



Smart Specialisation Strategies

Smart specialisation strategies (RIS 3 or S3) are about enabling regions to turn their needs, strengths and competitive advantages into marketable goods and services. **S3 aim to prioritise public research and innovation investments through a bottom up approach for the economic transformation of regions, building on regional competitive advantages and facilitating market opportunities in new inter-regional and European value chains.** Smart specialisation help regions to anticipate, plan and accompany their process of economic modernisation. The S3 approach is characterised by the identification of strategic areas for intervention based both on the analysis of the strengths and potential of the economy and on an Entrepreneurial Discovery Process (EDP) with wide stakeholder involvement. It embraces a broad view of innovation supported by effective monitoring mechanisms.

Smart Specialisation Strategies set priorities at national and regional level to build competitive advantage by developing and matching research and innovation own strengths with business needs, to address emerging opportunities and market developments in a coherent manner, while avoiding duplication and fragmentation of efforts. They are also a backbone of national or regional research and innovation strategic policy frameworks in Europe. Since 2011, the Smart Specialisation Platform (S3 Platform) acts as a facilitator for regions and countries in the uptake and incorporation of the smart specialisation concept and methodology in their research and innovation strategies. The community is continuously growing. (Source: EC-JRC).

Smart Specialisation has already been in focus of the WBC-RTI.info newsletter in 2016 and 2018. You can find the related articles [here](#) and [here](#). Please find a selection of new information items concerning RIS3 below.

• NEWS

- Posted on December 4, 2019
[MONTENEGRO - BUDGET FOR SCIENCE AND INNOVATION INCREASED BY 120% SINCE 2017](#)
The Proposal for the Budget of Montenegro for 2020 envisages the amount of EUR 6 million for the Ministry of Science. Compared to the budget of the Ministry for 2019, this means an increase of about EUR...
- Posted on December 4, 2019
[\[EVENT REVIEW\] - FORUM OF CITIES AND REGIONS 'INVESTING IN WESTERN BALKANS - INVESTING IN EUROPE'](#)
The two-day event, organised in the lead up to the Berlin Process Summit in Poznan, gathered representatives of local, national and European administrations, as well as non-governmental organisations, ...
- Posted on December 4, 2019
[\[EVENT REVIEW\] - SUPPORTING SMART SPECIALISATION STRATEGIES AND TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER IN SOUTH-EAST EUROPE"](#)
In connection to the "Innovative Enterprise Week" in Bucharest held on 19-21 June 2019, on 18th June 2019, the European Commission's Joint Research Centre together with the Romanian Ministry of Research...
- Posted on November 25, 2019
[\[LINK ANNOUNCEMENT\] REPLAY OF WEBINAR ON BETTER RIS3 GOVERNANCE](#)
On 22 October 2019, the Policy Learning Platform organised a webinar on the topic of Research and Innovation Strategies for Smart Specialisation (RIS3), with special focus on its governance. ...
- Posted on November 20, 2019
[\[EVENT REVIEW\] SMART REGIONS 3.0 CONFERENCE -TRANSFORMATION THROUGH SMART SPECIALISATION](#)
The Smart regions 3.0 Conference took place on 14th and 15th of November 2019 in Brussels. Changes in climate, technology, and demography are transforming our societies and way of life. Europe must...
- Posted on November 18, 2019
[\[EVENT REVIEW\] UNVEILING SERBIA'S SMART SPECIALISATION STRATEGY AND EXPLORING THE ROLE OF INCUBATORS, ACCELERATORS AND S&T PARKS IN DELIVERING SECTOR SPECIFIC SUPPORT IN THE WESTERN BALKANS AND SEE](#)
In October 2019 the European Commission's Joint Research Centre organised a conference to present the Serbia's Smart Specialisation Strategy (4S) together with the opportunities and challenges for...
- **[VIDEOS FROM THE JRC CONFERENCE: UNVEILING SERBIA'S SMART SPECIALISATION STRATEGY](#)**
The JRC Conference on "Unveiling Serbia's Smart Specialisation Strategy and exploring the role of incubators, accelerators and S&T Parks in delivering sector specific support in the Western Balkans...
- Posted on October 28, 2019
[OFFICIAL EVALUATION OF THE SMART SPECIALISATION STRATEGY OF MONTENEGRO BY THE EU TOOK PLACE IN SEVILLE](#)
- As the frontrunner in the process of joining the European Union, Montenegro has the chance to officially become the first non-EU28 country whose Smart Specialisation Strategy was verified at the international ...
- Posted on October 21, 2019
[SESSION ON S3 IMPLEMENTATION IN SEE AT THE EUROPEAN WEEK OF REGIONS AND CITIES, 2019](#)
At this year's European Week of Regions and Cities, a specific session was organised around the topic of smart specialisation in South Eastern European Countries (SEE): "Challenges of S3 implementation..."
- Posted on October 21, 2019
[REVIEWS OF THE EUROPEAN WEEK OF REGIONS AND CITIES \(7-10 OCTOBER 2019 | BRUSSELS\)](#)
The European Week of Regions and Cities is an annual four-day event during which cities and regions showcase their capacity to create growth and jobs, implement European Union cohesion policy, and prove...

