ICT WORKING GROUP

ANNUAL PLAN 2020

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OBJECTIVES

The main objective of the ICT Work Group is to provide a platform for members that helps to inform about important European Initiatives, Strategies and funding programs related to ICT topics and their regional dimension. This platform is equally meant to create opportunities for interregional cooperation in the ICT area crosscutting with other areas.

We will invest in links and synergies with other topics and ERRIN WGs. In preparation of the new funding period from 2021 on we will continue dialogue with different DGs to talk about the proposed funding programs Horizon Europe and Digital Europe as well as European initiatives to facilitate the participation of our regional stakeholders.

CONTEXT

What are the key EU level priorities, strategies, and events that the Working Group aims to follow up in 2020?

- European Commission's priority: A Europe fit for the digital age

Which funding programmes are important for the Working Group and how does the WG aim to facilitate project development?

- Digital Europe Programme (following up closely)
- Erasmus+
- Horizon Europe
- Connecting Europe facility
- Creative Europe
- Interreg

How does the group support partnership building (e.g. S3 partnerships) and collaborate with other European organisations or networks?

- Monitoring the activities of S3 Platform on Medical technology, Cybersecurity and Photonics.
- Collaboration with Europeana organisation with regards to digitalisation of European cultural heritage.

ACTIVITIES

Digitising Cultural Heritage
26 March 2020, 9:45-12:00

Joint meeting with Tourism and Cultural Heritage WG on the digitalisation of cultural heritage. The aim is to explore European Initiatives, networks and funding programs that can be connected to digitalisation and cultural heritage. This meeting will include a presentation of Time Machine project which aims to develop distributed digital information system mapping the European social, cultural and geographical evolution across times. A presentation of Time Machine project will take place which gives regional stakeholders, also cities, the opportunity to engage in several ways:

- connect to know how and methods that are developed to enhance the digitalisation of data from the past
- hear about the possibilities of "local Time machines"
- reflect on how to make use of the open data that is generated by "Time machine" for innovative (business) applications

Also, some local time machines will be presented and discussed. A presentation by the European Commission (three different DGs) on the opportunities and synergies in cultural heritage and digitisation will follow.

Telemedicine
June

The meeting will focus on telemedicine and modernising community care with regards to rural areas and will be organised jointly with Health WG.

Implementing the Green Deal via ICT and digital infrastructures
June

The aim of this meeting is to explore how can regions and their digitalisation projects help develop the aims of the Green Deal. We will also focus on how the regions are implementing the Green Deal policies and sustainable development goals in relation to EU Digital Policy. The examples will refer to Green ICT with contribution from Energy WG.

Digital skills in EU programmes
autumn

Opportunities for digital skills in EU programmes (Digital Europe and Digital Innovation Hubs, Erasmus+, Horizon Europe).

Cybersecurity
autumn

An event focused on Cybersecurity with relation to the Digital Europe programme and the wider European perspective.

Digital Innovation Hubs
TBC

Digital Innovation Hubs topic will be closely followed thorough the year in terms of the role of the regions, selection process, funding, business models and knowledge sharing.