



**NEWSLETTER 4 - OCTOBER 2018**

## **Policies & Measures to Support Local & Regional Innovation Ecosystems**

The transfer of innovation and knowledge produced by the RTOs (Research and Technological Organisations) and higher education to the local & regional businesses remains one of the most important gaps and difficulties in terms of Innovation & Growth. It is key to generate economic exploitation of the R&D results and particularly important in local & regional areas of Smart Specialisation (RIS3) and innovation opportunity.

Furthermore, there is a clear need to improve and connect regional Challenges and Opportunities of RIS3, to local innovation policies and stakeholders, highlighting the role of the "territory" as the place where interlinkages happen and knowledge flows. For such purpose, regional & local authorities should play a key role of intermediation and, in accordance to ecoRIS3 objectives, promote better policies and measures to generate solid interactions between key stakeholders, to orchestrate sustainable

innovation ecosystems within RIS3 strategies responding to the existing challenges and gaps.

The ecoRIS3 consortium is led by Fomento San Sebastián (Spain) and brings together eight partners from across Europe. Key ecoRIS3 activities include a series of exchange of experience and learning through interregional events (4 thematic workshops, 3 horizontal Seminars and 9 Study Visits). The partners will produce: 1 Peer review document on "The role private and public stakeholders play in the local ecosystem in order to absorb innovation" ; 7 SWOT Analysis, 7 Action Plans and identify 64 Good Practices, that will benefit the key actors of the quadruple helix (Public Sector, Civil Society, RTO & High Education, SMEs & Industry).



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**RIS3 to the fore at TCI Toronto**



**Donostia Innovation WeekINN 2018**

The 21st TCI Network, Global Conference took place in Toronto from the 16-18 of October 2018. It was an ideal opportunity for CIT to present collaborative research Dr Eoin Byrne, Dr John Hobbs have developed with Panu Jalas, University of Oulu. The research applied a [V-LINC](#) analysis to Anticipated Structural Change planning in Finland as the closure of the Pyhäsalmi Mine in 2019 will bring key challenges due to the future loss of 1,200 jobs.. [Read more...](#)

The Innovation Week of San Sebastian is a key event of the year given that it makes visible the fact that it is a city that innovates in different sectors and at different levels: companies, research centers, associations or entrepreneurs. In addition, it allows to transfer to the socio-economic fabric the initiatives and projects that arise in the city around innovation. [Read more...](#)



### Design thinking to enrich ecoRIS3 SWOT Analysis

Fomento San Sebastian, as Lead partner of [ecoRIS3](#) project, participated in a networking event along with Birmingham University ([Urban M](#)) and [Design4Innovation](#) (Cardiff Metropolitan University) to address common challenges in innovation at the European Week of Regions and Cities from the 8-11 October 2018: [Read more...](#)

Places for People: Innovative,  
Inclusive and Liveable Regions



August 28-31, 2018  
Cork, Ireland



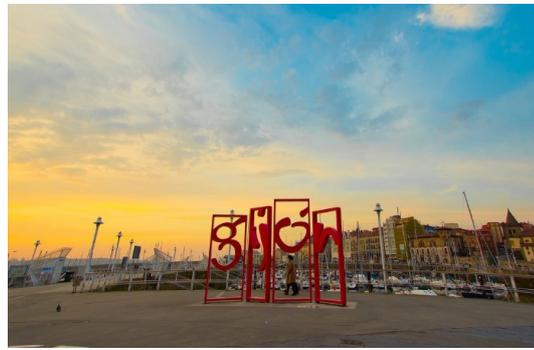
### ecoRIS3 relevant to ERSA 2018 discussions

The 58th Annual Congress of the European Regional Science Association was held at University College Cork from the 28-31 of August 2018. The focus of the congress was "Places for People: Innovative, Inclusive and Liveable Regions" which puts people back at the heart of regional and urban development. A number of sessions focused on RIS3 and it's evaluation - topics of interest to the Interreg Europe ecoRIS3 project. [Read more...](#)



### ecoRIS3 SWOT Analysis

The main objective of the ecoRIS3 project is to promote better policies and measures to support local and regional innovation ecosystems within RIS3 strategies. As a first step, the project has prepared partners' SWOT analyses in order to identify the specific gaps to be addressed in the regional innovation chain policies of the different territories covered by the project (i.e. Spain, Portugal, France, Italy, Ireland, Latvia, Lithuania & Finland). These SWOTs are also set out to establish the parameters of the RIS3 effectiveness. [Read more...](#)



### Gijon gives voice to its citizens

Citizen participation is one of the three themes of work of the Atlantic Cities, both in its Thematic Commission, led by A Coruña, and for its importance in the European projects of the network. These initiatives focus on new models of cities that are beginning to promote the participatory economy and new policies and trends that are turning to the future of European cities. [Gijon](#), the founding city of the network of Atlantic Cities, saw its initiative of citizen participation elected "Interreg Europe Good Practice" at workshop 3 the EcoRIS3 project. [Read more](#)



### ecoRIS3 and Nice - The Innovative City 2018.

The ecoRIS3 consortium took advantage of Nice being the Innovative City 2018 to hold their fifth Steering Committee meeting and study visit in the French city on the 26th and 27th of



### Europe must deepen its innovation edge

The European Commission 2018 European Innovation Scoreboard published on 22 of June shows that the EU's innovation performance continues to improve, but further efforts are

June 2018. An invitation to the ecoRIS3 project from “Direction Europe Métropole Nice Côte d’Azur” to Innovative City 2018, was viewed by lead partner Fomento San Sebastian as a great opportunity to look for the latest novel innovative ideas that could be applied to ecoRIS3 partners regions. [Read more...](#)

needed to ensure Europe's global competitiveness. Every year, the Commission publishes a comparative assessment of the innovation performance of Member States and benchmarks it with international competitors. The data helps Member States, and the EU as a whole, assess in which areas efforts need to be focused. [Read more...](#)

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