







ERRIN-EARTO workshop

"How to enhance collaboration of regions & research and technology organisations to further support sustainable transition?"

12 October 2022, 16:30-18:00 CEST via Zoom

The workshop will explore the means to strengthen collaboration between regions and research and technology organisations (RTOs) within regional research and innovation (R&I) ecosystems. Over the years, regions and RTOs have highlighted the importance in working together in developing smart specialisation strategies. With increased importance on the green and digital transitions, the question of sustainability and engagement of all quadruple helix stakeholders is now key, as highlighted also by the concept of Partnerships for Regional Innovation (PRI) introduced officially in March 2022. This debate will explore how Europe can reinforce mutual interests and collaboration between regions & RTOs to further join up efforts in priority settings to adapt regional R&I strategies, making them more inclusive and better able to tackle sustainable regional transformation, in the context of the PRI Pilot Action launched in May 2022 and other available tools.

Timing	Agenda
5mn	Welcome by Pirita Lindholm, Director, European Regions Research and Innovation Network (ERRIN)
40mn	Presentations by: 1. Region and RTO working together on sustainability: the example of Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes, France: • Bérengère Bougué, Policy Officer in charge of Research and Innovation; Higher Education, Research and Innovation Department, Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes Region • Céline Soubeyrat, Lead Project Manager, French Alternative Energies and Atomic Energy Commission (CEA) 2. Region and RTO working together on sustainability: the example of Wielkopolska, Poland: • Elizabeth Duda, Head of Unit, Department of Economy, Wielkopolska Region • Przemysław Zawodny, Deputy Director, Łukasiewicz-Poznański Instytut Technologiczny (Ł-PIT) 3. Region and RTO working together on sustainability: the example of Tampere, Finland: • Hannele Räikkönen, Director, Tampere Region EU Office • Karoliina Salminen, Smart Manufacturing Lead, VTT 4. Overview of existing tools for regions & RTOs: EU Partnerships for Regional Innovation (PRI): • Carmen Sillero Illanes, Economic and Policy Analyst, Joint Research Centre, European Commission
40mn	Q&A with speakers and discussion with audience Moderator: Muriel Attané, Secretary General, European Association of Research and Technology Organisations (EARTO)
5mn	Closing by Pirita Lindholm, Director, European Regions Research and Innovation Network (ERRIN)