



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 on the Menu in Vidzeme

During the practical digitisation workshop, Vidzeme Planning Region met with the representatives of small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) from Vidzeme to discuss the ecoRIS3 Action Plan which would help regarding the creation of innovative products and positively affect the development of numerous fields in the region. [Read more...](#)



VPR presents ecoRIS3 Action Plan

Vidzeme Planning Region (VPR) in Latvia presented their ecoRIS3 Action Plan at an Infoday Forum *in Cēsis* which was attended by representatives of several national and local scale organisations related to innovation and business development, as well as researchers and entrepreneurs on the 15/10/2019. [Read more...](#)



OECD Local Development Forum

THE OECD Local Development Forum will be held next 10th and 11th December in Antwerp (Belgium). This Forum is addressed to bring together local actors to share best practices under the topic "Right Skills, Right Jobs, Right Places". ecoRIS3 partner Atlantic Cities will be represented by President, José María Costa, who will participate at this event. [Read more...](#)



Future of ESIF Funds

On the basis of Article 5(6) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 (Common Provisions Regulation), the Commission set up an expert group with partners at EU level in the field of the European Structural and Investment Funds (ESI Funds), for the programming period 2014-2020. Tamara Espiñeira, Secretary General, Atlantic Cities was in attendance. [Read more...](#)



Donostia weekINN Driving Innovation

Ernesto Gasco, Councillor for Economic Development, states "the local government is extremely pleased to have managed to reach over 1,200 citizens of San Sebastian during Innovation Week 2019, and develop co-operation agreements with over 60 agents of the local innovation ecosystem, including companies, educational and research centres". [Read more..](#)



Turin Infoday - Irish Intervention

On the 30th of October an ecoRIS3 Infoday was held at the Metropolitan City of Turin and hosted an Irish delegation composed of staff from the Cork Institute of Technology, Cyber Ireland, InterTradelreland, the Department of Business, Enterprise and Innovation and the Co-ordinator of the South West Regional Enterprise Plan to 2020. [Read more..](#)



Atlantic Cities work with ESA

An initial group of key stakeholders for the Atlantic Regional Initiative have been identified and engaged by ESA, Atlantic Cities, as the unique urban forum of the region, is among thirteen entities. Its contribution, drafted by its Secretary-general, Ms. Tamara Espiñeira, is based on the philosophy of this 20-year-old network. [Read more...](#)



ecoRIS3 Team at ORSI

On the 27th of November, an Interreg Europe programme workshop on Open, Social and Responsible innovation (OSRI) took place in Brussels where Vidzeme Planning Region and CIT introduced the international audience to the ecoRIS3 project's goal to promote better policies to create sustainable innovation ecosystems in the regions. [Read more...](#)

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