OTHER RECENT ARTICLES

- Posted on December 3, 2019
[A EUROPEAN FUND TO SUPPORT THE CIRCULAR BIOECONOMY](#)
On 29 November 2019, the European Commission and the European Investment Bank announced the selection of an Investment Advisor for the upcoming European Circular Bioeconomy Fund (ECBF).
- Posted on December 2, 2019
[WINNERS OF THE DANUBIS YOUNG SCIENTIST AWARD 2019](#)
In the context of the DRC Annual Meeting 2019 the Danubius Award ceremony took place on 7th November 2019. The Danubius Awards were created in 2011 by the Austrian Federal Ministry for Education...
- Posted on November 26, 2019
[EC LAUNCHES NEW TOOL ON HORIZON 2020 RESULTS PLATFORM](#)
The European Commission has announced the launch of a new tool on its Horizon 2020 Results Platform which can be found on the Funding and Tender Opportunities portal. The Platform is now providing...
- Posted on November 26, 2019
[MONTENEGRO'S RESEARCH MINISTER WANTS TO HEAL WAR WOUNDS WITH SCIENCE \(SCIENCE BUSINESS ARTICLE\)](#)
Recently an article on the SEEIIST was published by Science Business. The article by Florin Zubaşcu describes the new large-scale research infrastructure and underlines how it is will revive the...
- Posted on November 25, 2019
[\[CALL ANNOUNCEMENT\] CALL FOR APPLICATIONS: DANUBE SCHOOL RUSE, DEC. 2019](#)
Announcement of the current call for applications for the Danube School "Turning point" from 19-21.12.2019 in Ruse, Bulgaria. The Danube School 2019 is part of the Danube School Network and is the 4th...
- Posted on November 25, 2019
[EARMA IS CARRYING OUT RESEARCH IMPACT STRATEGY SURVEY](#)
EARMA, the European Association of Research Managers and Administrators, has published an invitation to participate in a survey exploring how research impact has influenced the priorities of research ...
- Posted on November 25, 2019
[EPP DRAFT RESOLUTION CALLS ON STARTING TALKS WITH SKOPJE AND TIRANA AS SOON AS POSSIBLE](#)
A Draft Emergency Resolution tabled by the ruling party of Croatia HDZ at this year's European People's Party Congress in Zagreb invites the Council and the Member States to commit to taking a positive...

