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Editorial

Smart Specialisation and EU Research and Innovation

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Upcoming Events

19 - 20 March 2019

TAIEX-REGIO Workshop on State Aid Map in Energy Sector

The S3PEnergy team, in collaboration with the Andalusian Innovation Agency (IDEA) and the Andalusian Energy Agency, is organising a Technical Assistance and Information Exchange (TAIEX-REGIO) multicountry workshop on State Aid Mapping in the Energy Sector, which will bring together State aid practitioners from several EU Member States. The event will take place in Seville on the 19th and 20th of March 2019.

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27 March 2019

Agri-food Working Committee Meeting

The next Agri-food Working Committee Meeting will focus on "Working Towards the Long-Term Sustainability" and will take place in Florence on the 27th of March 2019. It will bring together members of the five existing Agri-Food partnerships along with representatives from DGs REGIO, AGRI, RTD, as well as the European Investment Bank (EIB), the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) and the Vanguard Initiative. Participants will examine in detail a number of issues related to the long-term sustainability of interregional collaboration in the context of Smart Specialisation.

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7 - 10 October 2019

European Week of Regions and Cities

The 17th European Week of Regions and Cities will take place from the 7th to the 10th of October 2019 in Brussels. The emerging top 3 themes for the 2019 edition are: 1) The Future of the EU and the roles of Regions and Cities, 2) A Europe Closer to Citizens, 3) A greener Europe. Deadline for application is the 29th of March.

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Announcement

Cooperation for Smart Specialisation – 1st Western Balkans workshop

This workshop was held on the 5th of February 2019 in Podgorica (Montenegro). It aimed at promoting Smart Specialisation as an important tool also for transnational cooperation in the Western Balkans. It also provided a dialogue forum to jointly discuss: strategic innovation policies, the identification of priorities of common interest, as well as their implementation across the Western Balkans.

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S3 Publications

S3 in Sparsely Populated European Arctic Regions

The report provides an overview of the specific context of Arctic regions and examples of how Smart Specialisation has been implemented there, addressing challenges such as remote location, lack of critical mass, lack of connectivity between actors, and dependence on few dominant industries. The paper highlights cases of transnational, inter-regional and cross-border collaboration that succeed in turning the Arctic context into a source of competitive advantage, in the context of a Smart Specialisation approach.

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Higher Education for S3: Centre-Val de Loire report

This report presents the results of the case study in the French region of Centre-Val de Loire, analysing the role of its Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) in the design and implementation of the regional Smart Specialisation Strategy (S3). Four objectives are outlined: 1. To understand the role of the University of Orleans, the University of Tours and the INSA-Institute of Applied Sciences in the S3 of Centre Val de Loire; 2. To analyse ways in which education / training dimensions can be integrated sustainably into the S3 governance system; 3. To understand the role of lifelong learning / continuous education in the Centre-Val de Loire S3; 4. To explore the policy mix and the complementarity of existing instruments to strengthen the role of universities in the research and innovation system.

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An analytical framework to assess the governance of universities and their involvement in S3

The current report proposes an analytical framework for university governance allowing the comparison and benchmarking of governance systems across EU Member States, which could serve as guidance for university managers and policy makers towards designing the institutional incentives and funding programmes for increased engagement in S3.

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In the Regions & Member States

Smart Specialisation and regional funding in Upper Austria

The Smart Stories reflect the way in which stakeholders across Europe have used the Smart specialisation concept to develop their own innovation-driven development policies at national and regional level. The region of Upper Austria gives an account of the way in which regional stakeholders were involved in the policy process to define the five key priority areas, and the calls that have been launched. It also presents two key success stories emerging as a result of one of the calls.

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Water as a S3 priority in Pohjois-Savo (Northern Savonia), Finland

The Smart Stories reflect the way in which stakeholders across Europe have used the Smart specialisation approach to develop their own innovation-driven development policies at national and regional level. The Region of Pohjois-Savo (Northern Savonia), Finland, gives an account of the cluster of water expertise that has been developed at Kuopio Science Park, its areas of application as well as the various cooperation schemes it is fostering.

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Calls and Expressions of Interest

EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region Annual Forum: Open call for seminars

The 10th Annual forum of the EU strategy for the Baltic Sea Region will take place on the 12 and 13 June 2019, in Gdansk (Poland). Submissions proposals for seminar under the theme of "Circular and sharing economy as an answer to demographic changes and environmental challenges in the Baltic Sea Region" are open until the 15th February 2019.

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General Information

"Smart Specialisation: reconnecting European Science and Innovation Diasporas".

On the occasion of the 4th Annual Meeting of European Scientific Diasporas in North America, that was held at the Austrian Embassy in Washington DC, Jürgen Haberleithner, former visiting scientist within the Smart Specialisation Platform, presented the inter-institutional poster (Joint Research Centre, Euraxess North America and University of Colima) entitled "Smart Specialisation: reconnecting European Science and Innovation Diasporas".

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