



DEAR READER, welcome to the second BRIDGES newsletter

In this issue we would like to share with you **nine BRIDGES stories**. You will learn about our achievements and challenges we face. You will find out what is the highest added value of the project for every partner region.

Hope you will enjoy reading and getting to know us better!

1. BRIDGES project reached a milestone.

Bridges has reached a crucial stage of its implementation. It started addressing directly improvement of the RIS3 effectiveness through profiling of the action plan priorities.

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2. Going forward to the action plan formulation in KAINUU

Kainuu Region is going forward with two feasibility studies: on the lignine applications and the on the berry industry as an industrial renewal tool.

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3. LUBELSKIE fosters interregional innovation cooperation

Lubelskie Region aims at strengthening bio-based economies through participation in interregional innovation partnerships initiated by BRIDGES project.

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4. HELSINKI-UUSIMAA tackles the gaps of RIS3 with innovation partnerships

Helsinki-Uusimaa Region seeks to improve the implementation of RIS3 and the internationalisation of research with innovation partnerships initiated in BRIDGES.

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5. The BRIDGES story in W. MACEDONIA Region

BRIDGES project in W. Macedonia deals with Agri-food sector that is acknowledged as one of regional prioritized sectors of the RIS3 Policy 2014 - 2020, approved by the EC.

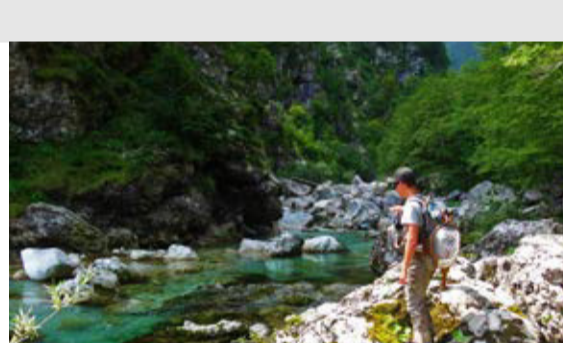
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6. Centre of excellence in aquaculture in SLOVENIA

Natural resources are a long term guarantee for environmental sustainability and this fact is even more important in various protected areas.

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7. Revitalization process of the WESTERN HUNGARIAN wood and furniture industry

Reposition the wood and furniture sector as an eco-friendly, smart, quality of life assisting and knowledge intensive sector.

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8. Industry-led Competence Centres and the CREST report

International Working Group I, as part of regular BRIDGES activities, based its discussions on CREST report conclusions.

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9. BRIDGES ON THE FIELD: A study visit to innovative businesses in Region of Western Macedonia

On 23 - 26 October 2017, a joint team of PP9 (CERTH) and PP5 (ANKO) visited 11 innovative agri-food businesses in the region of Western Macedonia, Greece.

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KEY FACTS ABOUT THE PROJECT

<p>PRIORITY: 1.A. IMPROVING INNOVATION infrastructure policies</p>	<p>PHASE 1 Policy learning 4. 2016 - 3. 2019</p>	<p>PHASE 2 Policy implementation 4. 2019 - 3. 2021</p>	<p>PROJECT BUDGET 1 978 468,00 €</p>
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OUR MAIN CHALLENGES, PLANNED ACTIVITIES AND EXPECTED RESULTS

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