• EVENTS

- February 27-28, 2020 | Belgrade, Serbia
[RESPONSIBLE RESEARCH AND INNOVATION \(RRI\) WORKSHOP BELGRADE](#)
The first workshop on the Responsible Research and Innovation (RRI) in Belgrade, Serbia, organized by the Institute for Biological Research "Siniša Stanković" University of Belgrade will take place in...
- February 27-28, 2020 | OEAD, Vienna, Austria
[FREE TRAINING ON INTERACTIVE METHODOLOGIES IN GLOBAL LEARNING, VIENNA, FEBRUARY 26-27, 2020](#)
About the training The training will be based on the Training Package (<https://www.developotogether.eu/de/training-package-demo-de>) which has been developed by the consortium as part of the InterCap...
- March 5-6, 2020 | The European Committee of the Regions, Belgium
[WORKSHOP: SMART SPECIALISATION AND SDGS](#)
The main aim of the event is to present practical experience and advances in applying Smart Specialisation as an STI Roadmap for SDGs in a number of countries and subnational territories. This includes...
- March 5-6, 2020 | J.U. Cultural Center Trebinje, Bosnia and Herzegovina
[THE ENERGY FUTURE OF THE WESTERN BALKANS - POTENTIALS OF THE ENERGY SECTOR OF THE REPUBLIC OF SRPSKA SET TREBINJE 2020](#)

The SET 2020 Energy Summit is aimed at the business sector - entrepreneurs (energy producers, companies wishing to apply RES in their business), professionals, investors, consultants, entrepreneurs...

- March 28-29, 2020 | Opatija, Croatia
PAR INTERNATIONAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE 2020
We are pleased to extend you a cordial invitation to the 9th PAR International Leadership Conference which will be held March 27-28, 2020 in Opatija, Croatia titled HIGH IMPACT LEADERSHIP
- April 2-3, 2020 | Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Bucharest, Romania
THE 3RD INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ECONOMICS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES - COPING WITH COMPLEXITY BY COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH
The conference is an excellent opportunity to grow your professional network, by connecting with some of the most influential researchers in economics and social sciences and sharing information about...
- April 15-17, 2020 | Athens, Greece
RESEARCH & INNOVATION FORUM: ADVANCING RESEARCH ON TECHNOLOGY, INNOVATION, EDUCATION AND THEIR SOCIAL IMPACT
The Research and Innovation Forum (Rii Forum) brings together researchers, academics and practitioners to engage in conceptually sound, inter- and multi-disciplinary, empirically-driven debate on key ...
- April 16-17, 2020 | Gdańsk University of Technology, Poland
2020 EUA ANNUAL CONFERENCE: UNIVERSITIES BUILDING A BETTER EUROPE
The 2020 edition of the EUA (European University Association) Annual Conference will take place in Gdańsk, Poland from 16-17 April 2020. The event will provide a platform to explore how universities are...
- April 27-30, 2020 | Marseille Chanot Convention and Exhibition Centre, Marseille - France, France
EUBCE 2020 - TRANSITION TO A BIOECONOMY
28th European Biomass Conference & Exhibition
- May 4-6, 2020 | hotel "Das Weitzer", Graz, Austria
STS CONFERENCE GRAZ 2020
Critical Issues in Science, Technology and Society Studies The STS Conference Graz 2020 is the joint Annual Conference of the Science Technology and Society Unit of the Institute of Interactive Systems...
- May 7-8, 2020 | Dubrovnik, Croatia
3RD INTERNATIONAL STATISTICAL CONFERENCE IN CROATIA (ISCCRO'20)
Contemporary Issues in Statistical Methods and Data Science Applications
- May 18-20, 2020 | Dublin, Ireland
NEM SUMMIT 2020
The 12th edition of the NEM Summit will be organized in Dublin, Ireland, on 18-20 May 2020. Reserve these dates to attend the event and take part in discussions on the latest development in European media...
- June 18-19, 2020 | University of Aveiro, Portugal, Portugal
19TH EUROPEAN CONFERENCE ON RESEARCH METHODOLOGY FOR BUSINESS AND MANAGEMENT STUDIES
The European Conference on Research Methodology for Business and Management Studies was established 19 years ago. This event has been held in countries across Europe, including Ireland, England, France...
- June 25-27, 2020 | Leibniz-Institut für Ost- und Südosteuropaforschung (IOS), Landshuter Str. 4, 93047, Regensburg, Germany
8TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE LEIBNIZ INSTITUTE FOR EAST AND SOUTHEAST EUROPEAN STUDIES (IOS), REGENSBURG
'Infrastructure in East and Southeast Europe in Comparative Perspective: Past, Present and Future' Infrastructure has emerged as a key site for understanding such projects and processes as modernization...
- July 5-9, 2020 | Trieste, Italy
ESOF 2020 - EUROSCIENCE OPEN FORUM TRIESTE
The 9th edition of ESOF will take place from 5-9 July 2020 in Trieste. The EuroScience Open Forum (ESOF) is a biennial, pan-European, general science conference dedicated to...

