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REGI Committee draft report and hearing on Cohesion Policy and RIS3



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Hearing and Report

- Evidence from ‘friends of S3’ community (EC, ERRIN, Eurada, EARTO, EBN , RimPlus, SmartSpec project)
- Report
 - strong arguments for **role of S3** (now and future) and contribution it makes
 - ‘Mechanisms’ to **support regional S3 capacity** (conditionality; S3P; FIs)
 - **MLG** and improved co-ordination (national; regional; Commission; multi-regional / trans-national)
 - **M&E** – improve and enhance (what and how)

ERRIN written feedback

1. S3 as process for developing **regional** R&I ecosystems
2. S3 to improve regional research and innovation **governance**
3. S3 to support R&I **investment**
4. S3 for **inter-regional collaboration**: international clusters and international value chains
5. S3 to support **synergies** between research and regional policy and funding instruments
6. S3 for continuous Entrepreneurial Development Process (**EDP**)
7. **S3 Mirror Group** strengthened to include implementation-focused actors
8. **S3 Platforms** (energy, industry modernisation agro-food...) supported
9. S3 needs **technical skills and political leadership**
10. **Smaller regions** (under 1.5 million population) need more technical assistance for S3 strategy development and governance.



Main amendments linked to ERRIN position

- ❑ More support for smaller regions
- ❑ Synergies and combining funding
- ❑ Review of S3 and links to future Cohesion Policy and Research Policy
- ❑ Embedding S3 through support of regional networks

ERRIN amendments

- ❑ **Para. 4.** While agreeing that the S3 Platform in Seville plays a key role...
- ❑ **ADD** *Smaller regions have more problems in developing and implementing strategies and proposals should be developed on how these regions might benefit from a stronger support to develop and implement S3 strategies and exchange best practice.* 😊
- ❑ **Amendment 48 - Ramón Luis Valcárcel Siso**
- ❑ **Para. 13.** Criticises the lack of synergies across ESI Funds and other EU financing instruments...
- ❑ **ADD** *More attention and research is needed on how to improve both a strategic approach to synergies and a more focus on combining funding instruments.* 😊
- ❑ **Amendment 87 - Ramón Luis Valcárcel Siso**
- ❑ **Para. 20.** Calls for periodic monitoring...calls on regions to develop strong qualitative and quantitative measures...
- ❑ **ADD** *More support for all regions is required to support monitoring and more training and sharing of expertise should be established to allow all regions to share and learn from best practice. However, it should be acknowledged that the S3 process will take many years to bear fruit and thus early monitoring should be tailored to reasonable expectations.*
- ❑ **NOT INLCUDED**

ERRIN amendments (2)

- ❑ **Para. 25.** Calls on the Commission to push for a review of the strategies after 2017...
- ❑ **ADD** *S3 should be seen as a key concept that will inform and contribute to both future Cohesion Policy and Research and Innovation policy after 2020.*
- ❑ **NOT INCLUDED; but similar amendments.** 
- ❑ **Para. 26.** Asks DG Regio and the S3 Platform to draft, and widely disseminate...
- ❑ **ADD** *Regional networks and networks interested in research and innovation (e.g. ERRIN, EURADA, EBN, EARTO...) should be encouraged and supported in promoting the successes and lessons learned from S3 in order to embed S3 thinking in the regions at all levels.*
- ❑ **Amendment 136 - Ramón Luis Valcárcel Siso.** *Without any reference to ERRIN, EURADA etc...)* 

Smart Regions 1st – 2nd June

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RIS3 Progress & Challenges

Most Regions and Countries have started the implementation phase of RIS3:

- **RIS3 are generally stronger at analysis and weaker at monitoring and evaluation**
- **S3 principles are sometimes not fully taken on board in the prioritisation process**
- **Sometimes involvement of stakeholders limited in depth and scope and not continuous/on-going**



...Our challenges ahead:

- **Preserve the bottom-up component of strategy development**
- **Develop models and share experience on how to operationalise the entrepreneurial discovery process in different contexts**
- **"Give voice to the voiceless", avoid capture by closed clubs of incumbent stakeholders**
- **Progress from a triple to a quadruple-helix governance**



Smart Specialisation five years on: from design to implementation



Until now...

Focus on design: develop the concept, help to understand the S3 method and produce a sound strategic design

...from now on

Focus on implementing the strategies: define projects, have resources reaching beneficiaries, monitor development, deliver results

A new RIS3 guide: The S3 Implementation Handbook

- **Pragmatic** → Based on real needs
- **Useful** → Relevant & helpful
- **Practical** → Effective suggestions & hands-on tips

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The guide structure in a nutshell

Seven themes

- **A Continuous Entrepreneurial Process of Discovery**
- **Governance settings**
- **From Priorities to Projects: selection criteria and selection process**
- **Trans-national co-operation and value chains**
- **Monitoring and evaluation**
- **State aid**
- **Audit**

Annexes – EU delivery instruments



Timeline

- ❑ A consolidated version by mid-April and a final version by end of April.
- ❑ Have asked for a Mirror Group meeting to discuss the draft...
- ❑ S3 team low on numbers...