



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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Kajaani, Talent Retention Workshop

On 1/10/2019 the ecoRIS3 workshop hosted in Kajaani was dedicated to the discussion of talent retention. Antti Toivanen, Managing Director, Kainuu Etu Ltd, described the current situation of talent retention in Kainuu: the biggest challenge is the ageing of population & emigration of younger generations, coupled with a strong motivation for economic renewal. [Read more...](#)



Kainuu ecoRIS3 Study Visits

The 2/10/2019 was dedicated to study visits to Vuokatti Sport Olympic training center and Measurement Technology unit in Kajaani. In Vuokatti, university level research in sport technology and activities are linked. Vuokatti is a good example of smart specialisation of the region. Moreover, the cooperation among different stakeholders strongly supports the tourism industry of the region. [Read more...](#)



RIS3 Revision in Kajani

The 8th ecoRIS3 interregional meeting, was held back-to-back with an ecoRIS3 regional stakeholder group and RIS3 revision meeting in Kajaani on the 2/10/2019. In Kainuu, the ecoRIS3 regional stakeholder group (RSG) has been linked with the RIS3 revision group from the start of the project, and has therefore been working closely with the regional authority responsible for the RIS3 [Read more...](#)



Urban Development Innovation

Last 22nd of October in Cherbourg (France), partners of the ecoRIS3 project were able to discuss the project's progress with key players in the region, as part of an extended office of Atlantic Cities. The meeting focused on the role of the "territory" being fundamental to create interconnections between key actors and thus allow a better circulation of knowledge. [Read more...](#)



Irish Policy Makers visit Turin

The ecoRIS3 project is facilitating a group of Irish policy makers on a study visit to Turin to learn about the Innovation Poles and Cluster Programmes in Piedmont Italy on the 30-31/10/2019. The group will be hosted by Metropolitan City of Turin, to connect with the Innovation Poles, to promote the interaction between research and industry [Read more..](#)



Donostia weekINN 2019

The 6th edition of the Innovation Week, organized by the Department of Economic Development of Fomento de San Sebastian, will be launched between the 26th and the 31st of October 2019, with more than 35 activities aimed at citizens, businesses and educational centres' participation [Read more...](#)



Metropolitan City of Turin Infoday

On the 30/10/19, the ecoRIS3 Italian Info day was held at the Metropolitan City of Turin and it had the opportunity to host the Irish delegation organised by Irish partner CIT. Claudia Fassero – head of EU & International Project Unit inside of Metropolitan City of Turin – presented an overview of the ecoRIS3 project and the results reached at the end of the first phase [Read more...](#)



Atlantic City 2020

The contest for the election of the next “Atlantic City of the year” is open until the end of November 2019. With this competition the Atlantic Urban Forum seeks to highlight an Atlantic city that has contributed to sustainable development. The San Sebastian charter, signed in 2008 & 2018 is a major inspiration of the contest. San Sebastian is leading ecoRIS3 [Read more...](#)

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