- September 9-10, 2020 | Roma Eventi, Pontifical Gregorian University, Italy
ICSD 2020 : 8TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT
European Center of Sustainable Development in collaboration with Canadian Institute of Technology will organize the 8th ICSD 2020 International Conference on Sustainable Development...
- September 10-12, 2020 | Split, Croatia
ENTRENOVA 2020: ENTERPRISE RESEARCH INNOVATION CONFERENCE
ENTRENOVA Conference (ENTERprise REsearch InNOVation Conference) is a multi-disciplinary conference dedicated to examining, comprehending and discussion the economic, management, organizational, marketing...
- September 24-26, 2020 | University of Graz, Austria
10TH INASEA CONGRESS
Visual Cultures in Southeast Europe: globalization, gender, power and resistance
- September 10, 2019-January 1, 2023 - **today** | Online, OTHER
FREE TRAINING ON MONITORING SMART SPECIALISATION STRATEGIES
What are the principles underpinning Research & Innovation Smart Specialisation Strategies (RIS3)? What are the core-indicators to monitor RIS3 sound implementation? Where can one find the key data...

• CALLS

- Deadline: January 31, 2020
CALL FOR PAPER/PANEL: 10TH INASEA CONGRESS IN GRAZ, AUSTRIA
Visual Cultures in Southeast Europe: globalization, gender, power and resistance
- Deadline: February 13, 2020
LC-CLA-23-2020: TOWARDS A COMPREHENSIVE EUROPEAN MOUNTAIN RESEARCH STRATEGY
European mountain regions play a central role for the well-being of many highly populated European regions for instance for water and energy supply, weather regimes, recreation and tourism. European mountain...
- Deadline: February 15, 2020
CALL FOR PAPERS: ENTRENOVA 2020: ENTERPRISE RESEARCH INNOVATION CONFERENCE, 10-12 SEPTEMBER 2020, CROATIA, SPLIT
ENTRENOVA Conference (ENTERprise REsearch InNOVation Conference) is a multi-disciplinary conference dedicated to examining, comprehending and discussion the economic, management, organizational, marketing...
- Deadline: February 21, 2020
CFP: CONFERENCE 'COPING WITH COMPLEXITY BY COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH
Conference Objectives: The conference provides an opportunity for all those interested in Economics and Social Sciences to discuss their research and to exchange ideas. We welcome both empirical and...
- Deadline: March 12, 2020
CALL FOR PROPOSAL - INNOVATIVE APPROACHES TO URBAN AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT THROUGH CULTURAL TOURISM
The various forms of cultural tourism in Europe are important drivers of growth, jobs and economic development of European regions and urban areas. They also contribute, to the understanding of other ...
- Deadline: March 17, 2020
INFRAIA-02-2020: INTEGRATING ACTIVITIES FOR STARTING COMMUNITIES
European researchers need effective and convenient access to the best research infrastructures in order to conduct research for the advancement of knowledge and technology. The aim of this action is to...
- Deadline: March 17, 2020
INFRAIA-03-2020: PILOT FOR A NEW MODEL OF INTEGRATING ACTIVITIES
European researchers need effective and convenient access to the best research infrastructures in order to conduct research for the advancement of knowledge and technology. The aim of this action is to...
- Deadline: March 20, 2020
NETWORK OF RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURE INDUSTRIAL LIAISON AND CONTACT OFFICERS (INFRAINNOV-02-2019)

Specific Challenge: The concept of industry as a full partner of Research Infrastructures (both as supplier and as user) should be proactively put in practice; this implies to promote a more extensive...

