



## DEAR READER, WELCOME TO BRIDGES!

The main objective of BRIDGES is "Improving RIS3 governance and upgrading RIS3 innovation infrastructures into industry-led centres of competence (ICC)".

In our project nine partners from eight European regions learn from each other:

**How to break the vicious circle of regional lock ins,** dominant in less advanced regions, and restricting the RIS3 impact.

**How to address knowledge asymmetries** between innovation advanced and less advanced regions.

**How to bridge awareness, methodological and resources gaps** between advanced and less advanced regions.

In the first newsletter we would like to introduce you to BRIDGES and give you an overview of our activities during the first period of the project implementation. If you have any suggestions or are interested in cooperation with us do NOT hesitate to **contact us**.

ENJOY READING AND GETTING TO KNOW OUR PROJECT!

## KEY FACTS ABOUT THE PROJECT

<p><b>PRIORITY: 1.A.</b> <b>IMPROVING INNOVATION</b> infrastructure policies</p>	<p><b>PHASE 1</b> Policy learning <b>4. 2016 - 3. 2019</b></p>	<p><b>PHASE 2</b> Policy implementation <b>4. 2019 - 3. 2021</b></p>	<p><b>PROJECT BUDGET</b> <b>1 978 468,00</b> €</p>
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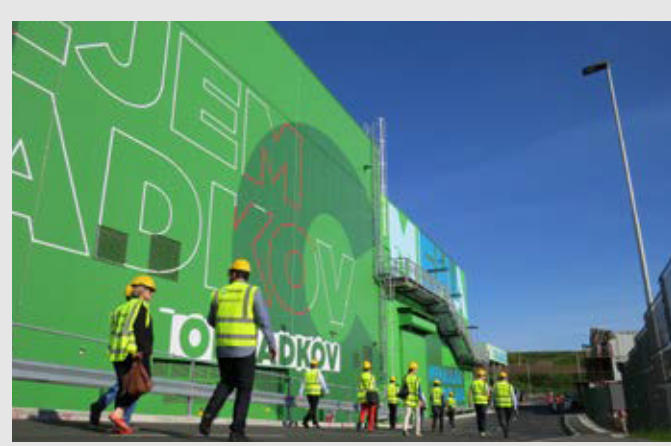
### PROJECT PARTNERS:



## OUR MAIN CHALLENGES, PLANNED ACTIVITIES AND EXPECTED RESULTS

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## WHAT HAS RECENTLY HAPPENED IN BRIDGES?



### LAUNCH EVENT in LJUBLJANA (Slovenia)

On 20-21 April 2016 Soča Valley Development Centre was hosting the kick off meeting of BRIDGES in Ljubljana. During the meeting partners had the opportunity to get to know each other in person and to agree on further steps of the project implementation.

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### SECOND INTERREGIONAL meeting in BURGOS (Spain)

The second interregional steering committee and the second interregional policy learning session of BRIDGES took place 3 - 4 November in CEEI Burgos (European Business and Innovation Centre) in Spain.

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### ERRIN meeting in BRUSSELS (Belgium)

ERRIN (European Regions Research and Innovation Network) Smart Specialisation Working Group meeting took place 19 September 2016 in Brussels. The focus of the meeting was S3-focused Interreg projects.

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### Participation in external events: First SMARTER conference in SEVILLE (Spain)

BRIDGES project participated in the call for abstracts organised on the occasion of the First SMARTER Conference, in Seville, held 28 - 30 September 2016.

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### First round of GOOD PRACTICE COLLECTION

One of the main aims of the BRIDGES project is to identify good practices from Europe and other parts of the world that can be transferred in different geographic areas across Europe. Within the first semester ten good practices have been identified and evaluated by the project's advisory partners.

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## COMING SOON:

**UNIVERSITY TO INDUSTRY CONFERENCE**  
7 - 9 JUNE 2016  
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**THE THIRD PROJECT MEETING IN HELSINKI**  
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If you are interested to know more about our project, please contact the project manager or the communications manager; equivalently, if you come from any of the BRIDGES regions, you can also contact the local partner.

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