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Welcome to the RELOS3 Newsletter!

Spring is here, time for the next RELOS3 Newsletter! Much is happening, we are pleased to share the latest news on our project.

As you may know, RELOS3 focuses on implementing regional Smart Specialisation Strategies (RIS3) at the local level by actively 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 fourth thematic event held in Poznań and organised by our partner the Wielkopolska Region in Poland, a concrete example of the transferability of good practices and a preview of the capacity building event in Seville in June.

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TE4 - Removing Policy Silos: Joining the Four Elements of the Quadruple Helix

Thematic Events are an important activity to facilitate transnational collaboration in RELOS3. We have had four already, with themes supporting RELOS3's overall goal to implement smart specialisation at the local level. These events bring stakeholders together and generally increase the knowledge level on smart specialisation among all participants.

Joining the four elements of the Quadruple Helix was the overarching theme of the meeting organised in Poznań by the [Wielkopolska Region](#) in February.

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RELOS3 participates in first PXL Workshop

Great new insights were gained on 17 January at the first Peer eXchange and Learning (PXL) Workshop organised by the [S3 Platform](#). Three regions relevant to RELOS3 participated: Wielkopolska Region, Emilia-Romagna and the Northern Netherlands.

This workshop explored particularly how policy instruments are addressing the research and innovation priority areas laid out in the respective RIS3 strategies. Additionally, it discussed the main challenges related to the implementation of support instruments for pilot initiatives.

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RELOS3 impact: transferability of good practices

The Thematic Events have proved to be a good opportunity for partners to get to know each other; they have also proved to be a good place for stakeholders to know their peers. In this way, they can learn about experiences and best practices that can be applied in their own region.

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Local dissemination events

As you may recall, in the last newsletter we explained the importance of [local events to the RELOS3 project](#). We want to high-light a special type of event, namely the local dissemination event. Such events serve to inform a wider audience (i.e. beyond the direct stakeholders) about the project.



Events planned

24-25 April, Sofia (Bulgaria)

RELOS3 is one of the Interreg Europe projects taking part in the [Experience Fair](#) on 24 and 25 April in Sofia. Will you be there too? If so, we will be happy to discuss the latest news from our project, and of course to hear about yours!

13-14 June, Seville (Spain)

The fifth (and final) Thematic Event will be held on Wednesday 13 and Thursday 14 June. This event is organised together with the S3 Platform at their headquarters in Seville. It will be a capacity building event, addressing three target groups: politicians, management authorities and S3 practitioners.

Politicians and management authorities will benefit especially from the first day of the event. They will get a good update on the most recent concepts and trends in local and regional innovation policies, with a special focus on smart specialisation at the local level. The event will focus on practical examples, with presentation and discussion of relevant good practices.

Of course, S3 practitioners are an important target group too, and building up synergies between them and politicians of each territory is an important goal of this meeting. The second day is entirely devoted to capacity building for S3 practitioners.

More details along with the final agenda will be published on the RELOS3 website in due course.

Long-term visits

The following long-term visits are planned as follows:

- Emmen: October 2018

- Wielkopolska: March 2019

In principle, all RELOS3 meetings can be attended by anyone who wishes to do so, provided their attendance is known beforehand. More details through [our website](#) or by contacting your local RELOS3 coordinator.

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