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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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Cluster Connecting Industry/Academia

Ireland has all of the ingredients to become a global cyber security centre of excellence and can realise this through a co-ordinated approach to connect its ecosystem. This was the resounding message garnered from a series of cluster initiation workshops which brought together the key stakeholders from across Ireland's cyber security ecosystem. Read more...



Co-working Space Expanding in Cork @ Rubicon Centre

CIT's Rubicon Centre, on CIT's Main Campus, has completed the refurbishment of a section of their highly successful incubator - 'Rubicon Cube.' This involved the creation of a Grade A office building, providing a smart co-working area incorporating interactive idea an generation cube. CIT is the first third level institution in the country to provide this type of space. It will provide entrepreneurs with an interactive space to design and develop their businesses: Read more...



Programma Voglia d'Impresa

As part of the communication strategy of the MIP-Mettersi in Proprio program, next 25th and 26th March will take place in Turin the event "Voglia d'Impresa", organized by The Metropolitan City of Turin and the Piedmont Region and dedicated to entrepreneurship topic. Read more...



Smart Specialization is Accelerating in Lithuania

€272 million – is allocated for promotion of research and innovation in Lithuania within period of 3 years, implementing strategy of smart specialization. Starting from 2014, this concept has been implemented throughout the EU. The strategy is unique that it invests in development of research, experimental development and innovation (Lith. MTEPI) in a targeted way, focusing on priorities that reflect the strengths of the region. Read more...





San Sebastian Connecting Talent Prize

At Fomento de San Sebastián, we are committed to showing our city as a city of innovation, through the San Sebastián Connecting Talent strategy. We have developed tools for professional development, talent attraction, retention and return through different programmes aimed at the recruitment of highly qualified profiles, entrepreneurship, as well as the Talent House Welcome Plan. We also participate in international fairs and hubs. Read more...

Cyber Ireland Cluster Established

IDA Ireland is supporting the establishment of a National Cyber Security Cluster, to connect the cyber ecosystem in Ireland. Based on industry feedback from a cyber security industry forum event held in Cork in 2017, the establishment of a national cyber security cluster was called for by industry, which would address the following objectives, Skills, Innovation, Promotion, Internationalisation and Collaboration. Read more.



European Policy makers share ideas on boosting RIS3

Sunrise Valley Science and Technology Park hosted a workshop of Interreg Europe project ecoRIS3 in Vilnius on the 27th and 28th of November 2018. The project analyses models and good practices on how higher education, business, government, and society can contribute to implementation of smart specialisation strategies. The workshop in Vilnius was dedicated to science and business cooperation measures contributing to regional development. Read more...



Hack4Vilnius implementing RIS3 in Lithuania

Hack4Vilnius took place during the weekend of October 19-21, 2018, in Vilnius, Lithuania.Hack4Vilnius addressed national S3 priorities, with special focus on inclusive and creative society, information and communication technologies, sustainable environment. Smart city hackathons is a cutting-edge practice to boost innovation and entrepreneurship, enhance networking capacities among public and private organisations. Read more...

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