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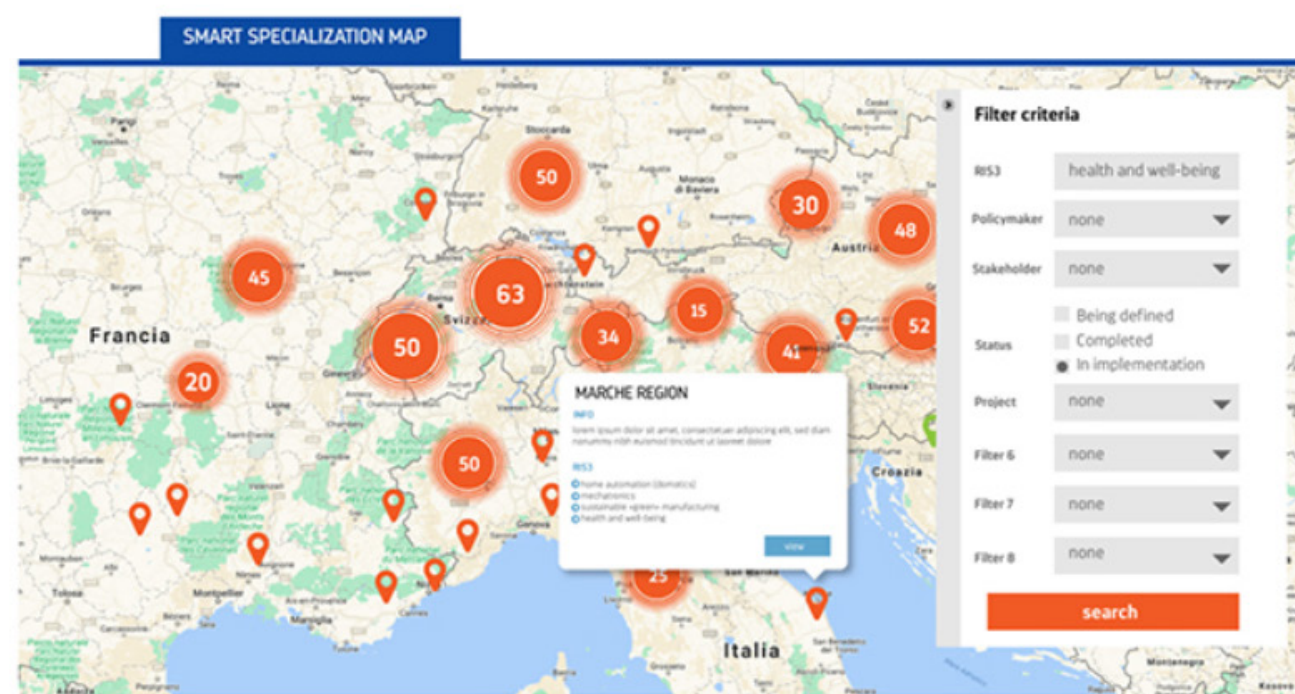
Since you are working in or have shown interest in the innovation policies, we think you might want to know more about our HIGHER project achievements. Find below further information about the mission, activities and the partners of the project.

The HIGHER achievements

HIGHER launches the Smart Specialisation Map

The Smart Map is an interactive platform aiming to provide a complete overview of the RIS3 strategies in, at least, regions involved in the project (Catalonia, Marche, Abruzzo, Central Macedonia, Cambridge, North Portugal, Stockholm, Slovenia, Central Macedonia, Slovenia and Lithuania), using Google Maps technology. Moreover, the project will enlarge the platform with Europe-wide information.

This tool allows the users to filter regions according some criteria, including the key enabling technologies (KETs) and economic sectors in which a region aims to specialize. Given the relevance of connecting different regions (and their stakeholders) European-wide, this instrument becomes very useful when detecting which territories are developing innovative activities in the same sectors, looking to promote synergies among them to design and implement further projects.



Benchmarking analysis about good practices within and beyond the HIGHER partnership

The objective of the benchmarking analysis is to make a comparison of the policy instruments from the regions from the HIGHER project with other policy instruments of European regions. It describes eight policy instruments in seven benchmark regions and similarities and differences between them in order to identify activities or areas to learn from and improve the regional policy instruments.

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HIGHER events

Innovation Public Procurements: The role of Public Administration as innovative customers



On Thursday 29th of March 2018, Marche Region organised a workshop focus on the role of Public Administration as innovation customers. During the event were presented selected good practices of procurements of innovative solutions and pre-commercial procurements. The workshop was attended by 30 representatives from the HIGHER project partners and stakeholders from Spain, Italy, Sweden, Slovenia, Lithuania and Greece. Moreover, during the event were presented HIGHER Innovation Hub, a learning platform, and HIGHER Smart Map, an interactive map aimed to provide a complete overview of RIS3 plans in European regions and territorial cooperation.

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Stockholm Innovation Summit



Nordregio organized on 21st and 22nd of February 2018 the second HIGHER Innovation Summit. The objective of the Stockholm Innovation Summit was to share best practices surrounding the topic of interregional collaboration through smart specialisation in building partnerships and clusters in a post-Brexit world.

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HIGHER participates in the RELOS3 conference



The project networks with other Interreg Europe projects to implement the best smart specialization strategies. On 28th of February 2018, HIGHER participated in a debate of RELOS3 on the removal of the existing barriers between R&D policies and public led innovation ecosystems.

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