

## S3Chem-Partners met in Asturias

The project partners of the S3Chem project met in the region of Asturias on 29 and 30 March 2017. The main objective of the 4<sup>th</sup> Interregional Working Group meeting was an exchange of experiences on the governance and stakeholder involvement of the project. Therefore, each region worked during the second semester on the development of a thematic study. The results from these regional analyses were presented at the Interregional Working Group Meeting in Oviedo, Asturias. A Steering Group meeting was also part of the event.

### 4<sup>th</sup> Interregional Working Group Meeting

The first part of the Interregional Working Group (IWG) meeting was dedicated to the presentation of current progress of the project implementation and project management issues. Concerning this, information about implementation of project activities, the establishment of management structures and procedures as well as applied communication and dissemination activities were exchanged. Based on questionnaires prepared by the project partner isw, all partners were invited to share the results from their analysis of the governance of the Regional Innovation Strategies and regional stakeholder involvement in the partner regions.



The IWG meeting also revealed some regional specific problems mainly regarding the employment of new staff, including the delay in the establishment of a Central Management Unit and other management related processes. For the upcoming reporting period it is expected that all project partners will use the iOLF-system for finalisation of the 2nd report. Further, with the employment of new staff in May and June progress with regard to the financial management and development in implementation of the communication strategy is anticipated. Next steps will include that different channels of communication are supposed to be intensified and updated more regularly.

In the last part of this session the Asturian company IQN – Industrial Química del Nalón was invited to introduce its work as well as its projects in the revalorization of industrial by-products.

Link to video: [https://youtu.be/5Po1DMaD\\_L8](https://youtu.be/5Po1DMaD_L8)

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Steering Group Meeting

From the subsequent Steering Group meeting on 30 March afternoon it could be summarized that the project is progressing well so far with good collaboration of the project partners regarding the finalisation of the 1<sup>st</sup> joint report. As confirmed by the partners, the objectives of the project meet the regional expectations and the project contributes to further implementation of the Regional Innovation Strategies. Regional Innovation Stakeholder Meetings has been helpful to facilitate cooperation between regional stakeholders, e.g. the Fraunhofer IMWS from Saxony-Anhalt and the Brightland Campus from Limburg.

### Upcoming Events

The next event of the S3Chem will take place in the partner region of Lombardy on 16 May to 18 May 2017. This will include the 5<sup>th</sup> IWG meeting, the 1<sup>st</sup> Dissemination Conference on circular economy as well as a site visit to Relight Italia in Rho (Milan). All partners and interested stakeholders are invited to join the conference.

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