Building Regional Collaboration in Europe

Open Days synergies workshop
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combining scientific excellence with commercial relevance
“From Rust Belt to Brain belt: Can Former Industrial Cities...
“From Rust Belt to Brain belt: Can Former Industrial Cities... Turn into Future Innovation Hubs?
The essence of RIS\(^3\): Entrepreneurial discovery process!

Detect potential boundary-spanners between different stakeholder / interest groups, new innovative entrepreneurs, hidden champions, or persons with a potential for this Horizon2020 related actors should be involved in the creative strategy development process.

Planned investments of total ERDF and Cohesion Fund (€ 271 billion):

- **Unlocking growth potential by promoting research and innovation in all regions:**
  - € 86 billion for research and innovation, over 25% of total cohesion policy budget:
    - R&I capacity-building and infrastructure: over €50 billion
    - Entrepreneurship: over €8.3 billion
    - ICT capacities, research and take-up: over €13 billion
    - Human capital for innovation: over €14.5 billion

In less developed regions, ERDF is the most important source of funding for research and innovation!
National S2E Events

- A better understanding of the national innovation ecosystem
- Raising awareness of the actions needed to enable synergies
- Sharing experiences in combining different EU funds

The events are open to national and regional MAs, NCPs, national authorities in charge of RIS3, selected experts and representatives from business and research organisations.

Forthcoming Events:
- BG, CY
ERRIN Working Groups 2016

- Energy & Climate Change
- Bio-economy/ Food & Agri
- Health
- Water / Process Industry
- Transport
- Smart Cities
- Tourism
- Advanced manufacturing/ Nano
- Blue Growth
- Design & Creativity
- ICT
- Policy / RIS3
Seal of Excellence

(CoESET) Center of Excellence for Smart Engineering Technologies

Score: **12.00**
(Threshold: **10.00**)

2017: EFRO-call for Teaming-project
Project Fenix

• A new plan for growth in Europe
• Cross-sectorial RIS3 cooperation
• Long-term High-Trust Cooperation
• Education, research and innovation
Wetsus: Connecting EU universities & global companies
Connecting with European regions

Realised
- Minho (PT)
- Riga (LV)
- Zagreb (HR)
- Nord-Est (RO)
- Budapest (HU)

Foreseen
- Slovenia (SI)
- Southern-Moravia (CZ)
- Lodzkie (PL)
- Lithuania (LT)
- Estonia (EE)
- Crete (GR)
- Murcia (ES)
- Puglia (IT)
Cross-Overs

Water Technology

Food

Beverages

Textiles

Oil & Gass

Pulp & Paper

Chemistry

Mining

Agriculture

Ceramics
Widening Participation and Spreading Excellence

Province of Fryslân / City of Leeuwarden

Wetsus

Water Alliance

Watercampus

Government

Science

Entrepreneurial

Region

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Region
Building strategic long-term cooperation

Wetsus Congress
03-10-2016
Funding Synergies

- COSME
- H2020
- Private funding
- National and regional funding
- ESIF
Knowledge Triangle Integrated into RIS3

Future Growth

Environmental Challenge

Education  Research  Innovation  Start-ups
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