

Pre- Announcement of the End Event in the framework of the Interreg Europe project **S3Chem**.

The promotion of innovation in chemical related areas is an important objective of the partner regions, which have highlighted these topics in their Smart Specialisation Strategy (RIS) as basis for ERDF innovation funding from 2014 until 2020. Chemical innovations are important for many downstream industries and help to find solutions for societal challenges in areas such as new materials, energy, alternative feedstock, etc.

The S3Chem project wants to improve the implementation of RIS with focus on chemical related topics with the help of interregional exchange of experiences and mutual learning between public authorities from seven European chemical regions. Chemical companies and relevant research institutions should be supported to better access ERDF innovation funding. The governance of the RIS in the chemical related innovation areas should be improved in close cooperation with triple helix clusters and networks. The partners will change the strategic focus of their policy instruments based on good experiences from the whole partnership. Therefore they developed action plans which have been implemented in the second project phase.

The end event of the S3Chem project on **Thursday 18 June 2020** on Brightlands Chemelot Campus in Geleen (the Netherlands) marks the end of this second project phase, as well as of the entire project. Stakeholders, project partners, EU representatives and the ECRN network/S3Platform Chemicals will showcase the power of chemicals in the smart specialisation strategies of all seven regions.

We proudly invite you to come and join us for this event on a very inspiring European triple helix campus and ecosystem and we invite you to become inspired!

Please save this date Thursday 18 June 2020. The invitation will follow soon!

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