

## The Public Policy Living Lab

The Public Policy Living Lab (P2L2) project supports countries and regions invested in the field of **advanced materials** by introducing or **improving local policy** to support innovation in this field.

P2L2's main aim is to improve policy instruments by supporting innovation ecosystems of advanced materials; supporting the implementation and evaluation of the Smart Specialization Strategies (RIS3); and coordinating regional policies between sectors to facilitate a real innovation ecosystem beyond administrative regional boundaries.

### Recent Activity

#### Study Visit in Vilnius, Lithuania, 4 to 6 April 2017



*Project partners visited companies and organizations associated with the Laser & Engineering Technologies cluster (LITEK)*

On the first week of April, the [Research and Higher Education Monitoring and Analysis Centre \(MOSTA\)](#) together with the [Agency for Science, Innovation and Technology \(MITA\)](#) hosted a regional study visit.

Participants had the opportunity of analysing the main elements of the Lithuanian innovation ecosystem and meeting important players responsible for the definition, implementation and review of the RIS3.

During the study visit in Vilnius the project partners also visited some local companies, institutes and research centres such as:

[EKSPLA](#), a manufacturer of lasers, laser systems and laser components for R&D and industrial applications;

[Elinta](#), a company specialised in trading in automation elements, industry automation, electric vehicles, charging points, trading in measurement instruments, production of computer vision systems, and electric drives for bicycles;

[National innovation and entrepreneurship centre \(NIVC\)](#), an institute devoted to implementing the highest standards of innovation development in all science and business cooperation fields at the national and international level. Their main services are innovation management, technology transfer, intellectual property management, research and development;

[Altechna](#), a supplier of laser related products and solutions, specialised in the following key fields of activity: laser related components, distribution of well-known photonics industry brands in local markets, R&D solutions in laser optics, and manufacturing of laser related components;

[Center for Physical Sciences and Technology \(FTMC\)](#), the largest scientific research institution in Lithuania carrying out a fundamental research and technological development works in scientific fields of laser technologies, optoelectronics, nuclear physics, organic chemistry, bio and nanotechnologies, electrochemical material science, functional materials, electronics, etc.

In Vilnius, the project partners also participated in the Steering Group Meeting (SGM), where they discussed, among other topics: the workplan overview, a review of the deliverables status, policy learning exchange, reporting procedures and communication activities.

*Steering Group  
Meeting in Vilnius*



## InnoVouchers

A key element in the Vilnius study visit is learning about the Lithuanian InnoVouchers experience: a scheme aimed at promoting innovative activities in companies, encouraging business-science cooperation and commercialisation of public research results.

Innovouchers entitles companies to buy R&D expertise or knowledge from research institutions. Three activities are supported under the measure: research (industrial or applied research), technological development (experimental or development, design and technological works) and preparation of technical feasibility studies.



*Presentation "Innovation in Lithuania" by Ričardas Valančiauskas - Head of R&D&I Division at MITA (Agency for Science, Innovation and Technology)*

Applicants may receive up to € 6.000,00 for contracts with research institutions under which specific R&D services may be performed. Companies may choose a service from a list which includes nearly 2000 R&D services of different types. Applicants may get funding for up to 80% of total project eligible costs. The scheme speeds up knowledge transfer and commercialization of research results. As a result, companies are encouraged to use the latest scientific achievements in their business. The appeal of InnoVouchers is related to its simplicity and low administrative burden both for beneficiaries and administrators. The scheme has been running since 2012.



*Presentation on Lithuanian innovation policy and related support services by Mantas Vilys - Director at LIC (Lithuanian Innovation Centre)*

The first call for proposals for the period 2014-2020 lasted from 16 January to 16 March 2017. 442 applications have been received with requested financing for 1,4M €

