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Welcome to the RELOS3 Newsletter!

Nearly Summer Holidays for most of us! It's going to be a well-deserved holiday for the entire project, we've been working hard!

RELOS3 keeps on concentrating on implementing regional Smart Specialisation Strategies (RIS3) at the local level by actively involving local authorities, innovation actors and companies. This has been found crucial in creating innovation in EU regions.

In this newsletter, we discuss highlights of our fifth thematic event held in Seville, we see two examples from Malta and Italy, and we have a sneak preview of our first long-term visit in Emmen.

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Capacity Building Event in Seville

In June 2018, the project visited Seville for the last thematic event in a series of five. With this meeting, we concluded the first phase of the project. We had events on diverse topics, such as taking RIS3 to the local level, how to build sustainable quadruple helixes (particularly with public-private cooperations) and the role of policies.

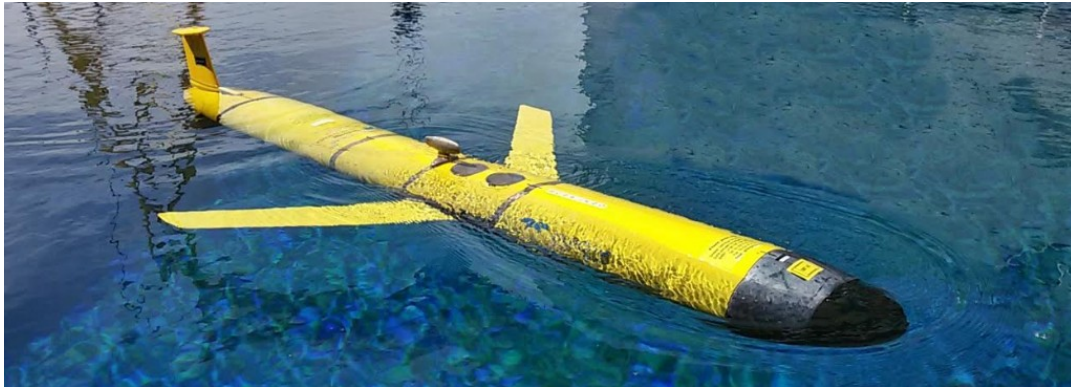
We ended with a thematic event aimed at capacity building among the project partners and other stakeholders. We are grateful to the Joint Research Centre of the European Commission, host of the S3 Platform, for their helpful cooperation in organising the sessions.

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Austin and Bologna cooperate

Both Austin and Bologna participate in the EU's [IUC cooperation programme](#), which is based on so-called city pairings. The Metropolitan City of Bologna has joined this programme and has been paired with the city of Austin, the capital of Texas. The first meeting took place on 17 April in Bologna, and in the coming months the two cities will develop a joint action plan addressing urban sustainability.



Blue Economy key in Malta

Our Maltese partner [Malta Enterprise](#) has been collaborating with local stakeholders [Malta Council for Science and Technology \(MCST\)](#) and [Malta Marittima](#). Together they have brought together policy makers, experts and key stakeholders (businesses) in the local Maritime sector as part of the RELOS3 project. The participants address the main areas for improvement in the local maritime services industry, and improvement of the overarching Maltese blue economy sector.

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Events planned

17-20 September, Emmen (the Netherlands)

The first Long-Term Visit is planned from 17 through 20 September in Emmen. Our partner will show you their activities in Smart Specialisation and how they work, particularly in Green Chemistry and Tourism and Leisure.

Emmen is happy to host any international visitor (for example from other EU-funded

[TraCS3](#) on Wednesday 19 September.

Guests need to register though, get in touch with Wian Stienstra at w.stienstra@ebdd.nl.

Other long-term visits

After the event in Emmen, the remaining long-term visits are planned as follows:

- Sabadell: November 2018
- Bologna: April 2019
- Tartu: June 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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