



Workshop with S3 Platform Regions: Peer Discussion as a step towards RIS3 3 May 2012

**Welcome to
JRC – IPTS, S3 Platform
Calle Inca Garcilaso, 3
Edificio Expo
14092 Seville
Spain**



Workshop Objectives:

1. Present and discuss the concept of S3, the EU policy context and the expectations for RIS3.
2. Offer the registered regions a tool to consider where they stand according to RIS3:
 - a. This will be a combination of self-assessment and peer discussion and will take place in two parallel sessions.
 - b. During the workshop, four regions (*Northern Ireland (UK), Puglia (Italy), Skåne (Sweden) and Wallonia (Belgium)*) will present their RIS3 strategies, which will then be discussed by participants from approximately 20 other regions.
3. Provide the basis for feedback to the four regions under peer-review as to how they can improve their RIS3.

Workshop Agenda

09:00 – 09:30	Registration – Edificio Expo (IPTS entrance hall, ground floor)	
09:30 – 09:40	Welcome and Introduction of Participants Room: Montreal by <i>Mr John Bensted-Smith</i> ¹ and <i>Mr Xabier Goenaga</i> ²	
09:40 – 10:00	Designing and Implementing a Smart Specialisation Strategy: What really matters? - Room: Montreal by <i>Mr Dominique Foray</i> ³	
10:00 – 10:20	EU Policy Context - Room: Montreal by <i>Ms Katja Reppel</i> ⁴ (DG Regio)	
10:20 – 10:40	Design of RIS3 (Key elements) - Room: Montreal by <i>Mr Alessandro Rainoldi</i> ⁵ (S3 Platform)	
10:40 – 11:10	Q&A session - Room: Montreal moderated by <i>Mr Kevin Morgan</i> ⁶	
11:10 – 11:40	Coffee Break - patio (tbc)	
Parallel Peer Review sessions:		
11:40 – 13:10	Puglia (Italy) Room: Montreal Moderator: <i>Mr Alessandro Rainoldi</i>	Skåne (Sweden) Room: Lisboa Moderator: <i>Mr Xabier Goenaga</i>
13:10 – 14:10	Lunch - patio	
Parallel Peer Review sessions:		
14:10 – 15:40	Northern Ireland (UK) Room: Montreal Moderator: <i>Mr Alessandro Rainoldi</i>	Wallonia (Belgium) Room: Lisboa Moderator: <i>Mr Xabier Goenaga</i>
15:40 – 16:10	Coffee Break – patio (tbc)	
16:10 – 16:30	Experiences of Self-Discovery: Implications for Smart Specialisation Room: Montreal by <i>Mr Paulo Correa</i> ⁷ (World Bank)	
16:30 – 16:50	Lessons learned from Peer Review exercise Room: Montreal (Five-minute summaries by <i>Northern Ireland, Puglia, Skåne and Wallonia</i>)	
16:50 – 17:10	Expert Recommendations to Regions under Peer Review Room: Montreal by <i>Mr Dominique Foray</i> and <i>Mr Kevin Morgan</i>	
17:10 – 17:30	Discussion and Conclusions - Room: Montreal moderated by <i>Mr Xabier Goenaga</i>	
17:30 – 17:45	Closing of Workshop	

All workshop participants will be invited to a cocktail dinner after the event, which will be provided by the European Commission. The dinner will take place at 20:30 on the 3rd of May 2012 at the following address:

Casa Robles Placentines (next to La Giralda Cathedral)
Calle Placentines 2 (2nd floor)

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³ **Mr Dominique Foray** is Chair in Economics and Management of Innovation at the École Polytechnique Fédérale in Lausanne. He is one of the authors of the RIS3 Guide and a Member of the S3 Platform Mirror Group, which is an expert group of advisors on Smart Specialisation.

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⁵ **Mr Alessandro Rainoldi** is the S3 Platform Action Leader, Knowledge for Growth Unit, IPTS, European Commission.

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