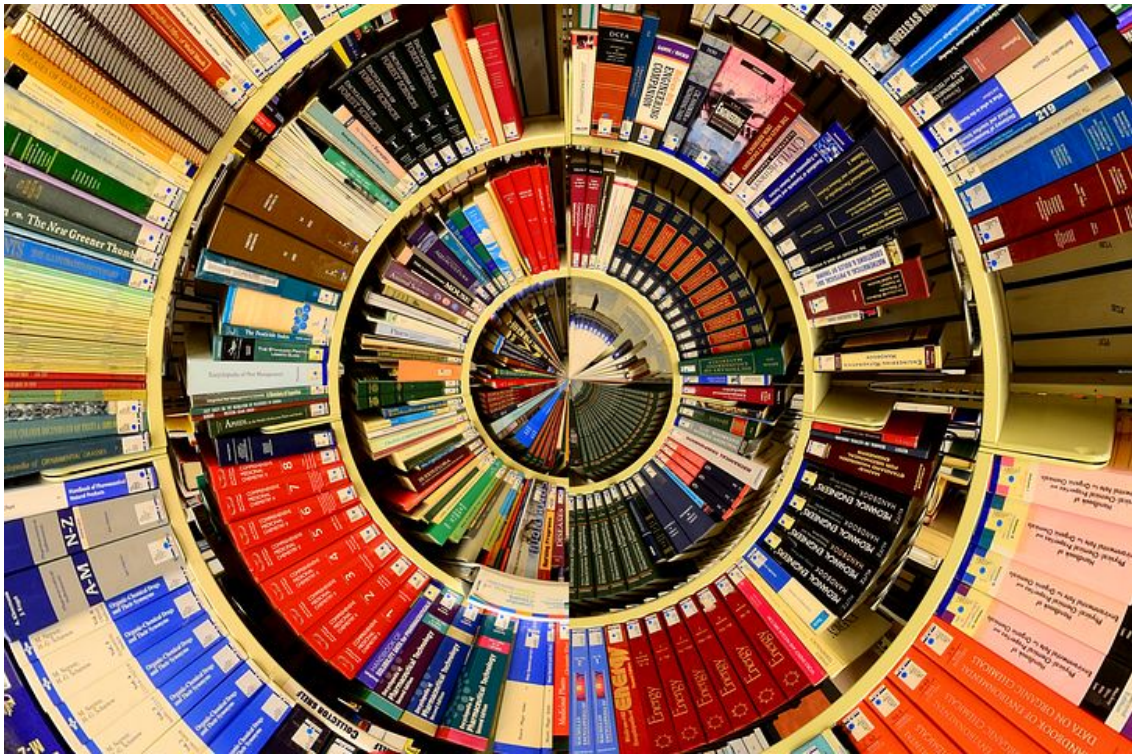


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## Successful partnership meeting in West-Flanders!

In February all the TraCS3-partners gathered in West-Flanders, Belgium for the next international partnership meeting. The hosts Diederik Declercq and Mathias Mestdagh welcomed everybody in the Provincial Court, which is a cultural heritage of Belgium.

During the the Steering Committee meeting moderated by the project coordinator Rima Dijkstra the current situation in partner regions concerning the TraCS3 project scope and policies addressed was presented by all partners. Also, the project communication, reporting and daily issues were discussed. The next steps leading to the successful project implementation were agreed with all partners.

Day 2 started in the Provincial Court with the partners' presentations of their regional Gap-analysis on innovation infrastructure performance. Every partner conducted this analysis in their region involving stakeholders. The partners' stakeholders took an active part in the discussions which followed each presentation. The workshop was moderated by external moderator Karin Nygard Skalman, innovation and cluster policy expert who facilitated discussions and participants involvement.

of Food where a tour in the was organized. After this, Karin moderated the World Café discussions where the results of the Gap analysis were discussed, and the partners and stakeholders worked hard trying to find solutions to overcome the biggest Gaps identified in the regions. This was a very intensive day that ended in an informal networking event.

