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Welcome to the first RELOS3 Newsletter!

We are proud to publish the first RELOS3 Newsletter! By reading the newsletter, you will be informed about the latest developments in the project and the results of the various meetings. You are welcome to share this newsletter to colleagues, they themselves can sign up through our website: www.relos3.eu.

As you may know, RELOS3 focuses on implementing regional Smart Specialisation Strategies (RIS3) in a local context by actively involving local authorities, innovation actors and companies. This is crucial in creating innovation in EU regions.

The project started officially at the beginning of this year and is now well underway. Regional stakeholder groups are organised all the time, discussing the difficulties in implementing RIS3 and finding for the best solutions in managing them. This ensures that the project is practical and not theoretical only.

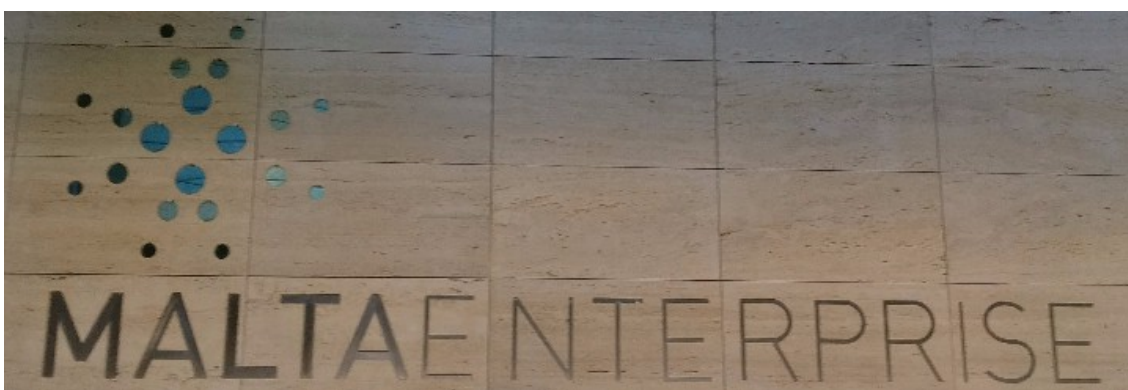
meetings, and explain our plans for the next few months.



Kick-off meeting Sabadell a success!

Right at the beginning of the project, in February, the partnership started with a kick-off meeting. During two days, the administrative rules and regulations of the programme were discussed.

Most of all, the people in the partnership got to know each other, and the best strategies for dealing with RIS3 in the local context were discussed. Insights were shared. It was clear that although there were common points, there are also interesting differences to learn from each other, for example on how the quadruple helix is involved in one area versus another.



"A good RIS3 strategy means saying no"

During the first thematic event (held in May), the participants zoomed on how to make the most of smart specialisation at the local RIS3, rather than the more regional approach that has been seen until now.

The partnership was lucky enough to have a specialist as Manuel Palazuelos

cannot provide everything for everybody. In other words, a good RIS3 strategy means saying no.

Another guest was Jordi García Brustenga, who is an Economist in the field of innovation ecosystems and policies. He inspired the participants by taking us back to the 60s, and reminding us that the Race to the Moon inspired many innovations. Therefore, having a common vision is probably important and solves the issue of how to involve all parts of the Quadruple Helix.

Of course, we also learnt first hand about this impact of RIS3 locally through a site visit to [Toly Packaging](#). It also underlined the close ties that Toly has with Malta Enterprise, who hosted this meeting.



Bologna: quadruple helix in focus

In late September, the second thematic event of the RELOS3 project will be held. It will take place at the University of Bologna's training centre in Bertinoro. The overarching theme of the event will be: *"How to build sustainable quadruple helix structures for developing RIS3 aligned Local Economic Development Strategies?"*

This is a topic that is relevant for all partners in the project, in order to involve all four parts of the quadruple helix: enterprise, public authorities, education and civil society.

A (draft) full agenda will be published soon on our project's website, which can be accessed through www.relos3.eu.

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