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## IMPROVING THE REGIONAL INTEGRATION OF SMART SPECIALISATION



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**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](#)

**More than 50 representatives of the Regional Observatories - business support institutions - gathered in Kapfenberg (Austria) to discuss regional innovations and joint plans for the future.**

All of that, due to the international workshop organized as part of the European project SMART\_watch, the aim of which is to create an international network of Regional Observatories in the field of smart specialization. The project that started last summer, gathers entities from 7 European countries.

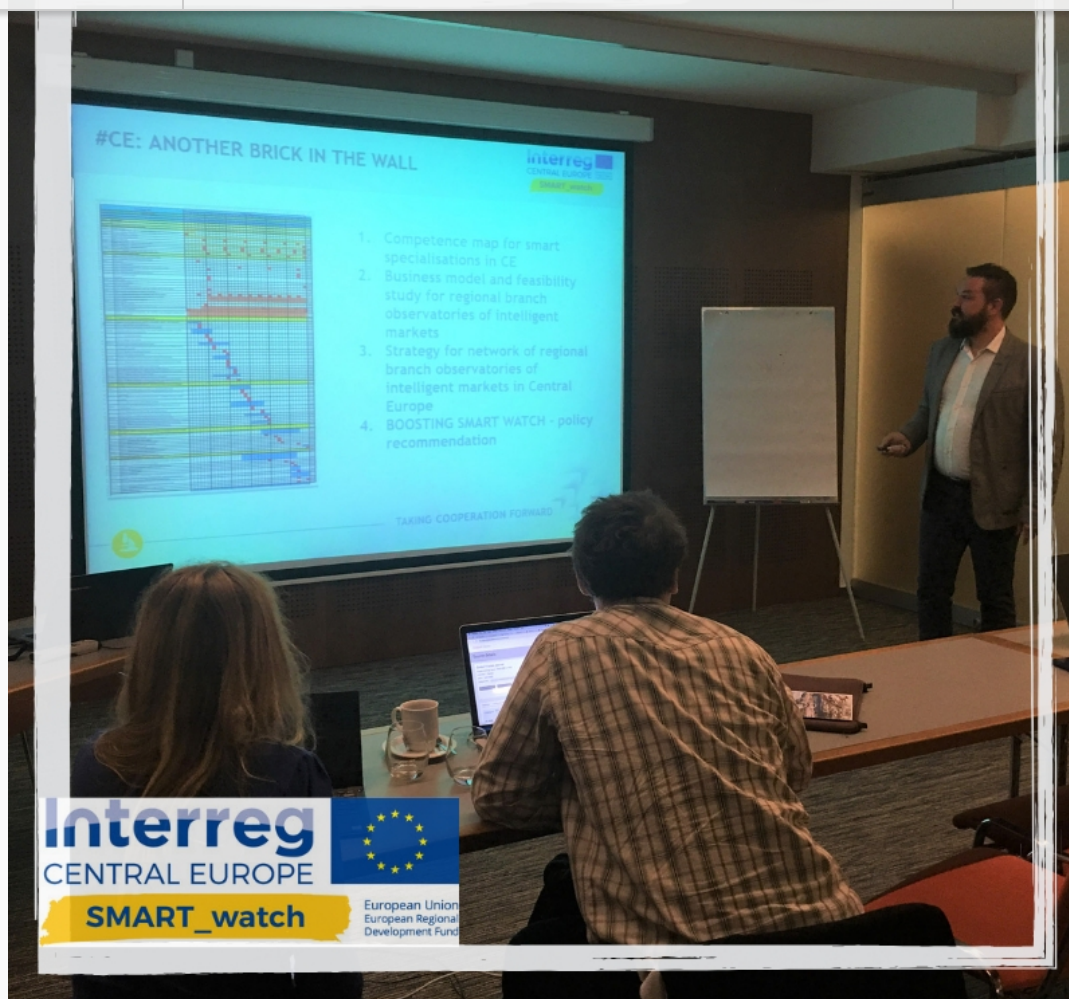
The workshops, which took place on 28th and 29th March at the Austrian FH Joanneum University, aimed to strengthen and deepen the relationship between the Observatories and to develop plans for the future. The participants of the meeting had the opportunity to search for future strategy, discuss their problems and look for

