

Smart Specialisation

Smart specialisation strategies (RIS3 or S3) are about enabling regions to turn their needs, strengths and competitive advantages into marketable goods and services. They aim to prioritise public research and innovation investments through a bottom up approach for the economic transformation of regions, building on regional competitive advantages and facilitating market opportunities in new inter-regional and European value chains. **They help regions to anticipate, plan and accompany their process of economic modernisation.**

The S3 approach is thus characterised by the identification of strategic areas for intervention based both on the analysis of the strengths and potential of the economy and on an Entrepreneurial Discovery Process (EDP) with wide stakeholder involvement. It embraces a broad view of innovation supported by effective monitoring mechanisms. **Smart Specialisation Strategies (RIS3 or S3) set priorities at national and regional level to build competitive advantage by developing and matching research and innovation own strengths with business needs, to address emerging opportunities and market developments in a coherent manner, while avoiding duplication and fragmentation of efforts.** They are also a backbone of national or regional research and innovation strategic policy frameworks in Europe. Since 2011, the Smart Specialisation Platform (S3 Platform) acts as a facilitator for regions and countries in the uptake and incorporation of the smart specialisation concept and methodology in their research and innovation strategies. The community is continuously growing (Source: EC-JRC). Please find below a selection of the topic related articles. More articles are available at our [website](#).

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• NEWS

- Posted on May 9, 2018
[EVENT REVIEW]: REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON SMART SPECIALISATION IN RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT
A Workshop on Smart Specialization for the Research and Development (R&D) and Industrial Working Group was organised by the Regional Cooperation Council (RCC) in Brussels, on 6 December 2017...
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THE S3 PLATFORM RECOGNISED AS "BEST PRACTICE" FOR THE EUROPEAN PUBLIC SECTOR
The S3 Platform has been recognised as "best practice" by the highly competitive and renowned European Public Sector Awards (EPSA), under the theme "An Innovative Public Sector in 2017: New solutions ...
- Posted on May 8, 2018
VIDEOS FROM THE "SMART SPECIALISATION AND TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER AS INNOVATION DRIVERS FOR REGIONAL GROWTH CONFERENCE - Sofia, 3-4 May 2018"
Under the auspices of the Bulgarian Presidency a high-level conference was organised together with

the Directorate-General Joint Research Centre (DG JRC), on 3 and 4 May in Sofia, to discuss...

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[DOCUMENT ANNOUNCEMENT] SUPPORTING AN INNOVATION AGENDA FOR THE WESTERN BALKANS - TOOLS AND METHODOLOGIES
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[EVENT ANNOUNCEMENT] INVESTMENT READINESS OF INNOVATION PROJECTS IN SOUTH EAST EUROPE
The European Commission is organising next 4th and 5th July 2018 the workshop: 'Investment Readiness of Innovation Projects in South East Europe' in Zagreb, Croatia.
- Posted on April 27, 2018
[EVENT ANNOUNCEMENT] WIRE 2018 CONFERENCE
The 9th edition of the WIRE conference will look into three smart choices for regional ecosystems of innovation: Science & Research, Entrepreneurship and Connectivity have not only been the key drivers...
- Posted on April 13, 2018
[ARTICLE] S3 IN THE WESTERN BALKANS: WHAT DIFFICULTIES TO EXPECT AND HOW TO OVERCOME THEM
Western Balkan countries (WBC) are currently embarking on their process of drafting smart specialisation strategies (research and innovation strategies for smart specialisation or RIS3). This process ...
- Posted on April 13, 2018
[EVENT REVIEW] SMART SPECIALISATION IN THE WESTERN BALKANS: BENEFITING FROM EU EXPERIENCE
Under the auspices of the European Commission's Joint Research Centre (JRC) and the Regional Cooperation Council (RCC), a training for national smart specialisation teams from Western Balkan countries...
- Posted on March 29, 2018
[ARTICLE] SMART SPECIALISATION: HOW SHOULD WESTERN BALKAN COUNTRIES "SPECIALISE"?
For many years, researchers have debated what kind of regional economic structure is more beneficial for growth. On the one side, some have argued that specialisation in selected industries is preferable...
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[EVENT REVIEW] REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON SMART SPECIALISATION IN RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT
Brussels – Workshop on Smart Specialization for the Research and Development (R&D) and Industrial Working Group organised by the Regional Cooperation Council (RCC) was held in Brussels, on 6 December...

