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Welcome to the second HIGHER newsletter!

Since you are working in or showed interest in the innovation policies, we thought you might want to know more about our project. Below you can find information about the activities of the project.

The HIGHER Good Practice Collection of Smart Specialisation

This Collection is designed to provide innovation stakeholders with an overview of good practices in the design and implementation of smart specialisation. The aim of the Collection is to showcase different good practice examples from the HIGHER Partnership and other European regions, focusing on how to overcome some of the most common challenges faced when facilitating the smart specialisation process under four key themes:

The Entrepreneurial Discovery Process



Catalonia (Spain):

[Multidisciplinary associations as core players for Catalan S3](#)


United Kingdom:

[Science and Innovation Audits for evidence-based discovery processes](#)


Stockholm (Sweden):

[The Stockholm Model for smart specialisation](#)

Good Governance



Slovenia:

[Strategic Research and Innovation Partnerships for S3 \(SRIPs\)](#)


Lapland (Finland):

[Arctic Smartness: Clustering for critical mass, innovation and internationalisation](#)


Värmland (Sweden):

[Institutionalised S3 collaboration for a leading forest-based bioeconomy](#)

Transnational Cooperation and Value Chains



Galicia (Spain) and Norte (Portugal):

[Joint Cross-Border Smart Specialisation Strategy](#)


The Pyrenees Mediterranean Euroregion:

[The Euroregional Innovation Strategy](#)


Baltic Sea Region:

[BSR Stars Flagship: Strengthening inclusive growth in the Baltic Sea Region](#)

Monitoring and Evaluation



Emilia-Romagna (Italy):

[A Monitoring Consortium](#)


Poland:

[The Polish multi-level system for S3 monitoring](#)


Catalonia (Spain):

[Monitoring process for Smart Specialisation Communities](#)
[Read more](#)

HIGHER events

Lithuania Innovation Policy Summit

Lithuanian Innovation Center organised on May 17 in Vilnius an event open to triple helix innovation actors with the aim to share experiences on the issue: "Strategies to reinforce private investments and collaboration". The InnoSummit offered an ideal platform for key stakeholders from public and private sectors to exchange their views on ways to foster cooperation between business and science, strategies to stimulate private investment into R&D and innovation. More than 150 participants from Lithuania and other EU member states, including politicians, representatives of education sector, business and social partners, took part in the event. [Read more](#)



Interregional Meeting in Cambridge

In the framework of the HIGHER project, Greater Cambridge Greater Peterborough Enterprise Partnership (GCGP) organized on 30 March 2017 an Interregional Meeting at the Future Business Centre, Cambridge. The meeting examined different approaches to Smart Specialisation in the context of the policy instruments chosen by the nine HIGHER project partners. This was done through an initial scene setting presentation linked to the benchmarking exercise that formed part of the second semester; a series of presentations highlighting national, regional and local approaches in the UK and Sweden; a series of best practice presentations related to the UK policy instrument; and, finally, a series of presentations from other HIGHER partners demonstrating best practice approaches to Smart Specialisation and highlighting the Entrepreneurial Discovery Process, governance and transnational collaboration and value chains. [Read more](#)



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