Another important point of the event included local study visits. Modern and fully programmed production lines, perfectly mastered safety rules for high-temperature processing of metals and numerous examples of excellent cooperation between cluster members in the field of woodworking - all these topics were discussed during meetings with local entrepreneurs, clusters, research and development agencies. The exchange of good practices and the seeking for long-term strategy are the main reason for organizing these international meetings.

This is not the end of the exchange of common experiences. The next meeting for representatives of the network of European Regional Observatories is scheduled for September, this time in Piedmont, Italy. This will be another occasion for talking about the future of smart specializations.



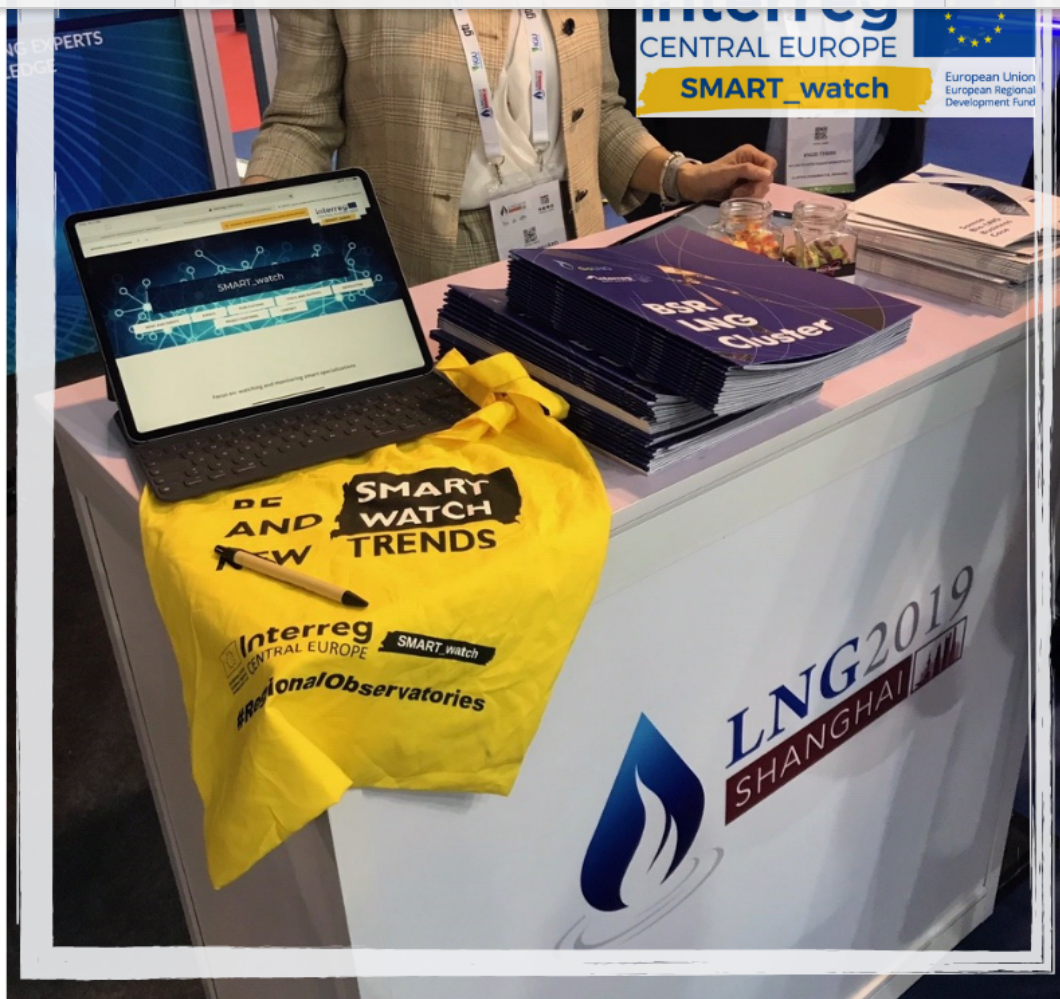
Slovak Winter Seminar of Regional Science took place in the mountain resort of Low Tatras on 13th – 16th March 2019. The main objective of the annual Winter Seminar was to bring creative academic debate on actual issues of regional science and practice of regional policy by an attractive environment and relaxed atmosphere. Keynote speaker of the Seminar was Andrés Rodríguez-Pose from London School of Economics and Political Science. Dr Artur Ochojski from Uppear Silesian Agency for Enterprenurship and Development Ltd., project Lead Partner, promoted SMART\_watch with „From EDP to S3 Implementation. And what about the results? A multisector approach to monitoring smart specialization. A Central European perspective” presentation. [More information](#)