• EVENTS

- May 24-25, 2018 | Catania, Italy
3RD FORUM OF THE EU STRATEGY FOR THE ADRIATIC AND IONIAN REGION (EUSAIR)
The Forum is organised by the Italian Republic in close cooperation with the European Commission and with the support of the EUSAIR Facility Point.
- June 5, 2018 | Brussels, Belgium
HIGHER EDUCATION AND SMART SPECIALISATION: PARTNERSHIPS FOR REGIONAL TRANSFORMATION
This conference will show how regional partnerships including universities and other higher education institutions can drive smart specialisation.
- June 4-7, 2018 | Podgorica, Montenegro
TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER SUMMER SCHOOL BY EU4TECH PROJECT
The EU4TECH Project will be holding a 4 day residential Technology Transfer Summer School in Podgorica Montenegro from June 04, 2018 to June 07, 2018.
- June 5-7, 2018 | Brussels, Belgium
EUROPEAN SUSTAINABLE WEEK -EUSEW - 2018
The conference will have a set of sessions that allow European Commission and different energy stakeholders to debate new policy developments, best practices and sustainable energy ideas, while networking...
- July 4-5, 2018 | Zagreb, Croatia
INVESTMENT READINESS OF INNOVATION PROJECTS IN SOUTH EAST EUROPE
This workshop is organised by the European Commission and will explore the support mechanisms required for

innovations to grow and scale up in South Eastern Europe, while connecting the macro-level perspective...

- July 4-6, 2018 | Innsbruck, Austria
WIRE 2018
The 9th edition of the WIRE conference will look into three smart choices for regional ecosystems of innovation: Science & Research, Entrepreneurship and Connectivity have not only been the key drivers...
- September 25-26, 2018 | Zagreb, Croatia
SMARTEIZ CONFERENCE: "SMART SPECIALIZATION STRATEGIES: CONTEMPORARY CHALLENGES OF ITS DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION"
The aim of the SmartEIZ conference is to address contemporary challenges of designing and implementing the Smart Specialization Strategy across Europe. Even though S3 is a promising approach, which in...
- September 26-28, 2018 | Seville, Spain
2018 SMARTER CONFERENCE ON SMART SPECIALISATION AND TERRITORIAL DEVELOPMENT
Four years have now passed since smart specialisation officially entered European policy. This approach to territorial development through the promotion of smart, inclusive and sustainable growth represents...
- October 8-11, 2018, OTHER
EUROPEAN WEEK OF REGIONS AND CITIES 2018
This year, the European Committee of the Regions and the DG Regional and Urban policy join forces with 13 other Directorates-General and 3 executive agencies of the European Commission, over 140 regions...

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- Deadline: May 17, 2018
SUBMIT AN ABSTRACT TO THE 2018 SMARTER CONFERENCE ON SMART SPECIALISATION AND TERRITORIAL DEVELOPMENT
The Regional Studies Association in partnership with European Commission's Joint Research Centre invite you to register and submit an abstract to the 2018 SMARTER Conference on Smart Specialisation...
- Deadline: July 15, 2018
CALL FOR PAPERS: CONFERENCE: "SMART SPECIALIZATION STRATEGIES: CONTEMPORARY CHALLENGES OF ITS DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION"
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- Deadline: January 29, 2019
INFRAINNOV-01-2019: STIMULATE THE INNOVATION POTENTIAL OF SMES
Specific Challenge: Providing an effective mechanism for inclusion of innovative, agile SMEs in a landscape characterised by strong presence of public pan-European e-infrastructures (in particular ...
- Deadline: December 31, 2020
JOIN THE S3 PLATFORM - HOW CAN REGIONS AND COUNTRIES DO IT?
Established in 2011 following the Communication 'Regional Policy contributing to smart growth in Europe 2020', the role of the S3 Platform is to provide information, methodologies, expertise...

