

IMPROVING THE REGIONAL INTEGRATION OF SMART SPECIALISATION



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Framework analysis of regional specifics of the partner regions is completed

The first phase of the SMART_watch project examined and verified the RIS state of art and issues to be addressed by the Regional Observatories with a framework analysis of the consortium partners' regional systems, both from the economic and innovation points of view and the specific choices related to the Smart Specialisations Strategy (RIS3). With the contribution of the partners, the results of the analysis provide a comprehensive information on the RIS implementation and monitoring tools in the specific CE regions: economy, institutional support in the Region and evolution, RIS3, business institutional environment regarding the supply side and the monitoring one. The research highlights in particular the positioning of each region based on the innovation index and manufacturing systems. The framework analysis of the various CE regions' RIS3 represents the basis of the monitoring of the services offered by the different public/ private agencies to support their implementation.

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PROJECT DURATION

1.06.2017 - 30.05.2020

Project budget 2,56 mln €
ERDF co-financing 2,12 mln €

PROJECT AIM:

Strengthening innovation capacity in CE regions and increase transnational links for improving existing and developing new services supporting innovation.

Important step in establishing a regional competence map: IT TOOL for benchmarking

In order to present clear and aggregated results of the framework analysis and the Regional Observatories services, good practices and experiences, a common guideline and methodology has been defined for the project partners, based on the Business Model Canvas approach, and a sample of 33 Regional Observatories was selected in the various CE regions for their auditing first pilot phase. Gathered information will be analysed and aggregated throughout an online IT tool, mapping the project consortium regional competences, to be based on a platform that will show the geolocation, services offered, tools provided for SMEs by the Regional Observatories, including both the regions with existing observatories and monitoring institutions as well as those who have the potential to deal with the RIS monitoring in the regions that are still building those observatory systems, with the possibility of extending information from the Central Europe level to an European level.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

6th National Conference of Technology Transfer

SMART_watch project will be introduced to stakeholders on the 6th National Conference of Technology Transfer between the 16-18. May 2018, in Pilsen (Czech Republic) by the University of West Bohemia

SMART_watch in Bavaria

Slovenian Smart_Watch partner TECES joined other Slovenian Strategic partnerships and a Government office for development and European Cohesion Policy on a joint mission to establish contact with Bavarian clusters. In the organization of Interreg Alpine Space S3-4AlpClusters project we had the possibility to present Smart_watch goals and objectives to 6 Bavarian clusters and discuss with them the range of services that organizations such as clusters in the role of regional observatories could offer to their members. We concluded the two-day visit determined to find possible ways to support cooperation among our members and among clusters themselves.

3rd PROJECT TRANSNATIONAL MEETING

The next meeting of the SMART_watch project will be organised by [INNOVA](#) in Debrecen (Hungary) on the 14th and 15th of May 2018 where the first results of the pilot audit activities shall be discussed and fine-tuned on the basis of the experience of the auditors of the regional observatories.



CONSORTIUM
12 project partners in 7 countries

**2nd PROJECT
TRANSNATIONAL MEETING**

The 2nd transnational meeting of the SMART_watch project took place in Lublin (Poland) on the 27th and 28th of November 2017. The Implementation Manual of the project was approved and the training of the auditors was implemented. The "Audit guidelines and methodology" was important result of the joint activity of project partners and the Work plan for gathering the information and analysis was also finalised. The training for auditors shall be followed by the manual for auditors that shall provide practical guidance for the implementation of pilot action on the information gathering and audits.



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