

## **S3 Peer Review Workshop on Regional Innovation Strategies for Smart Specialisation**

**- Transnational cooperation in R&I -**

### **What**

The Smart Specialisation Platform (S3P) has organised a number of successful peer review workshops since the beginning of 2012 and supported EU regions and member states in developing their Research and Innovation Strategies for Smart Specialisation (RIS3). The methodology and more information on the individual workshops held so far is available at <http://s3platform.jrc.ec.europa.eu/peer-review>. S3P has also arranged a number of thematic workshops on different topics that are important to regions.

At the same time, the Directorate-General Joint Research Centre (DG JRC) of the European Commission, with the support of the Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy (DG REGIO), has launched an initiative to provide scientific support to the Danube Region in the framework of the European Union Strategy for the Danube Region (EUSDR). In this framework, a seminar was organised on 26 April 2013 by JRC on Research and Innovation Strategies for Smart Specialisation (RIS3) and transnational cooperation for an innovative Danube Region. An additional cluster aiming to create a 'Danube Innovation Partnership' focusing on technology transfer was launched in October 2013. Finally, a workshop on the financial design and stable financing of trans-national flagship projects in the Danube Region is to be organised in March 2014 in Brussels.

Against this background, S3P together with the Vojvodina Regional Government organise this first peer review workshop in a non-EU country. At the workshop, three regional innovation strategies will be discussed. One of the topics that will be covered by the workshop is transnational cooperation in research and innovation: how to best include transnational elements in the development of RIS3. The aims of the workshop are:

- To allow regions from both EU and accession/candidate countries meet their peers, European Commission staff, academic experts and others to discuss common issues related to smart specialisation.
- To allow regions and countries to peer-review each other's work on RIS3.
- To better understand how to incorporate transnational cooperation in RIS3.

Three regions will submit their strategies and reflections to peers: Vojvodina (RS), Northeast Romania (RO) & Weser-Ems (DE). The community of peers will be complemented by a number of experts and representatives from Commission services, as usually is the case in our peer review workshops. The workshop results will be summarised in a workshop feedback report by the S3 Platform with expert collaboration, which will be distributed to the participants.

## Organisers

S3 Platform, Joint Research Centre (JRC), European Commission  
 Regional Government of Vojvodina/Information Centre for Business Standardisation and Certification (BSC)

## When

10-11 April 2014

## Where

Hotel Putnik, Ilije Ognjanovica 24, Novi Sad, Vojvodina, Serbia

Thursday, 10 April 2014	
13:30-14:30	Registration
14:30-15:00	<p><b><u>Welcome &amp; introduction</u></b>            Local hosts            Alessandro Rainoldi, European Commission (S3 Platform)</p>
15:00-16:00	<p><b><u>Transnational cooperation: Sharing practices</u></b>  <i>Moderated by S3 Platform</i></p> <p>Driving transnational innovation cooperation in the Baltic Sea Region – Experience from BSR Stars, Emily Wise (VINNOVA)</p> <p>Innovation between policy learning &amp; implementation – Lessons from Central Europe, Monika Schönerkleee-Grasser (CENTRAL EUROPE Programme)</p> <p>The role of transnational research &amp; innovation in the Danube region, Miroslav Veskovic (EUSDR Coordinator for Knowledge Society)</p> <p>Q&amp;A and discussion based on aggregated questions gathered prior to the workshop</p>
16.00-16.30	Coffee break
16.30-18.30	<p><b><u>Peer review of Northeast Romania (RO)</u></b>  <i>Moderated by S3 Platform</i></p>
18.30-18.40	<p><b><u>Closing of day 1 and information for day 2</u></b>  <i>S3 Platform</i></p>
19.00-20.00	<p><b><u>Excursion to Schneider Electric DMS NS</u></b>            Novi Sad's highly innovative and fast growing company gathering over 1,000 experts will host the participants (<a href="http://www.schneider-electric-dms.com">http://www.schneider-electric-dms.com</a>)</p>

21:00	<b><u>Dinner</u></b>
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Friday, 11 April 2014	
9:45-10:00	Checking in, S3 Platform
10:00-12:00	<b><u>Peer review of Vojvodina (RS)</u></b> <i>Moderated by S3 Platform</i>
12:00-12:30	Coffee break & cake
12:30-14:30	<b><u>Peer review of Weser-Ems (DE)</u></b> <i>Moderated by S3 Platform</i>
14:30-15:00	<b><u>Summary and concluding remarks</u></b> <i>Moderated by S3 Platform</i> With contributions by: - The three peer-reviewed regions - Experts - Participants
15:00	<b><u>Closing remarks</u></b>
15:30	Networking lunch (optional)