



**NEWSLETTER 2 - APRIL 2018**

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## **Policies & Measures to Support Local & Regional Innovation Ecosystems**

The transfer of innovation and knowledge produced by the RTOs (Research and Technological Organisations) and higher education to the local & regional businesses remains one of the most important gaps and difficulties in terms of Innovation & Growth. It is key to generate economic exploitation of the R&D results and particularly important in local & regional areas of Smart Specialisation (RIS3) and innovation opportunity.

Furthermore, there is a clear need to improve and connect regional Challenges and Opportunities of RIS3, to local innovation policies and stakeholders, highlighting the role of the “territory” as the place where interlinkages happen and knowledge flows. For such purpose, regional & local authorities should play a key role of intermediation and, in accordance to ecoRIS3 objectives, promote better policies and measures to generate solid interactions between key stakeholders, to orchestrate sustainable

innovation ecosystems within RIS3 strategies responding to the existing challenges and gaps.

The ecoRIS3 consortium is led by Fomento San Sebastián (Spain) and brings together eight partners from across Europe. Key ecoRIS3 activities include a series of exchange of experience and learning through interregional events (4 thematic workshops, 3 horizontal Seminars and 9 Study Visits). The partners will produce: 1 Peer review document on "The role private and public stakeholders play in the local ecosystem in order to absorb innovation" ; 7 SWOT Analysis, 7 Action Plans and identify 64 Good Practices, that will benefit the key actors of the quadruple helix (Public Sector, Civil Society, RTO & High Education, SMEs & Industry).



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### **Structural Funds tackle now Innovation challenges**

On 23 January, the President of the Conference of Atlantic Arc Cities - CAAC, José Maria Costa met with Corina Cretu, European Commissioner for Regional Policy. The "Cities for Cooperation" platform (C4C, Cities for Cooperation) was presented to the Commissioner, as well as a document in favour of a positive renewal of the cohesion policy. [Read more...](#)



### **Cork & Wallonie Collaborate on RIS3**

Conor Harte who will pursue his PhD thesis in CIT in a collaborative project using the V-LINC ecosystem analysis applied in Belgium for the first time. [Read more...](#)



### **European Union**

European Structural and Investment Funds

### **ecoRIS3 acknowledged by the EC and ESIF**

The [7th Structured Dialogue](#) between the experts' group of the European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF) took place the 21st of November in Brussels. The Conference of Atlantic Arc Cities (CAAC), as member of the



### **Innovation through RTO & Higher Education WS2 Cork**

Cork Institute of Technology hosted representatives from the ecoRIS3 Interreg Europe consortium for a two day good practice sharing event to Cork on the 28th and 29th of November 2017. The purpose of the visit is to collectively learn about key success

group of experts, attended the meeting.  
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factors involved in driving innovation between industry and research and technology organisations (RTOs) or higher education. [Read more...](#)



### **Academic Industry Collaboration Tackled @TCI**

TCI 2017 Bogota, Colombia addressed the issue of “what is the secret behind successful academia - business collaboration?” during a panel on the 9/11/2017. [Read more...](#)

### **SMART Specialisation and EU Funding**

Researchers at Cork Institute of Technology and University College Cork attend ecoRIS3 workshop on SMART aspects of applying for European Research Funding. [Read more...](#)



**European Week | Brussels**  
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### **Regions and Cities European Week**

John McAleer, CIT, represented ecoRIS3 at the recent European Regions and Cities Week in Brussels, with RIS3 being prominently highlighted. [Read more...](#)

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### **RIS3 Tops the Agenda @TCI**

“There is no such thing as Smart Specialisation. There is only Smart Diversification,” was the statement which Ricardo Hausmann, Director of Harvard's Center for International

Development kicked off his keynote address at the 'Better Policy' session at The Competitiveness Institutes' (TCI) Annual Conference in Bogota Colombia. Professor Hausmann was invited to present his research on productive development policy, in the context of Smart Specialisation and Cluster Development Policy. [Read more...](#)

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