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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.

ecoRIS3 consortium led by Fomento San Sebastián brings together eight partners. 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: a Peer review document; 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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Cross-border RIS3 Co-operation

The adoption of the Smart Specialization Strategies in research and innovation has highlighted the fragmentation of the European innovation system, urging the need to improve the linkage between regional strategies and local system by strengthening the role of territories. The very same issue has arisen in the cross-border RIS3 cooperation. [Read more...](#)



ecoRIS3 strengthening EU innovation

On July 8th 2019, the Atlantic Cities presented the project ECORIS3 Interreg Europe, focused on promoting the smart specialization not only in the academic, public and business spheres (the triple helix) but also in the framework of civil society (quadruple helix) and thus implement regional innovation strategies at territorial level. [Read more...](#)



New Spanish PPP in Bio Materials

This new public-private partnership (initially signed for the next 4 years) aims to strengthen different areas in the city through innovation. This new cooperation fully aligns with the recommendations suggested in the SWOT analysis to foster local innovation ecosystems within the RIS strategies in San Sebastian. [Read more...](#)



Atlantic EU Innovation Events

The ecoRIS3 project capitalization activities, undertaken by Atlantic Cities network as capitalization partner of ecoRIS3 project, are addressed at inter-territorial level across Europe. To this regard, within the upcoming months several activities are envisaged. [Read more...](#)



S3 interim evaluation in Lithuania

The Smart Specialisation approach for the R&I policy in EU already has effects on stakeholder engagement, decision-making processes, monitoring and evaluation mechanisms and many more. The impact is present in R&I systems EU wide (and in some cases, even beyond the European Union) are almost ready for the next generation of S3. [Read more..](#)



Innovation for Health

On the 19th and 20th June, the Intermunicipal Community of Ave participated in the “eHealth & ecosystem seminar, at the Biomolecular Technology Centre of the Torino University. The purpose was to understand how innovation in health can act as a part of a solution, to the health care problems that are emerging across Europe. [Read more...](#)



EC's JRC visits Lithuania

On 16 May the Deputy Director-General for the European Commission's Joint Research Centre (JRC) Ms Maive Rute visited Lithuania. The visit took place at the Research and Higher Education Monitoring and Analysis Centre (MOSTA). [Read more...](#)



Donostia UP 2019 Launched

Donostia UP will be implementing a series of measures to support growth and innovation in the city. The programme will be applied in the medium and long term as part of a strategy based on 3 building blocks: human capital, business competitiveness and territorial cohesion. [Read more...](#)

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