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## IMPROVING THE REGIONAL INTEGRATION OF SMART SPECIALISATION



### **SMART\_watch is a cooperation platform between key participants of the innovation sectors in Central Europe.**

Within the SMART\_watch, we want to develop and share good practices as well as learn from other regions that carry out similar activities in the area of Central Europe (CE). [Learn more](#)



Are you interested in the **future of Smart Specialisation** post 2020? Or maybe you are a professional in the field of smart monitoring? Get involved and **join the discussion** with the experts for a one day workshop in **Berlin, 28.04.2020** in the topic of Smart Specialisation!

The event is highly recommended for:

- policy-makers, managers and professionals from the regional and national level of

Workshop on Setting up RIS3 Monitoring

- Use your knowledge and experiences to create innovative and comprehensible

monitoring and participants engaged in the programming, implementation and monitoring of RIS3.

### Key-note presentations on the post 2020 RIS3 funding period

- Take part in a discussions on the post 2020 perspective implemented with the view from European, National / Federal and Regional level.
- Presentation of lessons learned in the ending period and how it influences further RIS3 implementation.

development of RIS3 monitoring systems in actual regional scenarios.

### Benefits from SMART\_watch project:

- Find out how to improve your daily work in the frame of Smart Specialisation with new dedicated tools such as Competence Map, Business Models, Regional Observatory Networks, Benchmarking and more!

[You are the expert! Register now!](#)

## SMART news



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**REGIONAL  
OBSERVATORIES  
FOR SUPPORTING  
THE DEVELOPMENT  
OF SMART  
SPECIALIZATION**

analysis | methodology | audit

This **Minibook One** is the first out of four parts of the SMART\_watch final publication. It describes the competitive situation of partner Regions, with reference to innovation of local productive systems, to the strategic choices linked to Smart Specialisation Strategies (S3) and to the role of Regional Observatories to support their monitoring and implementation.

The publication is available to download at the [SMART\\_watch project website](#).

Read the first SMART\_watch MINI BOOK!

## PROJECT news



On 5.2.2019 SMART\_watch project has been presented to **JRC Territorial Development Unit** responsible for monitoring of Smart Specialisation Strategies. Project outputs, results and especially tools were presented, as well as network of Regional Observatories. JRC team was keen to know more about the project and will study our web site and available documents.

The SMART\_watch worksops was held during the **SYeNERGY** event, with more than 100 participants on February 12th at the Dominican Monastery Convention Center, Ptuj, Slovenia. Event was organised by SMART\_watch Parterr, TECES with help of Društvo Jasa.

[More information about the event.](#)



Upper Silesian Agency for  
Entrepreneurship and



within Design4Innovation project, during which they shared their knowledge and experience of the Network of Regional Observatories, and also presented SMART\_watch project inviting to further planned activities with the Science and Technology Park "Technopark Gliwice" and Regional Innovation Strategy of the Silesian Voivodeship.

