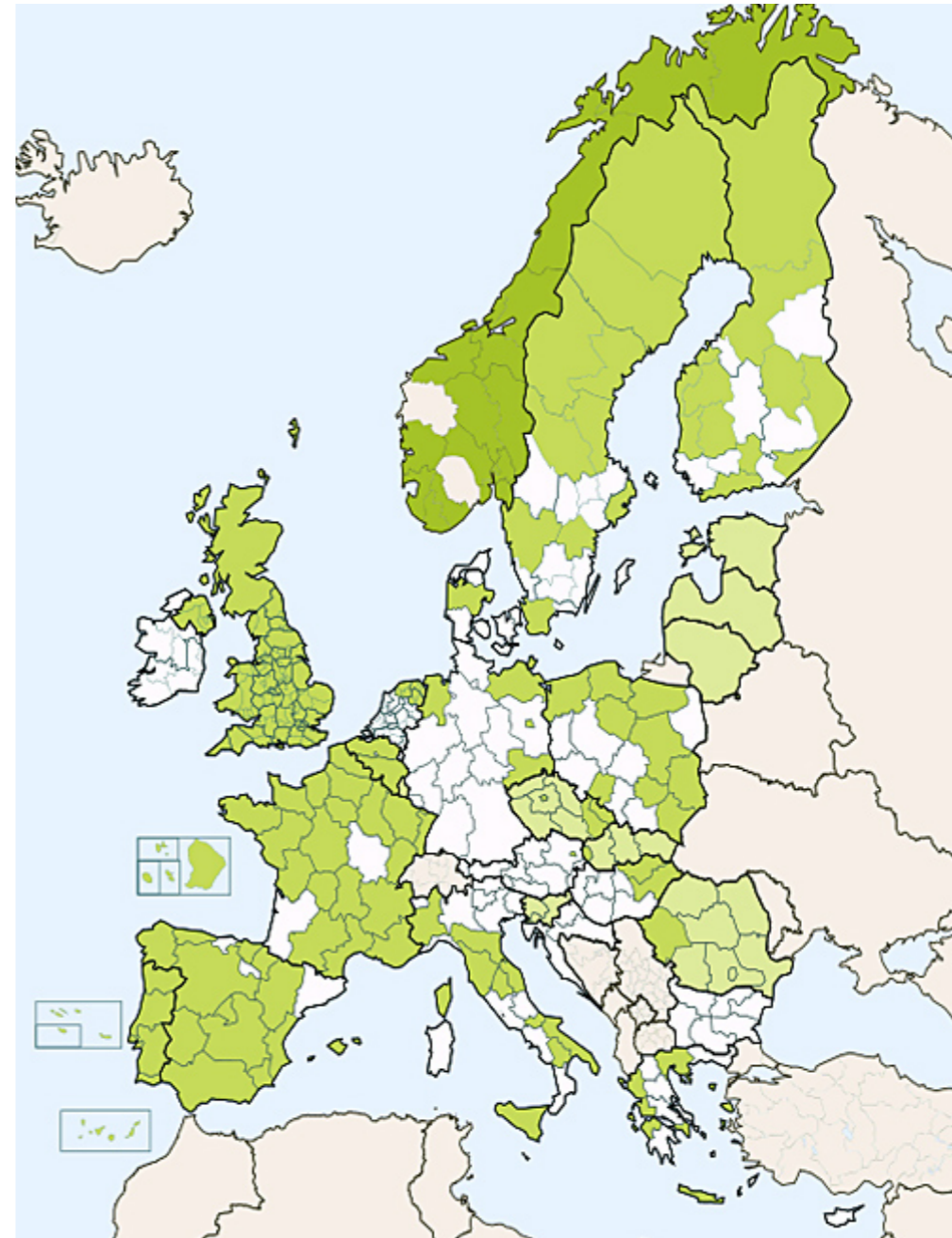   - Start online forums discussing topics of common interest…

Thinking together – engaging collective intelligence for better solutions

- **Attentive listening**
  - **Listening to understand** what is being said
  - Treat the **person next to you as a teacher.** What do they have to teach you that you do not know?
- **Intentional speaking** (speaking when one really have something to say)
  - Focus on **what matters. Say what you mean** and then stop. **Do not monopolise** the speaking time.
  - Share both positive and negative experiences. These are **equally important.**
- **Suspending assumptions** and judgements (listening without bias)
  - Contribute with your mind and heart. Allow yourself to be **both a professional and a human being**.
- Keep **networking** in mind
  - Think of possible ways to cooperate with these regions.

Check out **Eye@RIS3** – an online database of RIS3 priorities

The database is there to allow countries and regions find their unique niches, and to seek out potential partners for collaboration

- Make sure **your country's/ region's contact details** are listed on the S3 Platform webpages

- Add **your country's/region's (preliminary) S3 priorities** to the EYE@RIS3 database

EU Countries with encoded RIS3 Priorities: 9
EU Regions with encoded RIS3 Priorities: 116
Non-EU Regions with encoded RIS3 Priorities: 17

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- **Linking ideas**
  - Doodle and **draw**

Have fun and enjoy your day!