- Deadline: March 30, 2020
LAUNCH OF THE PROESOF CALL FOR PROPOSALS
In 2020 Trieste will host the Euroscience Open Forum (ESOF), the largest interdisciplinary science meeting in Europe. It is dedicated to scientific research and innovation and offers a unique framework...
- Deadline: April 2, 2020
INNOSUP-01-2018-2020 CALL FOR PROPOSALS FOR CLUSTER FACILITATED PROJECTS FOR NEW INDUSTRIAL VALUE CHAINS
Opened on November 7, the INNOSUP-01-2018-2020 call for proposals for cluster facilitated projects for new industrial value chains has an allocated budget of 25.150.000 EUR and aims at ...
- Deadline: April 22, 2020
DT-ICT-09-2020: BOOST RURAL ECONOMIES THROUGH CROSS-SECTOR DIGITAL SERVICE PLATFORMS
Specific Challenge: Rural areas represent most of Europe's territory (91%) and population (59%). When measuring against socio-economic indicators rural areas tend to lag behind urban areas. Lower population...
- Deadline: April 22, 2020
DT-ICT-04-2020: PHOTONICS INNOVATION HUBS
The challenge is to provide a sustainable ecosystem of research and innovation support for the benefit of SMEs facilitating a broad uptake and integration of photonics technologies. These Photonics Innovation...
- Deadline: April 22, 2020
ICT-46-2020: ROBOTICS IN APPLICATION AREAS AND COORDINATION & SUPPORT
Specific Challenge: While robots originated in large-scale mass manufacturing, they are now spreading to more and more application areas. In these new settings, robots are often faced with new technical...
- Deadline: April 22, 2020
DT-ICT-12-2020: AI FOR THE SMART HOSPITAL OF THE FUTURE
Specific Challenge: European health and care systems face a number of challenges linked to the ageing of the population and an increase in the prevalence of chronic conditions. With budget constraints...
- Deadline: April 22, 2020
ICT-47-2020: RESEARCH AND INNOVATION BOOSTING PROMISING ROBOTICS APPLICATIONS
Specific Challenge: Robotics enables a significant part of the economic impact of AI by delivering physical intelligence. Logistics, Healthcare, Agri-Food, Inspection and Maintenance, Mobility, Construction...
- Deadline: April 22, 2020
ICT-49-2020: ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE ON DEMAND PLATFORM
Specific Challenge: The challenge is to fully exploit the potential of AI in the economy and society. Building notably on Europe's Scientific and Technology strengths in the field, the supported activities...
- Deadline: September 1, 2020
EIC HORIZON PRIZE FOR 'EARLY WARNING FOR EPIDEMICS'
The challenge is to develop a scalable, reliable and cost-effective early warning system prototype to forecast and monitor vector-borne diseases in order to contribute to the prevention of outbreaks mitigating...
- Deadline: November 30, 2020
CALL FOR PAPERS: CONFERENCE 'INFRASTRUCTURE IN EAST AND SOUTHEAST EUROPE IN COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVE: PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE'
8th Annual Conference of the Leibniz Institute for East and Southeast European Studies (IOS), Regensburg Infrastructure in East and Southeast Europe in Comparative Perspective: Past, Present and Future...
- Deadline: December 31, 2020
JOIN THE S3 PLATFORM - HOW CAN REGIONS AND COUNTRIES DO IT?
Established in 2011 following the Communication 'Regional Policy contributing to smart growth in Europe 2020', the role of the S3 Platform is to provide information, methodologies, expertise...

