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## Welcome to the RELOS3 Newsletter!

Already our second RELOS3 Newsletter! In this newsletter, we update you about the latest developments in the project. We also share the results of the two transnational meetings we had and some highlights of the local meetings.

You are welcome to share this newsletter with colleagues, they themselves can sign up through our website: [www.relos3.eu](http://www.relos3.eu).

As you may know, RELOS3 focuses on implementing regional Smart Specialisation Strategies (RIS3) in a local context by actively

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involving local authorities, innovation actors and companies. This is crucial in creating innovation in EU regions.

In this newsletter, we cover the highlights of our transnational meetings in Bologna (Italy) and Tartu (Estonia) and share the preliminary results of our research. Moreover, we speak about the importance of local events and stakeholder groups and let you know the most important dates in our projects.

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Enjoy the festive season!



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## Outcomes TE2 in Bologna: Sustainability in the Quadruple Helix

In September, we held our second Thematic Event (TE2) near the city of Bologna (Italy). The overarching theme was the sustainability of cooperation in within the Quadruple Helix. This addressed issues such as involving civil society in RIS3, promoting sustainable collaboration in the Quadruple Helix and transferring good practices and methodologies.

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### **Background: local events and stakeholder groups**

All partners in the RELOS3 project make certain that the project is presented in local events. At the same time, stakeholder groups are held regularly, making certain that project partners are kept informed about the latest developments on the ground.

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## **Outcomes TE3 in Tartu: Focus on public-private cooperation**

In November, public-private cooperation was the topic of discussion in Tartu at our third Thematic Event. The key questions evolved around public-private cooperation and what different stakeholders expect from this, and what the latest approaches in relation to smart specialisation strategies are.

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## Research: first preliminary results

The project commissioned its first piece of research, to the Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies, based in Pisa (Italy). At the Tartu meeting the first findings were presented. Feedback from 27 respondents was collected, from all the countries where RELOS3 partners are based.

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## Coming up: note-worthy events

### 17 January, Seville (Spain)

Peer eXchange and Learning (PXL) workshop on Policy Instruments, participation free of charge, register via [this link](#). Two regions participating in RELOS3 will be peer-reviewed, Wielkopolska Region and the Northern Netherlands.

### 27-28 February, Poznań (Poland)

TE4 will be hosted by Wielkopolska Region, starting on Tuesday 27 February. The theme of this meeting will be "*Removing policy silos between R&D policies and Publicly Led Innovation Ecosystems*". In other words, we will discuss especially how policies can be aligned to achieve the maximum effect. The final programme will be published as soon as it's prepared through [our website](#).

Moreover, in May or June we will organise both the first Long Term Visit in Emmen, and TE5 in Seville. We will keep you updated on these dates, too.

All RELOS3 meetings can be attended by anyone who wishes to do so, provided their attendance is known beforehand. More details through [our website](#).



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