

Meet the Public Policy Living Lab

The Public Policy Living Lab (P2L2) applies interregional policy learning and exchange of experiences on important aspects of the regional innovation ecosystems, focusing on the field of **advanced materials**.

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.

The project runs from April 2016 to March 2020. During this time partners will have the opportunity to exchange, compare, and learn from each other how to improve their relevant policy instruments. After 2 years of policy learning and exchange, each region will prepare an action plan with a main action to be implemented at the regional level and monitored during the last 2 years.

P2L2 goes beyond traditional 'good practice sharing'. Results will not only improve policy instruments for increasing growth and innovation rates. The project will also deliver a “limited mapping” tool and add value by aligning S3 strategies within one field - that of advanced materials - between different regions to identify overlaps, gaps, complementarity and opportunities for European collaboration.



The Participant Regions

The project has 10 partners from six regions/countries. Every participating region represents a policy tool they want to improve.

Bremen

The State of Bremen (Germany) has several policy tools for fostering research, development, and innovation in regional enterprises. This project focuses on **EcoMat** – a center for eco-efficient materials & technology that involves actors from industry such as Airbus and research.

Podkarpackie

The Podkarpackie Province is a region with a strong regional focus on Aviation and Defence industries. Their policy tool aims at constantly involving stakeholders into policy framing, creating medium-term strategies, identifying business and scientific fields of excellence, and developing cooperation projects.

Piemonte

The Piemonte region in Italy focuses on establishing advanced materials as **key enabling technology** across a wide range of industries. Promoting advanced materials as a cross-sectional element of different production processes would boost innovation potential.

Aquitaine

The Aquitaine region (France) focuses on the field of chemistry for **developing the competitiveness of advanced materials**. Their aim is to check whether their strategy is appropriate in terms of creating an innovation ecosystem, industrialising businesses, and demonstrating their cross-cutting capacity with other specialization areas.

Denmark

Denmark pursues its own **Cluster and Network Strategy**. This strategy is an attempt to integrate innovation networks at both the national and regional level. The aim is to create an effective framework for knowledge sharing and growth in the networks, while optimizing the delegation and coordination of tasks among the involved public bodies.

Lithuania

Lithuania presents its **Innovoucher LT policy instrument**. The aim of the instrument is to encourage business-science cooperation by providing SMEs with a voucher to perform R&D activities with research institutions. Innovouchers are one of the supportive services in the field of Lithuanian advanced materials sector.

What you might have missed

Some of our recently concluded activities include:

Kick-off meeting Bremen (Germany) In June 2016, the project organised the kick-off meeting in Bremen, hosted by the three regional partners. The participating regions presented their policy instruments for analysis and improvement. Partners had the opportunity of meeting regional representatives responsible for the RIS3 strategy and meeting stakeholders from Bremen and neighbouring regions like Airbus DS, and Hamburg State Chancellery representatives. Participants also had the opportunity of visiting interesting installations like the Airbus New Materials Centre (ALM Additive Layer Manufacturing Plateau) and the Ariane Rocket Integration facilities.

Research meeting (Lithuania) In September 2016, a number of partners took part in a workshop to define the **Limited Mapping methodology** for analysing the process of definition, implementation and evaluation of RIS 3 strategies, with special attention to advanced materials.



Study visit Bremen (Germany) In September 2016, Bremen partners hosted a regional study visit. Following the fishbowl methodology, the participants exchanged knowledge and experiences on the Bremen policy instrument, specifically about the ECOMAT Centre for eco-efficient materials and technologies which is currently under construction.

In these two and a half days, the partners visited the Alfred Wegener Polar Research Institute (AWI) and met with representatives from the Bionic Lightweight Design and Functional Morphology Department, the Fraunhofer Institute for Manufacturing Technology and Advanced Materials (IFAM), the Carbon Fibre Composite Centre (CFK) and the research facilities of the German Aerospace Centre (DLR).



Study visit Rzeszow (Poland) In November 2016, the Rzeszow University of Technology, together with the Marshal Office of the Region Podkarpackie, hosted a study visit in Rzeszów.

Participants exchanged experiences on the Podkarpackie RIS 3 policy instrument with representatives of the regional ecosystems like the Aviation Valley Association and the Rzeszow Innovation Agency, one of the biggest clusters in Poland. The hosting partners offered a comprehensive overview on the best regional practices. The functioning Podkarpackie Innovation Council and the Aviation Valley explained their connection with the regional strategy for advanced materials.

The study visit benefitted from the participation of experts in R&D, innovation, and regional policy like Mr Krzysztof Mieszkowski from the Joint Research Centre in Seville.

Partners visited research and production facilities of important players of the aviation valley like Pratt & Whitney, Sikorsky a Lockheed Martin Company, the laboratories of the Rzeszow Technical University, Podkarpackie Science and Technology Park "AEROPOLIS".

Upcoming events

Or what you cannot miss:

Study Visit Vilnius (Lithuania) 4th-6th April 2017



On the first week of April, the project conducts the next study visit in Vilnius, Lithuania. It will be hosted by the Research and Higher Education Monitoring and Analysis Centre (MOSTA) together with the Agency for Science, Innovation and Technology (MITA). Participants have the opportunity of analysing the main elements of the Lithuanian ecosystem and meeting important players responsible for the definition, implementation and review of the RIS3.

Study Visit Denmark 27-29th June

During the last week of June, the Danish Agency for Science and Innovation (DASTI) organises a study visit to Denmark. Participants will meet Danish stakeholders 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.



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