## Results of InnoVouchers scheme for the period 2007-2013

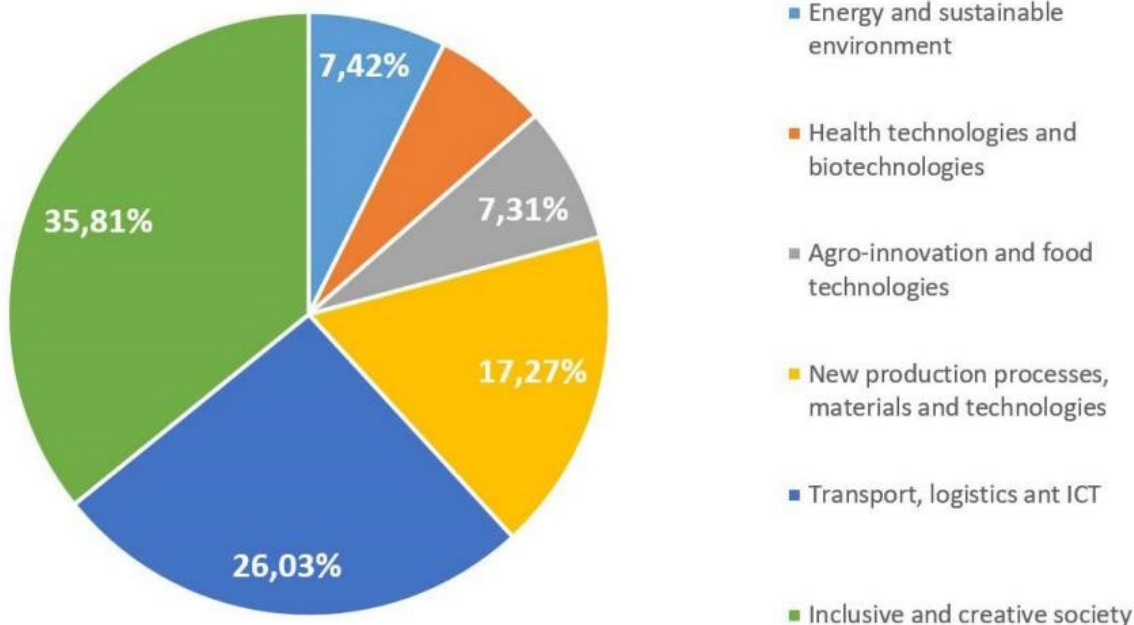
**3** calls for proposals (2012, 2013, 2014)

**1.407** applications received

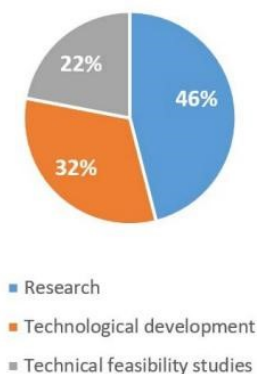
**776** projects implemented

**3,3M €** allocated

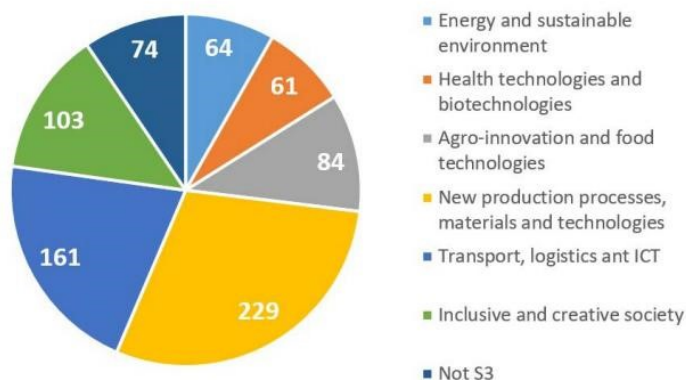
**Planned funding for 2014-2020 period by S3 broad fields**



**Funds allocated by activities**



**Projects by S3 broad fields**



## News from the Interreg Europe Programme:

### Third call is open (1 March to 30 June 2017)

The third Interreg Europe call for project proposals opens on 1 March and closes on 30 June 2017 through which the programme intends to support policy learning among relevant policy organisations with a view of improving the performance of regional development policy instruments.

This call for project proposals is targeted at public authorities and non-profits:

1. National, regional or local authorities
2. Other organisations in charge of defining and implementing regional policy instruments
3. Non-profits

Projects must focus on one of these topics:

1. Research and innovation
2. SME competitiveness
3. Low-carbon economy
4. Environment and resource efficiency

Since the programme has already approved 130 projects, organisations interested in the third call are invited to check the main features of these projects: <https://www.interregeurope.eu/discover-projects/> in order to demonstrate the innovative character of their proposals in terms of topic addressed and regions involved.

All official documents, contact details of the joint secretariat and of the national points of contact are available on the programme website:

[www.interregeurope.eu/](http://www.interregeurope.eu/)

## Upcoming events

### Study visit in Denmark, 27-29th June 2017

During the last week of June, the Danish Agency for Science and Innovation (DASTI) organises a study visit to Denmark. Participants will meet Danish stake-holders involved in the definition of the RIS3 strategy and beneficiaries of the Danish policy instrument addressed in the project (The Danish Cluster and Network Strategy). The partners will meet representatives of the Danish Innovation Cluster for Production (Inno-Pro) and the Danish Materials Network (DMN), among others.

### Study visit in Aquitaine, France, autumn 2017

### Study visit in Piedmont, Italy, February 2018

To learn more visit <http://www.interregeurope.eu/p2l2/> or contact the P2L2 project lead partner.

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