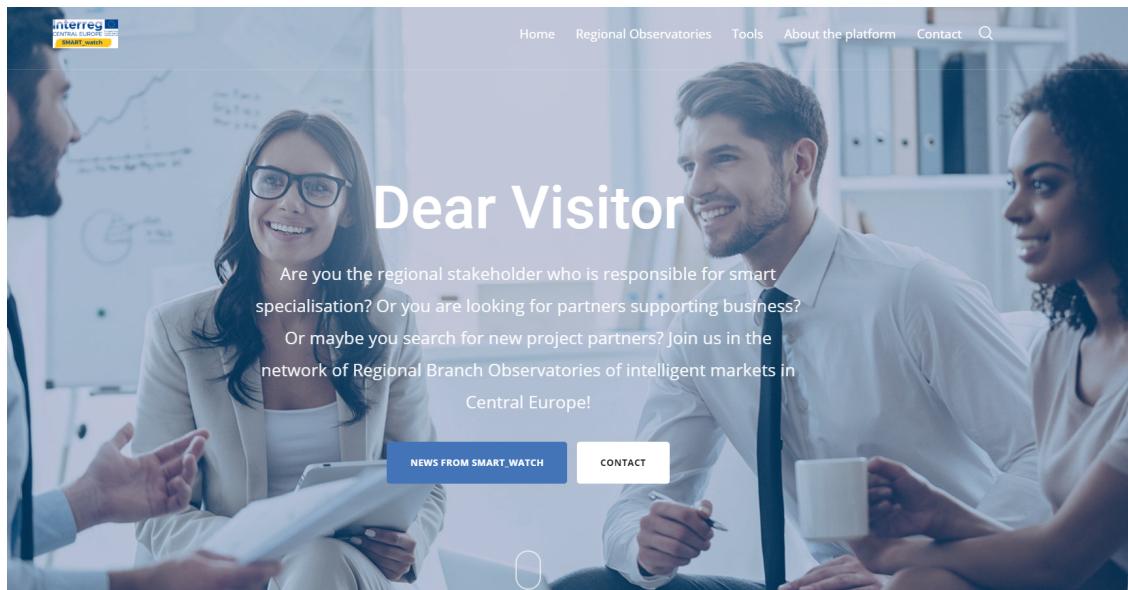
**INNOVA**, SMART\_watch Project Partner, is organizing Information days around the region in the framework of "Supporting young people to become entrepreneurs in the Northern Great Plain Region" project and will provide information about it for the interested people. [More information about on project website.](#)



At the end of January, representatives of **the University of West Bohemia**, SMART\_watch Project Partner, met with the Director of FUNDINGBOX, Ms Mayte Carracedo. FUNDINGBOX is a company that brings together experts across Europe on digitization for SMEs under the I4MS initiative. During the meeting the SMART\_watch platform was presented, participants also discussed the use of their technology web platform to support the sustainability of our project.

**Do not forget about our project online tools - the Competence Map and the Benchmarking tool. You**

**All you have to do is register and you can use all available data!**



## RECOMMENDED NEWS AND EVENTS

### Peer eXchange and Learning (PXL) workshops

In 2020, the S3 Platform will organise three Peer eXchange and Learning (PXL) workshops on three important dimensions of the Smart Specialisation policy concept: governance and strategy management; entrepreneurial discovery process; monitoring and evaluation.

These workshops will provide a setting for open discussions among peers on common implementation challenges. Through exchanges of experience, comments and

### Smart Specialisation for Sustainable Development Goals

The main aim of the event is to present practical experience and advances in applying Smart Specialisation (S3) as a methodology driving the achievement of the SDGs through the establishment and implementation of transformative localised, place-based, innovation-driven strategies/roadmaps in a number of countries and sub-national territories. This includes EU Member States, regions and cities that are already implementing Smart Specialisation strategies targeted

regional and national authorities identify possible solutions to their challenges. They will also provide all participants with an opportunity for networking and learning from others.

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methodology as policy framework and/or reference methodology.

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#### NEWS

##### SUPPORTING YOUNG PEOPLE TO BECOME ENTREPRENEURS IN THE NORTHERN GREAT PLAIN REGION

INNOVA, SMART\_watch Project Partner, is organizing Information days around the region in the framework of "Supporting young people to become entrepreneurs in the Northern Great Plain Region" project.

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##### SMART\_WATCH WORKSHOP IN PTUJ, SLOVENIA

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##### ANNUAL CONFERENCE „TECES: SYENERGY“ IN PTUJ, SLOVENIA

On February 12, 2020 SMART\_watch Project Partner, TECES, will hold an annual conference „TECES: SYENERGY“ at the Dominican Monastery in Ptuj.

Find out more here:



#### NEWS

##### THE ROLE OF VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING IN SMART SPECIALISATION STRATEGIES

Joint Research Centre (JRC) has published a new report on "The role of Vocational Education and Training in Smart Specialisation Strategies" topic.

Find out more here:



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##### SMART SPECIALISATION FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

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##### 4TH MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP 'H2020 FOR RIS3'

The fourth meeting of the Working Group, organised as part of the Stairway to Excellence (S2E) project. S2E seeks to maximise the impact of Smart Specialisation Strategies in EU regions and member states, and to realise the full potential of using EU funding programmes.

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