• PROJECTS

- Innovations Platform and Tools for increasing innovation capacity of SMEs in the Balkan Mediterranean Area
INNOPLATFORM
INNOPLATFORM aims at improving the competitiveness of the Balkan Mediterranean region by advancing existing knowledge on business model innovations and developing a set of tools (InnoTools) and services...
- HIVES
HIGH-LEVEL INNOVATION FOR A VALUE-DRIVEN EXPLOITATION OF A JOINT S3 IN THE ADRIATIC AREA
The HIVES Project wants to deal with the main challenges in the field of entrepreneurial innovation in the IPA Adriatic area: low R&D investments, low propensity among SME to collaborate on knowledge...
- ANTARES
CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE FOR ADVANCED TECHNOLOGIES IN SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SECURITY
Agriculture and food security are one of the main focal points of EU policies, since, in the next 20 years, world food

production must increase by 50%, while 80% of that increase must come from intensification...

- SmartEIZ
STRENGTHENING SCIENTIFIC AND RESEARCH CAPACITY OF THE INSTITUTE OF ECONOMICS ZAGREB
The SmartEIZ project aims to strengthen scientific and research capacity, narrow networking gaps and deficiencies of Institute of Economics, Zagreb (EIZ) in comparison to leading institutions in the field...

• DOCUMENTS

- **HIGHER EDUCATION FOR SMART SPECIALISATION: TOWARDS STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS FOR INNOVATION**
This Policy Brief reports on the results of the first phase of the project 'Higher Education for Smart Specialisation' (HESS).
- **FACTSHEET – WHAT IS SMART SPECIALISATION?**
Smart specialisation strategies are about enabling regions to turn their needs, strengths and competitive advantages into marketable goods and services. They aim to prioritise public research and innovation...
- **INNOVATION CAMP METHODOLOGY HANDBOOK**
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- **SUPPORTING AN INNOVATION AGENDA FOR THE WESTERN BALKANS - TOOLS AND METHODOLOGIES**
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- **ASSESSING RESEARCH AND POLICY SUPPORT NEEDS FOR INNOVATION IN THE SOUTH EAST EUROPE**
Researchers on the SmartEIZ project, Dr Zoran Aralica from the Institute of Economics, Zagreb and Dr Slavo Radošević from University College London, have conducted an online survey about research and ...
- **COHERENT POLICIES FOR EUROPE BEYOND 2020 - MAXIMISING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF S3 STRATEGIES FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT.**
The document presents key messages from the university sector for maximising the effectiveness of smart specialisation strategies for regional development, with a view to defining the priorities for the...
- **WORKSHOP REPORT: ON THE ROLE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY PARKS AND INCUBATORS IN INNOVATION ECOSYSTEMS: PROMOTING TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER AND INNOVATION.**
The workshop was co-organised by the European Commission's Joint Research Centre (JRC) and the Region of Central Macedonia, Hellenic Republic, in association with the International Association of Science...
- **JRC SCIENCE FOR POLICY REPORT - PROMOTING INNOVATION IN TRANSITION COUNTRIES: A TRAJECTORY FOR SMART SPECIALISATION**
Innovation policies seek to prepare an economy for the future by steering it on a transformation path to make it more competitive in increasingly global and interconnected markets. While most advanced...
- **THE ROLE OF SMART SPECIALISATION IN THE EU ENLARGEMENT AND NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICY (D 5.29)**
The report by Danube-INCO.NET explores the conditions under which the Smart Specialisation model can be applied in the EU enlargement and neighbourhood (E&N) countries.
- **[THEME IN FOCUS] SMART SPECIALISATION (S3), WBC-RTI.INFO NEWSLETTER DEC.2016**
Smart Specialisation - brief introduction The S3 approach is characterised by the identification of strategic areas for intervention based both on the analysis of the strengths and potential of the...

• LINKS

- **EYE@RIS3: INNOVATION PRIORITIES IN EUROPE (UPDATED)**
Eye@RIS3 visualises public investment priorities for innovation across Europe. It enables public managers and stakeholders to position their territory in comparison to other territories and to find potential...
- **ICT MONITORING TOOL - PLANNED ICT INVESTMENTS UNDER ESIF**
The ICT Monitoring tool allows the user to search ESIF data (ERDF, CF, ESF, YEI and EAFRD) by MS ('country'),

region, Col, TO, activity area (keywords) and financial form and to view the search results...