• DOCUMENTS

- **TOURISM IN THE CONTEXT OF SMART SPECIALIZATION: THE EXAMPLE OF MONTENEGRO**
The six Western Balkan economies are facing similar challenges and opportunities in upgrading their tourism sectors. Currently, all six economies are preparing the design and implementation of smart specialization...
- **BUILDING THE NEXT GENERATION OF RESEARCH ON TERRITORIAL DEVELOPMENT**
New research on EU macro-regions by ESPON. How can macro-regional strategies benefit from smart specialisation strategies?
- **SMART SPECIALISATION: WHAT GETS LOST IN TRANSLATION FROM CONCEPT TO PRACTICE?**
This paper investigates how and to what extent the Smart Specialisation approach to innovation policy is currently being translated into strategic decisions and policy interventions in Europe. It defines...
- **SMART SPECIALIZATION POLICY IN THE EUROPEAN UNION: RELATEDNESS, KNOWLEDGE COMPLEXITY AND REGIONAL DIVERSIFICATION**
The operationalization of smart specialization policy has been rather limited because a coherent set of analytical tools to guide the policy directives remains elusive. We propose a policy framework around...
- **THE ROLE OF E-SKILLS IN TECHNOLOGICAL DIVERSIFICATION IN EUROPEAN REGIONS**
This paper argues that e-skills – capabilities associated with the use and development of digital technologies – enhance regions' ability to draw on existing know-how and create new industrial paths. ...
- **SME POLICY INDEX: WESTERN BALKANS AND TURKEY 2019**
The SME Policy Index: Western Balkans and Turkey 2019 - Assessing the Implementation of the Small Business Act for Europe provides an important tool to help policy makers design and implement policies...
- **STRENGTHENING STRATEGIC VALUE CHAINS FOR A FUTURE-READY EU INDUSTRY - REPORT OF THE STRATEGIC FORUM FOR IMPORTANT PROJECTS OF COMMON EUROPEAN INTEREST**
To strengthen our industrial base, Europe needs to build on its assets. Batteries and cybersecurity are some of the many strategic and future oriented business areas where boosting Europe's competitive...
- **SKILLS AND SMART SPECIALISATION - THE ROLE OF VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING IN SMART SPECIALISATION STRATEGIES**
This publication is a Science for Policy report by the Joint Research Centre (JRC), the European Commission's science and knowledge service.
- **[THEME IN FOCUS] HOW SHOULD WESTERN BALKAN COUNTRIES "SMARTLY SPECIALISE"? WBC-RTI.INFO NEWSLETTER, APRIL 2018**
What difficulties to expect and how to overcome them? Smart specialisation (S3) is an increasingly popular and worldwide spreading innovation policy concept. In the EU, under the umbrella of EU Cohesion...
- **FACTSHEET – WHAT IS SMART SPECIALISATION?**
Smart specialisation strategies are about enabling regions to turn their needs, strengths and competitive advantages into marketable goods and services. They aim to prioritise public research and innovation...
- **ALLEA STATEMENT ON "THE NEED FOR INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS STRATEGIES AT ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS"**
ALLEA, the All European Academies association, has recently published a statement on "The Need for Intellectual Property Rights Strategies at Academic Institutions".
- **BUILDING THE NEXT GENERATION OF RESEARCH ON TERRITORIAL DEVELOPMENT**
New research on EU macro-regions by ESPON. How can macro-regional strategies benefit from smart specialisation strategies?
- **COMMISSION PUBLISHES RESULTS OF CONSULTATION ON HORIZON EUROPE IMPLEMENTATION ISSUES**
During its co-design process for Horizon Europe, the European Commission carried out an open web consultation on the implementation of Horizon Europe between 31 July 2019 and 4 October 2019. ...

