

## S3Chem Partners Came Together in Warsaw

### 10<sup>th</sup> Interregional Working Group Meeting in Warsaw

On 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> of September, project partners came together in Warsaw to exchange about the final results of the 5th thematic analysis of monitoring and policy steering process of ERDF innovation funding with focus on the chemical and bioeconomy sector. During the meeting the consortium discussed questions such as: What kind of monitoring and evaluation systems exist in the regions? Who are the involved actors? How is the impact of innovation funding measured and which instruments, output and result indicators are used to monitor the implementation of funding?

On the second day of the partner meeting, partners discussed the structure of the thematic work of the upcoming 6th semester which will focus on the development of action plans to further improve the implementation of the policy instrument RIS in each region based on main results and lessons learned from the thematic analyses of former project periods. Preliminary ideas regarding action plans will be presented at the next partner meeting in Brussels on 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2018.



### Site Visit to Plock Industrial and Technological Park

Together with stakeholders from Mazovia, Catalonia and Saxony-Anhalt a site visit was organised alongside the IWG meeting to the Central Laboratory. It belongs to Plock Industrial and Technological Park. The main partner and user of the laboratory is ORLEN Laboratory. During the guided tour, participants got to know the analytical and research facilities of the ORLEN Laboratory which is one of the biggest industrial laboratories in Europe in terms of size and capacity. The Orlen Laboratorium is specialised on analyses of fuels, petrochemicals, oil, raw materials, inter-operational streams, wastewater, soil as well as air. The laboratory performs analytical examinations for controlling technological processes in PKN ORLEN S.A. Employees Central Laboratory showed engine room, petrochemical laboratory also fuel workshop and oil asphalt workshop.

Stakeholders, among them Mrs Monika Harponska (CTCQ, Centre Tecnològic de la Química de Catalunya, Spain), Mrs Irene Puntí (ICIQ Research Center, Catalonia), Mr Dr. Frank Pothen (Fraunhofer IMWS/ CEM, Germany) and Mrs Urszula Gryczka (Institute of Nuclear Chemistry and Technology, Poland) took the chance to present themselves and their work.

## A Good Practice Example From Mazovia – Innowator Mazowsza

In 2018, the jubilee 10th edition of the competition "Innowator Mazowsza" - Innovator of Mazovia - organized by The Office of The Marshal of the Mazowieckie Voivodship in Warsaw took place. This is the competition for representatives of the SME sector and young innovative researchers.

The category "Young Innovative Enterprise" is addressed to the SME from the area of the Mazovia Region, existing no longer than 10 years. Enterprises participating in the Competition should prove a documented - an innovative product, service or technology introduced in the last 5 years - implemented in daily business practice.

The category "Innovative Young Scientist" is dedicated to young scientists under 39 years old, who in the last 3 years obtained a doctoral degree, and in their Ph.D. dissertation, they undertook the subject of innovation.

The competition promotes modern practices of young scientists and enterprises from the Mazovia Region. The main goal of the competition is to select young talents in the field of science and entrepreneurship and to promote pro-innovative attitudes in the region. The competition recognizes new, innovative solutions used in enterprises, which influence on the improvement of work, while taking care of human capital and the environment. The competition is

also appreciated by scientists, whose Ph.D. dissertations are important for the development of science in Poland and in the world.

The winners of the competition are awarded with trainings, acceleration programs, internships as the main prizes.

Innovator Mazovia strengthens the cooperation between the science and business sphere, as well as the Marshal Office of the Mazowieckie Voivodeship in Warsaw. Consequently, the competition influences the increase of competitiveness of the region and companies.

## Project and International Events

### 11th Interregional Working Group Meeting in Brussels

The 11<sup>th</sup> Interregional Working Group Meeting will be organized on 22<sup>nd</sup> November in Brussels. The meeting will be dedicated to the thematic work of the 6<sup>th</sup> project semester that is focussing on the development of action plans by each region for the improvement of the specific policy instrument – the Regional Innovation Policy. The 7 action plans will contain a clear description, how these improvements will be implemented by the project partners. For that purpose S3Chem partners will review the recommendations for improvements that have been developed with focus on the four topics stakeholder involvement, project generation, funding instruments and evaluation. The results will be discussed together with members from the ECRN (European Chemical Regions Network) and the partner regions' representatives in Brussels who are expected to attend the meeting.

### Kick-Off Meeting of the Thematic Area Chemicals in Brussels

On 24<sup>th</sup> October 2018, the S3 Platform on the Thematic Area Chemicals officially will have its kick-off, organised by the ECRN (European Chemical Regions Network), at the Lombardy Permanent Representation in Brussels. The S3 Platform on the Thematic Area Chemicals is a recently established partnership on chemicals under the Smart Specialization Platform for Industrial Modernization. The event is the first official meeting to bring all members together and to attract other regions and stakeholders that are interested in the thematic area of chemicals and in joining the partnership. The main aim is to exchange about ideas, regional ambitions and possibilities for joint cooperation. Among the participants, the S3Chem partner regions will participate in the event, of which most of the regions are already interested in a membership of the platform.

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