The last day, there were organized three site visits to regional clusters. Each visited regional cluster presented their own specialisation to all partners and stakeholders. After the site visits, Rima moderated a closing discussion about the partners' and stakeholders' impressions on the meeting events: site visits, Workshop and World Cafe discussions. Participants of the meeting individually gave their opinion and comments which were very positive and demonstrated a good learning atmosphere in the partnership.

We can conclude that it was a very pleasant and useful partnership meeting where important steps were taken in the progress of the project.

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## **Bremen University team meets the Lead partner**

The preparatory meeting for the next TraCS3 project event in Bremen took place in Oldenburg in April 2. During the project meeting in West Flanders, Belgium partners agreed that Lead partner and the University of Bremen, Institute Labour and Economy (iaw), partner responsible for the next TraCS3 meeting will meet to discuss in detail the organization of the third project meeting. The preparatory meeting with participation of Lead partner and the University of Bremen, Institute Labour and Economy (iaw), took place on April 2 in Oldenburg, Germany. The project coordinator Rima Dijkstra met Gunter Warsewa, Laura Suarsana and Tina Scheider from iaw to discuss the third meeting activities including a content of the Interregional Workshop and Site visit details.



### **About TraCS3:**

The project objective is to improve regional policies in support of innovation infrastructure in S3 key priority sectors with strong innovation potential addressing the societal challenges and enhancing interregional cooperation within and between emerging and expanding innovation ecosystems.

## **TraCS3 project meeting in Bremen**

The second TraCS3 project meeting took place on May 27–29 in Bremen.

Day one started in Bremen's House of Science with the Steering Committee meeting in the morning, followed by the partnership meeting workshop „**Regional Innovation Infrastructures, Interregional Cooperation, and Policy Implications**“ in the afternoon.

34 participants – partners and stakeholders from all partner regions – were welcomed and given an introduction to Bremen's innovation strategy by Kai Stührenberg from the Ministry of Economic Affairs, Labour and Ports, Free Hanseatic City of Bremen. The project partners presented results from their in-depth-surveys on the innovation landscapes in their regions. Over all regions, the most often a need for policy measures was stated for issues of financing and connectivity and cooperation. Diederik Declercq from the Province of West Flanders provided an overview on the outcomes of the World Café discussions that took place in Bruges during the last partnership meeting, focusing on questions regarding the usage of innovation infrastructures: how can usage of innovation infrastructure be improved and

cooperation and the attraction of new users from other regions were identified as possible solutions. To take discussions further, the question of which policy measures should be taken to support interregional cooperation was re-addressed during the workshop in Bremen.

Agatha Filimon from North-East Romania's Regional Development Agency and Willem Foorhuis from Hanze University of Applied Sciences, NL, provided input on the possibility to design a new or improve existing policy measure or instrument to establish the interregional collaboration fund to support the cooperation of innovation infrastructures. One of the most important starting points for the development of new policy measures Article 70 of European Regulation No 1303/2013 were presented and possibility to use this opportunity were considered.

The second meeting day included site visits in Bremen's Technology Park. The partners and stakeholders visited the ***BIBA - Bremen Institute for Production and Logistics GmbH and the German Research Center for Artificial Intelligence GmbH (DFKI GmbH)***. The second part of the day was spent in Bremerhaven, where the partners learned about the activities in ***Bremerhaven's Technology-Transfer-Centre*** and about the study course "Entrepreneurship, Innovation, Leadership", held by Prof. Michael Vogel at the ***University of Applied Sciences Bremerhaven***.

On Wednesday, May 29th, the partners and stakeholders

***Eco-efficient Materials & Technologies*** which opened just recently on April 26th. The EcoMat offers about 22.000 square meters of space for laboratories, technical equipment, and offices, and facilitates direct cooperation between companies and scientific institutions. In the closing discussion, the partners shared their impressions on the site visits and drew conclusions regarding potentials for the innovation infrastructures in their regions. The project partners agreed on next steps and defined tasks in preparation of the next partnership meeting.



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## Upcoming Events

Partnership meeting Tampere  
October 1st-3th | Tampere Finland



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