



MONITORING SMART SPECIALISATION

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11th-12th December 2014
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In summer 2014 most innovation strategies for smart specialisation (S3) and operational programmes have been submitted. Regional and national authorities are now entering into the implementation phase of the EU funding period 2014-2020, which is shifting attention to developing full-fledged monitoring mechanisms. There is an ongoing and increasing demand from the Directorate-General REGIO and policy makers from regions and member states to further explore this central aspect in the smart specialisation process. Monitoring is key for ensuring accountability and achieving the best results with European Structural and Investment Funds. At the same time, monitoring will feed into the re-design and adjustments of innovation strategies across Europe.

In this context, we want to explore what role connectivity and transnational collaboration can play when implementing and monitoring innovation strategies. The CITEK project funded by the MED Programme of the European Commission identifies and evaluates different methodologies to monitor the implementation of S3 from a transnational point of view.

This workshop is the final event of the CITEK and at the same time constitutes the starting point for a more structured discussion on monitoring in smart specialisation. It is divided into two parts. In the first part the necessity of a well-designed monitoring mechanism will be underlined. Participants will jointly discuss related policy conclusions and good practices. Focusing on how regional and national actors can work together to develop effective monitoring mechanisms will be central to the discussions. Special emphasis will be given to open data platforms that can more easily engage stakeholders and the interested public by using internet technologies.

In the second part, the workshop will focus on the impact that the smart specialisation strategy will have for transnational cooperation, and especially for business activities and networks. Participants will present different initiatives aimed at promoting this cooperation in the new framework. A special emphasis will be given to the role that social economy has in this model.

In parallel, during the afternoon of the 11th and the morning of the 12th of December, a small group of experts and practitioners (invitation is required) will continue the discussion in a small-scale working group which will develop a 'proto-type' for a generic monitoring mechanism. The format will be a lab, i.e. an open setting in which policy-makers interact with users/policy-takers and experts to develop jointly a policy proposal. Experts will concentrate on the intervention logic covering the essential elements of a monitoring mechanism that ensures effective policy interventions. Among others, they will develop do's and don'ts, good practices, ideas to link innovation strategies and operational programmes and suggestions to combine qualitative and quantitative indicators.

The target group are those persons involved in designing and implementing the monitoring mechanisms of regional and national innovation strategies for smart specialisation, as well as those interested in understanding how the policy is related to the transnational business and knowledge networks.



Dates:
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Place:
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DAY 1: 11 DECEMBER 2014 | MORNING SESSIONS

09.00 - 10.00	Registration
10.00 - 10.30	<p>Welcome by hosts & S3 Platform</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Felip Puig, Minister for Competitiveness of the Catalan Government (tbc) - Ferran Sancho, Rector of the Autonomous University of Barcelona - Minister from the Marche Regional Government (tbc) - Nicolas Espitalier, Representative of the Med Programme - Representative from the S3 Platform JRC-IPTS (tbd)
SESSION 1: TRANSNATIONAL COOPERATION AND MONITORING METHODS	
10.30 - 11.15	<p>The analysis of the Smart Specialization in the Med Area and its implications for transnational cooperation TBD, representative of the CreativeMED project (Med Programme)</p> <p>Monitoring S3 implementation. Steps towards a model to assess implementation Ricard Esparza Masana, Autonomous University of Barcelona</p>
11.15 - 11.45	<i>Coffee break</i>
11.45 - 13.00	<p>Roundtable discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The role of the public sector in M&E: Mikel Landabaso, DG REGIO (tbc) - Measurement challenges: Adrian Healy, Cardiff University - Transnational aspects of monitoring: Nicolas Espitalier, MED Programme - Followed and examples of social innovation: Elise Dubetz, Pour la Solidarité
13.00 - 14.00	<i>Cocktail break</i>

DAY 1: 11 DECEMBER 2014 | AFTERNOON SESSIONS

SESSION 2: DEVELOPING BUSINESS PARTNERSHIPS AND NEW OPPORTUNITIES IN THE SMART SPECIALIZATION FRAMEWORK		WORKING GROUP OF EXPERTS	
14.00 - 15.30	<p>Roundtable on the impact of Social Economy and Business Networks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jean Luc Chatagnat, OXALIS - Elsa Costanzo, KIC coordinator (financing tools) 	14.00- 18.00	<p>Lab with experts (by invitation only) Among others, coordination of activities in line with CITEK results</p>
15.30 - 17.00	<p>Presentation Transnational Business Networks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Isaac Matamoros, Funditec 		
17.00	Signature of the Memorandum of Understanding		
17.15 - 18.15	Focus group (by invitation only) with the MEDCoop representatives		

DAY 2: 12 DECEMBER 2014

<p>Parallel activity: Tour through the 'Gothic Quarter' of Barcelona <i>(Meeting at 10.00 am in front of Barcelona's Cathedral, Plaça de la Catedral, L4 between Urquinaona and Jaume I stations).</i></p> 	09.15 - 13.30	<p>Continuation of the Lab with experts (by invitation only) Evaluation of CITEK project's guidelines and related issues</p>
	13.30 - 14.30	<i>Lunch</i>
	14.30	End of workshop

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