- **ENTREPRENEURIAL ECOSYSTEM IN ALBANIA WITH FOCUS ON TIRANA**
This study was carried out against the background of the 'EU for Innovation' project, supported by the European Union and implemented by the Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH...
- **EU CONNECTIVITY AGENDA FOR THE WESTERN BALKANS**
The European Union has long been strongly engaged in the Western Balkans. Since the Thessaloniki Summit in 2003, it has supported the future of the region as an integral part of the EU. In 2014, on the...
- **FACTSHEET: EU-WESTERN BALKANS - BOOSTING CONNECTIVITY**
This factsheet includes information on the Connectivity Agenda, expected results of 2019 projects, as well as on using EU grants through the Western Balkans Investment Framework to boost investments 2015...
- **FACTSHEET ON THE EU ACCESSION PROCESS OF THE WESTERN BALKANS**
Including an overview of EU - WBC relations, economic potential thereof, key achievements in the last year, as well as main steps to accession.
- **2020 SC6 BROKERAGE EVENT - PRESENTATIONS ARE AVAILABLE FOR DOWNLOAD**
All presentations (incl. flash presentations) of the Societal Challenge 6 Brokerage Event in Bratislava on 12-13 November 2019 are now available for download on the event website: <https://societiesbrokerage2020...>

• **LINKS**

- **SMART SPECIALISATION STRATEGY OF MONTENEGRO**
The document presents the strategic vision, the analysis of the potential and the S3 priorities to be addressed while also focusing on the policy mix and financial framework as well as on the monitoring...
- **THE POLICY ON RESEARCH AND INNOVATION IN MONTENEGRO AND STP INFRASTRUCTURE - OVERVIEW**
A presentation on the development of the R&I ecosystem in Montenegro was given at the "Unveiling Serbia's Smart Specialisation Strategy and exploring the role of incubators, accelerators and S&..."
- **SMART SPECIALISATION IN THE WESTERN BALKANS – POTENTIAL FOR KNOWLEDGE-BASED ECONOMIC COOPERATION**
In June 2019, the European Commission's Joint Research Centre together with the Romanian Ministry of Research and Innovation in the frame of the Romanian Presidency of the Council of the EU have organised...
- **SMART SPECIALISATION IN PRACTICE**
Conceived within the reformed Cohesion policy of the European Commission, Smart Specialisation is a place-based approach characterised by the identification of strategic areas for intervention based both...
- **EYE@RIS3: INNOVATION PRIORITIES IN EUROPE (UPDATED)**
Eye@RIS3 visualises public investment priorities for innovation across Europe. It enables public managers and stakeholders to position their territory in comparison to other territories and to find potential...
- **SMART SPECIALISATION PLATFORM**
The S³ Platform (S³P) assists Member States and regions to develop, implement and review Research and Innovation Strategies for Smart Specialisation (RIS³). Established...
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- **BALKANROAD NEWSLETTER 2018-2019**
This Newsletter intends to inform you about the aims, the progress, the results and the events carried out from the start day of the BalkanROAD project. The aim is to bring all relevant actors up-to-date...

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Smart Specialisation in the Western Balkans: the Wider Innovation Policy Context



The S3 concept provides a new policy approach to the six Western Balkan economies. It holds considerable potential for knowledge-based economic cooperation and can help these economies improve the innovative perspective of their private sectors and to do so in a collective way built on public-private cooperation. Enhancing the innovation potential has been on the policy agenda of the Western Balkan economies for years. Hence, innovation policy-making has led to a number of policy documents and strategies that relate to economic and innovative competitiveness. An analysis of existing strategic frameworks and policy documents for the S3 approach and RIS3 development in the six Western Balkan economies was recently undertaken by national smart specialisation teams and summarised in a new Technical report by the JRC...

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CALL TO SUPPORT ALBANIA

- As you already know, the 6.4 magnitude earthquake that befell Albania and the following several aftershocks claimed about 50 lives and left 2,000 injured and thousands homeless. The EU, the Balkans and a number of neighbouring Member States and candidate countries reacted immediately and participated in the rescue work. We would like to forward you the **appeal by the Albanian authorities for solidarity with the country: to help the families affected by the earthquake and contribute to their recovery as well as to the general reconstruction. You can donate any amount through the state portal <https://e-albania.al/donate> !**

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