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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](#)

SMART news



Mapping the digital transformation of Czech companies thanks to SMART_watch project

On 23 October in Prague, Czech Republic, took place a special event, which aims to support strategic and practical development of digital innovations - the Smart Business Festival.

The festival was opened by **doc. Ing. Karel Havlíček, MBA, CSc.**, Deputy Prime Minister for Economy and Minister of Industry and Trade of the Czech Republic.



"In the Czech Republic, we have very little awareness of financing. Therefore, we try to provide the necessary information. We have involved over 82 European organizations with an impact on a total network of approximately 800 organizations in Central Europe." said **Martin Babuška** from the **University of West Bohemia** during the presentation of SMART_watch project.

SMART_watch project representatives taking part in the discussion on the 2030 Perspective.

At the end of November, MedSilesia Cluster and Upper Silesian Agency for Entrepreneurship and Development took part in the Silesian Innovation Council during which they analysed trends and challenges that will have an impact on the 2030 perspective.

During the workshops, the participants of the seminar created scenarios for the development of innovation in the region of Upper Silesia.

[More information about the event and image source.](#)



Post-2020 Smart Specialisation Seminar in the European Parliament in Brussels, Belgium

On 19th of November a representative of University of Wismar, SMART_watch Project Partner, participated in the European Project Center in the EU's post-2020 Smart Specialisation Seminar hosted in the European Parliament in Brussels, Belgium. The event concentrated on the next funding period in the frame of Smart Specialisation.

[More information at project website.](#)

PROJECT news

On 11-12 November in Warsaw, Poland, SMART_watch Project Partners met at the additional Steering Committee Meeting and Technical Meeting.



The aim of the meeting was to discuss the results achieved so far within the project, to share the information about the developed model for Regional Observatories, further enhancement of the project tools and the future strategy for the network of Regional Observatories.

For two days the participants of the meeting had the opportunity to talk about the project implementation, discuss the recommended changes for the Competence Map, Audits and Benchmarking Tool.

More at [project website](#).

Regional Workshops in Gliwice, Poland



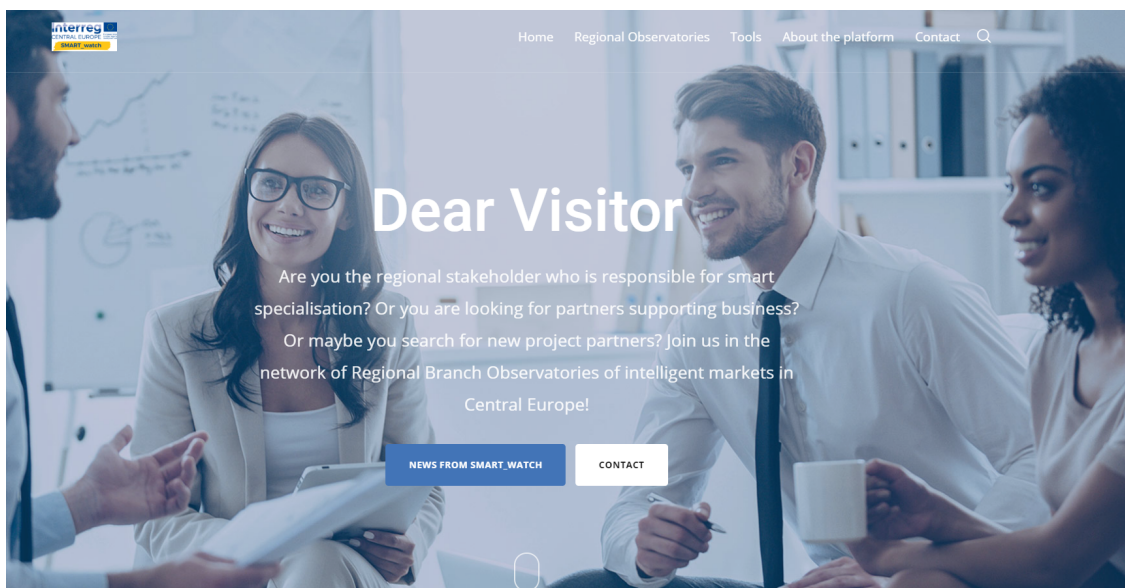
On 19 November in Gliwice, SMART_watch Leader - Upper Silesian Agency for Entrepreneurship and Development, hosted Regional Workshops for representatives of Regional Observatories (RO) involved in the project. In the Centre for Education and Business "New Gliwice" representatives of Silesian Regional Observatories met to discuss the ROs operational model and the Strategy for the network.

More information about the workshop you can find at [_project website_](#).



Do not forget about our project online tools - the Competence Map and the Benchmarking tool. You can test them at <https://smartspecialisation.tech>

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



RECOMMENDED NEWS AND EVENTS

[8th European Fuel](#)

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Applications Piero Lunghi Conference EFC19

The 8th European Fuel Cell Technology & Applications Piero Lunghi Conference - EFC19, aims to bring together academia, research world, industry, public sector to exchange and share their experiences and research results on all aspects of Hydrogen and Fuel Cells technologies and clean energy. The event will take place in Naples at the Royal Continental Hotel on **9-11 December 2019**.

It also provides a premier interdisciplinary platform for researchers, practitioners, and educators to present and discuss the most recent innovations, trends and concerns as well as practical challenges encountered and solutions adopted in the fields of hydrogen and Fuel Cells technologies and clean energy.

[More information at event website.](#)

“Engaging citizens for good governance in Cohesion Policy”

The European Commission’s Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy is organising a high level conference on engaging citizens and civil society in Cohesion Policy. The conference will focus on how to ensure closer cooperation with citizens and civil society in the governance and implementation of Cohesion Policy and management of dedicated EU funds. It will take place on the **6th of February 2020 in Brussels**.

Some key questions to address through the conference are:

- How can citizens and civil society contribute to good governance in EU Cohesion Policy?
- How do we bring Cohesion Policy closer to citizens?
- What are the experiences from cooperation between authorities and citizens across Europe?

[More information at our website.](#)

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SMART BUSINESS FESTIVAL IN PRAGUE, CZECH REPUBLIC

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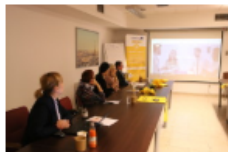
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REGIONAL WORKSHOPS IN GLIWICE, POLAND

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STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING IN WARSAW, POLAND

On 11-12 November in Warsaw, Poland, SMART_watch Project Partners met at an additional Steering Committee Meeting and Technical Meeting.

Find out more here:



UNIVERSITY OF WISMAR JOINS EU'S POST-2020 SMART SPECIALISATION SEMINAR

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On the 19th of November in the Centre for Education and Business New Gliwice, Upper Silesian Agency for Entrepreneurship and Development will be hosting regional workshops for the Regional Observatories.

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ADDITIONAL STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING AND TECHNICAL MEETING

The next Steering Committee Meeting and Technical Meeting for SMART_watch project Partners will take place in Warsaw, Poland on 11-12 November 2019.

Find out more here:



NEWS

DIGITALISATION AND NEW TECHNOLOGIES IN AGRI-FOOD

Digitalisation and New Technologies in Agri-food event is co-organised by JRC and Junta de Andalusia. The focus of the meeting will be on exploring synergies between Digital Innovation Hubs and Agri-food Partnerships.

Find out more here:



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