On 30.01.2019 - 31.01.2019 in Warsaw took place SMARTLAB meeting "High-quality food", where representatives of associations, clusters, science, entrepreneurs and public administration were working together for the best results. It was the first of 4 planned meetings within the cycle, and its aim was to develop a SWOT analysis of the high quality food industry. The end result of the series of meetings is the development of a Business and Technology Roadmap (BTR) for the high quality food sector. Lubelskie, SMART\_watch project partner, took part in this meeting.



SMART\_watch project was presented at LNG 2019 - The 19th International Conference & Exhibition on Liquefied Natural Gas in Shanghai, the most important and significant global LNG event with its key aim to conduct a strategic, technical and commercial event for the LNG industry. The event is now held every three years alternating between exporting and importing countries.



MedSilesia Cluster, our Regional Observatory, and Górnośląska Agencja Przedsiębiorczości i Rozwoju Sp. z o.o., project Lead Partner, attended in REHexpo conference in Expo Silesia in Sosnowiec, Poland. REHexpo integrates the environment in the field of rehabilitation. Izabela Czeremcha from GAPR Sp. z o.o. was presenting SMART\_watch project during the conference. [Read more](#)




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**NEWS**

**THE EUROPEAN CLUSTER CONFERENCE 2019**

This event is a unique chance to hear and discuss about recent and future priorities for cluster policies and developments to support an innovative, sustainable industrial modernisation and interregional cooperation, with the spotlight on building bridges among the different actors of the cluster community.

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**NEWS**

**HORIZON 2020 INFO DAY ON THE 4TH CALL OF INTERREG CENTRAL EUROPE**

In the upcoming experimental call for proposals, Interreg CENTRAL EUROPE will support the roll out and uptake of project outputs and results in coordination with directly managed EU programmes such as Horizon 2020.

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**FOR PATIENTS HEALTH AND WELFARE!**

Rehabilitation Fair - REHexpo, will take place on 12-13 April 2019 in the Expo Silesia Fair and Conference Centre in Sosnowiec. During the fair the MedSilesia Cluster will be present with their stand "TOGETHER FOR INNOVATIVE MEDICINE".

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**NEWS**

**THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION IS LAUNCHING THE PCI ENERGY DAYS**

The European Commission is launching the 'PCI Energy Days' with a policy conference and exhibition dedicated to the practical implementation of Projects of Common Interest (PCIs).

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**SMART\_WATCH ON 9TH SLOVAK WINTER SEMINAR OF REGIONAL SCIENCE**

The Slovak Winter Seminar of Regional Science took place in the mountain resort of Low Tatras on 13th - 16th March. The main objective was to bring creative academic debate on actual issues of regional science and practice of regional policy.

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**SMART\_WATCH PROJECT IN LJUBLJANA**

On February 11th, at the Chamber of Commerce in Ljubljana, the project SMART\_watch project with the online tools - Competence Map and Benchmarking tool, were presented to the participants of the conference Future Living.

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