

**EWRC 2018  
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**ERRIN** European Regions  
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**NEWSLETTER**

# ERRIN and Members' events during the European Week of Regions and Cities (EWRC) 2018

**MONDAY 8 OCTOBER**

**14:00–17:00 | Galicia-Europe Foundation**

**Organiser:** I4MS CSA Regional Advisory Board (ERRIN is part of the Advisory Board)

## **Boosting the uptake of digital technologies by European SMEs**

The event aims at increasing the contribution of regions to the EC strategy to Digitise European industry. In this regard, initiatives such as I4MS or SAE are producing disrupting technological advances, which are being experimented in a few firms but with limited impact in the industry beyond those firms.

**18:30-20:30 | Representation of the State of Baden-Württemberg to the European Union**

**Organisers:** Four Motors' regions

## **Empowerment of Women in Science and Business – Good Practice Examples from the Four Motors for Europe**

The event will illustrate how the Four Motors' regions (Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes – FR, Catalonia – ES, Lombardy – IT, and Baden-Württemberg – DE) empower women and girls to pursue careers in STEM-professions, in particular in information and communication technologies. Following the good practices session, political representatives from the four regions will discuss the empowerment of women from a European policy making perspective.

TUESDAY 9 OCTOBER

**09:00-13:00 | Representation of Saxony-Anhalt to the EU**

**Organisers:** Saxony-Anhalt, Centre-Val de Loire Region, Welsh Government, Marshal Office Mazovia, Vysočina

**Cohesion and societal challenges: Success stories for a more effective policy measures**

The workshop will focus on Cohesion Policy, and its key role in reducing disparities within the EU. It will highlight examples of regional best practices while focusing on innovative approaches to tackling societal challenges on the ground to boost interregional administrative capacity building.

**09:30-13:00 | ADR Nord-Est**

**Organiser:** Alliances4development

**Multi-partner cooperation formulas and their impact on territorial development**

Alliances4development consortium (Aragon – ES, Nord-Est – RO, Northern Netherlands –NL, Silesia – PL, Suleymanpasa – TR) will hold an open discussion and a participatory session based on the RIS3, focusing mostly on the role of authorities and multi-level governance issues; implementation tools; continuous EDP and involvement of users; open dimension and strategic use of Interreg; and monitoring S3.

**09:30-13:00 | Building Arts 56**

**Organisers:** Veneto (IT) with a partnership of 13 different European Regions

**Addressing the challenges of the 21st century through innovative measures**

The workshop will showcase regional best practices and successful projects in the fields of circular economy and digitalization, with the aim to emphasise the role of local authorities in fostering innovation as well as the importance of Cohesion policy in creating investment opportunities for EU territories.

**11:30-13:00 | Northern Ireland Executive Office**

**Organiser:** Regions for Health Innovation Partnership

**Personalised Medicine: boosting health research at regional level**

This workshop organized by the Regions for Health Innovation Partnership (Northern Ireland – UK, Podlaskie – PL, Umbria – IT, Région Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes – FR) will explore the contribution of EU regions to research and innovation for the development and implementation of personalised medicine.

**11:30-13:00 | SQUARE**

**Organisers:** European Commission (DG REGIO) (ERRIN is partner in the INNOVACT project presented during the workshop)

**EU-Latin America cities and regions' partnerships to implement the 2030 Agenda**

The workshop will present the main results achieved by the on-going projects INNOVACT (platform to promote territorial cooperation and cross-border value chains) and INNOV-AL (promotion of decentralised innovation policies) in Latin America with the overall aim to offer participants a source of reference when further developing their policy strategies to implement the 2030 Agenda.

**14:30-16:00 | POLIS**

**Organisers:** ERRIN (Ile-de-France, Aragon Exterieur, Stuttgart region), POLIS

**Fostering the integration of the TEN-T in urban areas**

Concrete transport cases, all with European added value, will illustrate that the urban nodes priority within the Connecting Europe Facility programme have helped solve some of the 'last mile' issues, thus increasing the overall TEN-T network efficiency. The cases will highlight the role of local authorities as key players in the implementation of CEF projects.

## TUESDAY 9 OCTOBER

### 14:30-16:00 | Norway House

**Organisers:** South Norway, Niedersachsen, Region Västra Götaland, South Denmark and Groningen

### Blue growth - future perspectives for smart specialisation

The event showcases the opportunities and strengths as well as the territorial challenges within the blue economy, through the voices of industry representatives, the public sector and policy-makers.

