

S3 PLATFORM NEWS

COUNTRIES AND REGIONS REGISTERED S3 PLATFORM MEMBERSHIP



REGISTERED:
153 EU Regions,
15 EU Countries
2 non- EU Regions

PEER-REVIEWED:
50 Regions
15 Countries

More information [here](#)

REMINDER UPDATE OF THE EYE@RIS3 TOOL

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 kindly invited to check and regularly update their S3 priorities in the [Eye@RIS3](#).

INVESTMENTS IN ICT FOR REGIONAL GROWTH WORKSHOP: 17-18/09/2014, LODZ, POLAND

With the Lodzkie region, the S3 Platform has organised, in collaboration with DG CONNECT, a workshop on Investments in ICT for Regional Growth.

Presentations available [here](#).

COHESION POLICY AND THE SYNERGIES WITH THE R&I FUNDS: THE STAIRWAY TO EXCELLENCE: 02-03/10/2014, PRAGUE, CZECH REPUBLIC

The S3 Platform and DG REGIO have jointly organised a launch event for the Stairway to Excellence Project (S2E).

Presentations available [here](#).



PEER REVIEW WORKSHOP 6-7/11/2014 IN BAIONA (VIGO), GALICIA

REGISTRATION OPEN:

Peer review comes back to the regions! After two national level peer reviews, the next workshop will involve four regions: Galicia (Spain), Norte (Portugal), South Ostrobothnia (Finland), and Burgundy (France).

The workshop will be held in the Baiona Parador, just a 20 minute drive from Vigo Airport in Galicia. A free shuttle bus from the airport will take participants to the venue. Located not far from the Portuguese border, the workshop will also tackle the issue of **cross-border cooperation**, looking at how this can help shape priority setting, explore related variety and develop critical mass. Indeed, participants are invited to stay in Baiona the following day for the launch of the Galicia – North of Portugal cross border S3!

More information and registration [here](#).

S3P ONLINE SURVEY ON EXAMPLES OF SUCCESSFUL INTER-REGIONAL AND TRANS-NATIONAL R&I PARTNERSHIPS:

The S3 Platform has launched an online survey on examples of successful inter-regional and trans-national R&I partnerships. Following the bottom-up approach, we are looking for examples to set a base for shared learning and to facilitate better connectivity between the R&I partners in different countries and regions. This survey is intended to gather information on successful and sustainable R&I collaboration partnerships – between national and/or regional authorities managing R&I policies and EU structural funds, implementing agencies, innovation centres, technology parks, research institutions, cluster organisations, SME networks and other. Your proposals will serve for the establishment of a repository of cases which will then allow discussing practices applied in order to find possible supporting instruments and measures tackling the bottle-necks of trans-national R&I cooperation. The most inspiring and relevant examples will be selected by the S3 Platform to be presented at various upcoming events organised by the S3 Platform and collaborating partners. The S3 Cooperation survey is available [here](#).

S3 NEWS AND PUBLICATIONS



WORKSHOP: CONNECTING RIS3 IN THE BALTIC SEA REGION, 9 DECEMBER, VILNIUS, LITHUANIA

REGISTRATION coming soon.

On 9 December 2014 the S3 Platform, the Priority Area Innovation of EU Strategy for Baltic Sea Region together with the Ministry of Economy of Lithuania welcome you to the second workshop to connect the RIS3 in the Baltic Sea Region.

The workshop is organised jointly with the international innovation conference in Vilnius - Economy Transformation: Step into the Future. Registration will be launched soon. More information can be found [here](#).

The workshop intends to give a frame for co-operation opportunities in the implementation of RIS3, with the objective to maximise the synergies between the RIS3s across the Baltic Sea Region. The workshop should be an arena to meet, network, and start or develop further collaboration within smart specialisation in the Baltic Sea Region.

The workshop will build on the work already started in the event in Malmö in November 2013 – [Get smarter together in the Baltic Sea Region](#).

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SMART SPECIALISATION AND INNOVATION IN RURAL AREAS

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S3 POLICY BRIEF 09/2014

This Policy Brief has the twin aims of showing that Research and Innovation Strategies for Smart Specialisation (RIS3), despite their sectoral origins, provide a favourable and supportive framework for innovation in rural areas and, on the other hand, that there is a wide range of innovation activities in rural areas, often unmentioned in the innovation policy literature, which can strongly benefit from and reinforce the impact of the new generation of European Regional Policy. The paper discusses the most significant elements of RIS3 related to regional development in rural areas, presenting the main challenges and opportunities for knowledge-led development with reference to both the current policy and theoretical landscapes and some relevant emerging regional experiences. In particular, we investigate how the main novelties of RIS3 seem able to overcome the urban bias of past innovation policies, when the rural dimension of innovation has often been neglected, affecting its contribution to economic growth and regional development related to rural resources and actors.

RIS3 IMPLEMENTATION AND POLICY MIXES

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S3 POLICY BRIEF 07/2014

This paper discusses how the policy mix concept applies to RIS3. The paper argues that the RIS3 implementation phase – and the development of an efficient policy mix supporting RIS3 orientations – is at least as important as the design phase. Countries and regions are now embarking on the implementation phase of the RIS3. If a sequential approach is taken, disconnecting design and implementation, RIS3 will not be effective as they will remain at the stage of intentions while not influencing policies. The paper also reflects on the discussions held during a peer review workshop organised in Riga on 23-24 February 2014 where four countries presented their RIS3 work on implementation and policy mix (Estonia, Latvia, the Czech Republic and England). The paper concludes underlining the challenges and the way forward in designing and implementing RIS3-oriented policy mixes.

INTER-REGIONAL COLLABORATION IN RESEARCH AND INNOVATION STRATEGIES FOR SMART SPECIALISATION (RIS3)

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S3 WORKING PAPER 06/2014

The objective of this Smart Specialisation Platform Working Paper is to examine the role of inter-regional collaboration in national or regional Research and Innovation Strategies for Smart Specialisation (RIS3). It provides a conceptualisation of inter-regional collaboration within the framework of RIS3. It draws from the literature on innovation policy to develop an analytical framework to better understand the multiple dimensions of inter-regional collaboration, namely the why, what, where, who and how of collaboration; and explores how inter-regional collaboration varies according to the six steps of the RIS3 process. Finally, it looks at experiences of inter-regional collaboration for innovation in the Baltic Sea region within this framework.