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The S³ Platform (S³P) assists Member States and regions to develop, implement and review Research and Innovation Strategies for Smart Specialisation (RIS³). Established...

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How should WB countries “smartly specialise”?

What difficulties to expect and how to overcome them?

Smart specialisation (S3) is an increasingly popular and worldwide spreading innovation policy concept. In the EU, under the umbrella of EU Cohesion Policy since 2014, the submission of S3 strategies has effectively become a requirement for regions or countries. On the contrary, for Western Balkan Countries (WBC), Smart Specialisation is not an ex ante conditionality like it is for the EU Member States and this explains why WBC are just currently embarking on their process of drafting smart specialisation strategies.

The process leading to the development of a S3 strategy includes the so-called entrepreneurial discovery process (EDP) and judging from the example of EU regions and countries in pursuing their EDPs but also from prior participative public-private policy-making processes such as cluster policy, WBC will most likely encounter some of the typical problems... Click below on "Read More" to access the full article.

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FROM H2020 TO HORIZON EUROPE: EC PRESENTS PROPOSAL FOR 2021-27 EU BUDGET
 The European Commission (EC) has presented its proposal for the next Multiannual Financial Framework, the EU budget for the period of 2021 to 2027. With regard to research, the EC is proposing a budget...
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[EVENT ANNOUNCEMENT AND CALL FOR PAPERS] GOING GREEN – CARE INNOVATION 2018
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 COST's governing body, the Committee of Senior Officials (CSO), has unanimously accepted Albania's request for full COST membership. The country is now the 37th COST Member.
- Posted on April 23, 2018
CONCLUSIONS OF THE 2ND WESTERN BALKANS RESEARCH AND INNOVATION MEETING HELD IN SKOPJE ON MARCH 21-22, 2018
 The second Western Balkans Research and Innovation meeting was organised in Skopje on March 21-22, 2018 within the framework of the European Commission's Support for the Steering Platform (SP) on Research...
- Posted on April 20, 2018
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 The conference invites submissions of extended abstracts and/or posters in particular by: academic researchers policy makers (including research councils and funding agencies) and representatives...
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[CALL ANNOUNCEMENT] CALL FOR PAPERS FOR THE CONFERENCE: IMPACT OF RESEARCH AND INNOVATION POLICY AT THE CROSSROADS OF POLICY DESIGN, IMPLEMENTATION AND EVALUATION
 This call comes from the largest conference in Europe dedicated to R&I policy evaluation that in 2018 is organised in Vienna on 5-6 November under the Austrian Presidency of the Council of the European...
- Posted on April 18, 2018
EC ADOPTED ITS ANNUAL ENLARGEMENT PACKAGE: THE REPORTS ON THE WESTERN BALKANS ARE NOW PUBLISHED
 The Enlargement Package includes countries' individual reports and are aimed at assessing the implementation of the European Union's enlargement policy which is based on established criteria and fair ...
- Posted on April 16, 2018
[CALL ANNOUNCEMENT] PROJECT S (MARIE CURIE RISE) SECONDMENT IN PARIS FOR ASSOCIATES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF BELGRADE
 The project H2020 Marie Curie RISE "Automatic IgG Functional Imaging for Neurodegenerative Disease Diagnosis" - AUTOIGG (coordinator Faculty of Biology, University of Belgrade) has two open positions ...

