



## **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.

ecoRIS3 consortium led by Fomento San Sebastián brings together eight partners. 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: a Peer review document; 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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**Innovation in Healthcare Turin**

"eHealth & Ecosystem" International Seminar, held on the 19th of June, is the second seminar of the ecoRIS3 project focusing on key issues related to Smart Specialization Strategies. The event was organized by the Metropolitan City of Turin with the support of main actors of the Piedmontese healthcare ecosystem, who contributed actively to the organization. [Read more...](#)



**€45m Launch of REDF in Ireland**

Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation, Heather Humphreys TD, has announced that a further €45 million would be made available under the Regional Enterprise Development Fund (REDF) at the recently opened Cavan Digital Hub (developed with the support of REDF) on the 24/06/2019. The fund is an initiative of the Government under Project Ireland 2040. [Read more...](#)



### €2.75m Regional Tech Cluster Fund

Under Project Ireland 2040 Government identified an ambition to build sectoral clusters of SMEs at regional level. A multi-annual fund for Regional Technology Clustering was announced, with an initial €2.75 million budget administered by Enterprise Ireland for 2019. [Read more...](#)



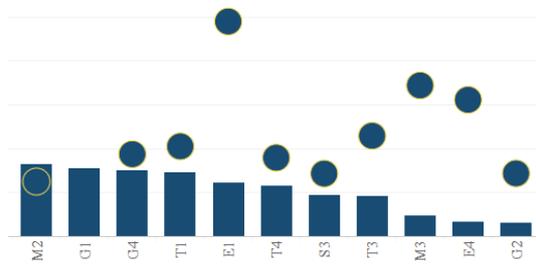
### International Good Practice Exchange

Last 16th of July the Metropolitan City of Turin hosted a South Korean delegation from KICOX to exchange best practices in innovation and research beyond the EU borders to share strategies and actions that the Metropolitan City of Turin is implementing. [Read more...](#)



### Hack4Vilnius Driving Innovation

Hack4Vilnius hackathon aims to find new solutions and create innovations for Vilnius to become smarter, healthier, more active and cleaner city. Participants can propose their own ideas or tackle one of 40 challenges proposed by the organizers. Hopefully, the participants will find new and viable solutions to problems that the city faces. [Read more..](#)



### RIS3 Analysis Tool in Lithuania

The Lithuanian interim evaluation of smart specialization was carried out to assess the benefits of investing in priorities. Evaluation was undertaken by MOSTA and the Ministry of Economy. The thematic directions of RIS3 have been revised by Government in June, 2019 based on the evaluation and the results of the progress. [Read more](#)



### Digital Innovation Supports on the Rise

Sunrise Valley Science and Technology Park, Vilnius University, Vilnius Gediminas Technical University (VGTU), Vilnius city municipality and Lithuanian Confederation of Industrialists agree to concentrate strengthening existing and installing new technological infrastructure for digital innovations. [Read more...](#)



### ecoRIS3 @ 22nd TCI Conference

The 22nd Annual TCI Conference took place in Antwerp from the 8-10 October 2019. Findings from the ecoRIS3 Action Learning Cluster Development Workshop which took place in May 2019 in Cork were presented by Dr John Hobbs during the 'Sharing Knowledge is Helping Clusters' session on the 10-10-2019. [Read more...](#)

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