



**S3HubsinCE**

**Newsletter#1**

## **WELCOME TO S3HubsinCE**

Welcome to our first newsletter.

S3HubsinCE is an EU-funded project coordinated by the Carinthia University of Applied Science. During the next three years we will be working on generating stronger connections between RIS3 stakeholders to promote value creation and enhanced competitive advantage in Central Europe. We would like to create and test a common method to help regional and national strategy-responsible institutions understand how RIS value-creation can be fostered through a connected network of Digital Innovation Hubs.

### **About the project**

The issue of better access to digital goods and knocking down barriers to the development of digitalisation and innovative services has long been discussed by European experts. Europe has a potential to specialise in digital solutions on a global scale, however, everyone agrees that it is not fully exploited. The main barrier is the fragmentation of markets, and lack of uniform regulations and

procedures. A new EU initiative supporting the digitalisation of industry: Digital Innovation Hubs is there to remedy.

The DIH centres are hubs of complex services, where businesses, and especially SMEs and start-ups, can improve their competences connected to streamlining production processes, products, and services by implementing digital technologies.

The goal of S3HubsinCE project is to build competences of regional DIHs in Central and Eastern Europe by exchanging experience and good practices between project partners. The competences are built in the following technology areas:

- advanced production systems (area: smart solutions for production): data analysis and artificial intelligence, factory and process automation, Industrial Internet of Things (IIoT)
- advanced and smart materials and nanotechnology
- digital innovation and a digital equipment
- upcycling: recycling materials to obtain products of higher value
- ICT and electronics (area: smart solutions not connected to production): Cloud Computing.

## Who we are?

We are 10 partners from 7 different countries. We will work together to create constellations of “CERIS3” excellence, which promote macro-regional knowledge exchange within a DIH network to better coordinate support for organisations with high-potential to bring key impact to RIS3



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## S3HubsinCE News

### 1. Kick-Off Meeting



The Kick-Off Meeting of the S3HubsinCE project has been hosted by TECOS and held in Celje, Slovenia, 16–17 April 2019. The main objective of the meeting was to generate a comprehensive start to the project, creating a better common understanding of project partners organisation, the project’s goals, the detailed operations planned to take place across the project life-cycle, and how a strong performance in work package 1 shapes a robust foundation for work package 2 & 3.

Project Partners have presented their organisations, but also their regional digital innovation hub initiatives and regional Smart Specialisation Strategies. In the afternoon an interactive workshop has been held as “Speed Dating session” to generate a common understanding of PPs organisations and of the regional context for

the preparation of Joint Actions for future RIS3 Alignment. The meeting ended with a guided tour of TECOS facilities.

## 2. Navigation Crews

After several working sessions and exchanges 7 Navigation Crews have been identified as the most promising ones so far. All partners identified which of the listed priority areas and as a second step thematic technical areas fit to their mission / strategies / activities and priorities.

Navigation Crews are Working Groups specialising in one main technology priority area, which will provide transnational Digital Innovation Hubs Alignment. Navigation crews will complete important CERIS3 ecosystem needs analysis, to gain insight from helix-institution target groups, about the most optimal way of connecting practical market-focused activity to the strategic development of RIS3 in Central Europe.



### Navigation Crew 1 - Crew Leader: Intellimech Consortium

#### **Priority Area - Advanced Manufacturing Systems**

**Thematic Focus** - Data Analytics & Artificial Intelligence

Specific Topics which will be part of this crew: Data Analytics, Complex Simulation and Modelling, AI: Machine Vision, AI: Predictive Maintenance

### Navigation Crew 2 - Crew Leader: Slovenian Tool and die Development Center

**Priority Area – Advanced Manufacturing Systems**

**Thematic Focus –** Factory & Process Automation



Navigation Crew 3 – Crew Leader: Fraunhofer Institute for Machine Tools and Forming Technology

**Priority Area- Advanced Manufacturing Systems**

**Thematic Focus-** Industrial IoT

Navigation Crew 4 – Crew Leader: Fraunhofer Institute for Machine Tools and Forming Technology

**Priority Area- Advanced Materials & Nanotechnology**

**Thematic Focus-** Advanced & Smart Materials



Navigation Crew 5 – Crew Leader: Slovenian Tool and die Development Center

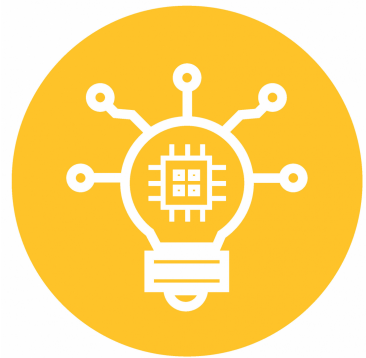
**Priority Area- Digital Innovation & Industries**

**Thematic Focus-** Machinery

Navigation Crew 6 – Crew Leader Carinthia  
University of Applied Sciences

**Priority Area- Prosumership**

**Thematic Focus- Upcycling**



## Upcoming Events

9.12.2019 in Halle, Germany, the smart<sup>3</sup> days

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