• EVENTS

- July 10, 2018 | London, United Kingdom
LONDON WESTERN BALKANS SUMMIT
 The Western Balkans Process – also known as the Berlin Process – is a joint initiative of 13 European countries and the European Commission. It supports the efforts to integrate the region into the European...
- July 9-14, 2018 | Toulouse, France
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- July 18, 2018 | online, OTHER
MAXIMISING THE IMPACT OF HORIZON 2020 PROJECT RESULTS
 Learn more about exploitation of IP rights in H2020 projects. This webinar gives an overall view of the creation and the development of IP rights both during and after the duration of an H2020 project...
- July 14-21, 2018 | Rijeka, Croatia
SUMMER SCHOOL SAIL & LEARN
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- September 12-14, 2018 | Vienna, Austria
ICRI 2018 - 4TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURES
 ICRI 2018 will take place in Vienna, Austria on 12-14 September 2018 and will be co-organised by the Austrian Federal Ministry of Science, Research and Economy (BMWFW) and the European Commission...
- September 2-6, 2018 | Ljubljana, Slovenia
SMARTER 6 MEETING. SAVE THE DATE
 The Slovenian CERIC Representing Entity - National Institute of Chemistry, and the Faculty of Chemistry and Chemical Technology at the University of Ljubljana, have announced the official dates and location...
- September 6-8, 2018 | Split, Croatia
ENTRENOVA 2018 : ENTERPRISE RESEARCH INNOVATION CONFERENCE, SPLIT, 6-8 SEPTEMBER 2018
 ENTRENOVA Conference (ENTERprise REsearch INNOVation Conference) is a multi-disciplinary conference dedicated to examining, comprehending and discussion of the economic, management, organisational, marketing...
- September 24-26, 2018 | Marseille, France
PREDICTIVE TECHNOLOGIES & THREAT INTELLIGENCE FOR CYBERSECURITY (CALL FOR PAPERS OPEN TILL 31ST MARCH 2018)
 Held in the framework of Smart Security Week, Predictive Security World is complementary to parallel conferences addressing complementary security technologies to block and prevent attacks: Identity &...
- September 27-28, 2018 | Belgrade, Serbia
7TH INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM OF INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERING 2018 – SIE 2018
 This event is organised by the Industrial Engineering department at Faculty of Mechanical Engineering, Steinbeis Advanced Risk Technologies and Innovation Center of the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering...
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- October 11-12, 2018 | Amsterdam, Netherlands
STEMM EQUALITY CONGRESS
 The STEMM Equality Congress 2018 will offer delegates an opportunity to hear from and interact with thought leaders in equality, diversity and inclusion strategy, policy and practice in STEMM worldwide...
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- December 4-6, 2018 | Vienna, Austria
ICT 2018
 The key European ICT research and innovation event is organised by the European Commission and hosted by the 2018 Austrian Presidency.
- December 10-13, 2018 | Cambridge, United Kingdom
WORLD CONGRESS ON SPECIAL NEEDS EDUCATION (WCSNE-2018 - DEADLINE FOR PAPERS IS 15TH JULY)
 The WCSNE is dedicated to the advancement of the theory and practices in special needs education. It promotes collaborative excellence between academicians and professionals from Educational and Industrial...

• CALLS

- Deadline: June 26, 2018
ADRION 2ND CALL FOR PROPOSALS PRIORITY AXIS 2 – SUSTAINABLE REGION
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EIT 2018 CALL FOR PROPOSALS
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The one-year Master in Advanced European and International Studies - Trilingual studies (English, French and German) aims at giving students an overarching, encompassing vision of the political...
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H2020 - RESEARCH, INNOVATION AND EDUCATIONAL CAPACITIES FOR ENERGY TRANSITION
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MARIE SKŁODOWSKA-CURIE INDIVIDUAL FELLOWSHIPS (MSCA-IF-2018)
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EUREKA NETWORK PROJECTS
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COMMISSION LAUNCHES €2 MILLION HORIZON PRIZE IN SOCIAL INNOVATION
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- Deadline: March 20, 2019
INFRAIA-01-2018-2019: INTEGRATING ACTIVITIES FOR ADVANCED COMMUNITIES
European researchers need effective and convenient access to the best research infrastructures in order to conduct research for the advancement of knowledge and technology. The aim of this action is to...
- Deadline: April 2, 2019
SWAFS-08-2019 RESEARCH INNOVATION NEEDS & SKILLS TRAINING IN PHD PROGRAMMES
Specific Challenge: Within the New Skills Agenda (adopted in June 2016)[1] and in the Modernisation Agenda (adopted in May 2017)[2] specifications on innovative employment-oriented curricula recommendations...
- Deadline: April 2, 2019
SWAFS-09-2018-2019 SUPPORTING RESEARCH ORGANISATIONS TO IMPLEMENT GENDER EQUALITY PLANS
Specific Challenge: Gender equality is a key priority set with the Member States and Associated countries in the European Research Area. Research funding and performing organisations and universities...

- Deadline: November 15, 2019

WIDESPREAD-04-2019 ERA CHAIRS

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