### 16:00-18:00 | Helsinki EU Office

**Organiser:** City of Espoo (Helsinki EU Office)

### The Role of Cities in Building Effective Co-Operation Platforms and Urban Ecosystems

In today's economy added value is created increasingly in collaboration platforms that consist of different stakeholders that share an interest to work together. This seminar will focus on the different roles that cities play in such a platform economy.

### 16:30-18:00 | SQUARE

**Organiser:** Region Västra Götaland

### FIER - Fast Track Integration in European Regions

Innovative fast-track integration to the labour market is an important challenge for regions. Through the FIER project, regions from Austria, Belgium, Germany, Norway, Sweden and Turkey exchange and develop strategies to support integration in the labour market while addressing social and economic cohesion. An interactive workshop is planned whereby participants experience real testimonies.

## WEDNESDAY 10 OCTOBER

### 09:00-10:30 | Thon Hotel EU

**Organisers:** 6Aika, The Six City Strategy

### Cities as platforms: joint value creation in post-2020 EU

The event will focus on the role of cities and their significance in the future of Europe.

### 09:00-11:00 | Scotland House

**Organiser:** Zero Waste Scotland

### Delivering the Circular Economy in Cities and Regions

The workshop will look at how Scotland is leading the way on developing a cities and regions approach to the circular economy.

### 11:00-13:30 | Saxony Liaison Office Brussels

**Organisers:** Saxony Liaison Office Brussels in cooperation with Technische Universität Bergakademie Freiberg

### Skills and Research for the Mining of the Future

The focus of the event will be the mining of the future. Based on a presentation by Technische Universität Bergakademie Freiberg experts from academia, mining regions and representatives of the European Commission will discuss the educational and research aspects of future European mining.

## WEDNESDAY 10 OCTOBER

**11:30 – 13:00 | Neth-ER, Netherlands House for Education & Research**

**Organisers:** Breda University of Applied Sciences

### Smart Tools for Sustainable Tourism

This session introduces the 'Smart City Hospitality' (SCITHOS) concept to support tourism to make the transition towards a sector that contributes to a long-term sustainable and liveable city, using a variety of 'Smart' tools.

**11:30-13:00 | Greater Birmingham and West Midlands Office**

**Organisers:** Cities of Birmingham, Lodz, Lyon

### Co-creating future housing: Living environments shaped by Cities and Citizens

Modern cities should empower their citizens to shape their living environments by involving them in the co-creation of innovative projects. Housing is not to be viewed only as a matter of buildings, but as an integrated policy: an intermediate for social inclusion, economic integration and cultural connectivity. The discussion will focus on how cities and citizens can benefit from EU knowledge, programmes, legislation and funding.

**13:30-18:15 | Leopold hotel**

**Organiser:** East Netherlands

### Digital Solutions in Health and Prevention

The workshop focuses on regional, national and EU developments enabling the digital transformation of health and care. It aims to bring relevant stakeholders (Commission, European Parliament, Austrian Presidency and lobbyists) together to share their respective visions, policy and best practices, which are fundamental to the success of the digital transformation of health and care.

**17:30-19:00 | Helsinki EU Office**

**Organiser:** Regional Council of Kymenlaakso (Helsinki EU Office)

### Blockchain Technologies and Regional Drone Experiments for Industry 4.0

The event will look at new blockchain based data SmartLog IoT logistics solution and drones and robotics experiments developed in the innovative Kymenlaakso area in the South-Eastern part of Finland and tested on the TEN-T corridors.

## THURSDAY 11 OCTOBER

**09:30-11:00 | SQUARE**

**Organisers:** inDemand project (ERRIN is partner in the project)

### Bottom-up, demand driven co-creation for sustainable territorial development

The session will be built around the inDemand model, a new, innovative bottom-up, demand-lead model where health care organisations identify real needs and jointly with companies co-create eHealth solutions, with economic support from regional funds.

**13:30-17:00 | Lithuanian Permanent Representation to the European Union**

**Organisers:** IrRADIARE, Science for Evolution, and ERRIN

### Cities for excellence

This event is a call for long term partnering for H2020's Smart Cities projects and Horizon Europe's "cities for excellence" related missions. The event will span over two days, the 11th and 12th October.

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