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## WELCOME

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After the holidays, ERRIN is back with its newsletter. You might be wondering what we have been busy with in the past months. Just before the summer break we ran two events during the [European Sustainable Energy Week 2018](#) with our member regions, we co-organised a session during the [Week of Innovative Regions in Europe \(WIRE\)](#) in Innsbruck, and held the conference "[The Road from War to Peace, More Democracy and European Integration](#)" as part of the European Year of Cultural Heritage 2018.

We have also reinforced our [team](#) with a new Member Relations Officer, a new Project Officer, and two interns who support our daily work and increase our capacities. We are also in the process of updating our website. Have you noticed how easy it now is to upload content? You can add your partner search, events, and news by simply clicking on the "plus" button on the right side of each page of the ERRIN website. And once published, you can make your content go viral with the social media share buttons.

Now let's have a look at what is in the pipeline. This edition will highlight the upcoming meetings and events organised by our Working Groups as well as the upcoming project related events – in other words a brief update, perfect to read over a cup of coffee.



## Policy Updates

### ERRIN calls for further support for Regional Innovation Ecosystems in Horizon Europe

Following our dialogue with the European Commission on the role of regional innovation ecosystems in the Horizon Europe proposal, ERRIN is now continuing to promote regional interests in the European Parliament. The draft reports of MEP Christian Ehler and Dan Nica already highlight the need to increase coherence between research and innovation priorities between European, national and regional levels. However, in our amendment proposals ERRIN suggests an even stronger role for regional innovation ecosystems. Read our [amendment proposals](#).



# Upcoming events

## HEALTH

### Health WG Meeting: Health in the Next Programming Period

13 September 2018 | 09.30-13.30

@ Representation of the European region  
Tyrol – South Tyrol – Trentino, Brussels

This WG meeting is an opportunity to learn more about the future of health in the next programming period and new health-related initiatives. Speakers from the European Commission will join the meeting to discuss how health will be addressed in the next MFF. Participants will also be informed about the upcoming ERRIN health brokerage event in November.

## TOURISM

### Experience economy: a personalised and sustainable approach towards cultural heritage

20 September 2018 | 09.00-14.30

@ Joint Representation of the Free and  
Hanseatic City of Hamburg and the State of  
Schleswig-Holstein to the EU, Brussels

This workshop aims to present funding opportunities and inspire good practices for regions on how to boost experience industries as enablers of cultural heritage. It is organised by the Tourism WG with the support of the Design and Creativity, ICT and Opening Science Working Groups, and it has been awarded the official logo of the European Year of Cultural Heritage 2018.

## PILOTS4U



### Horizon Scan Workshop: Equipping Europe for Bio-based Innovation

26 September | 14.00-18.30

➔ Please note that this event takes place in  
Turin, Italy

The aim of the workshop is to validate the **Pilots4U** project's findings and understand the over/under capacities and vulnerabilities in terms of equipment and services required by the European bio-economy, by discussing them with a broad range of experts. The focus will be on the following bio-economy related technologies: industrial biotechnology, chemical processing and thermal conversion of biomass.

## UNALAB



### Co-creating Smart Nature-based Liveable Spaces – Necessary Solutions for Real-life Challenges

26 September 2018 | 14.00-17.00

➔ Please note that this event takes place in  
Stavanger, Norway, at Nordic Edge.

This interactive workshop will bring together relevant stakeholders from municipalities, academia and businesses to address climate issues through a gamified co-creation tool. It is co-organised by the **UNaLab** project partners ERRIN, through its Smart Cities WG members Eindhoven, Stavanger and Cities Northern Netherlands, and the European Network of Living Labs.

## BIO-ECONOMY

### Bioeconomy WG Meeting: New bio-based products

2 October 2018 | 13.00

@ Pays de la Loire EU Office, Brussels

This WG meeting will focus on EU strategies and action plans related to new bio-based products and plastics, showcasing best practices from different regions supporting these strategies and plans. The meeting will also look at the Horizon 2020 call "CE-BG-06-2019 Sustainable Solutions for bio-based plastics on land and sea".

## ESPON



### Economic development in rural regions – new thinking and policies in finding and exploiting endogenous capacities

2 October 2018 | 09.30-16.30

➔ Please note that this event takes place in  
Växjö, Sweden

This seminar will examine how to support and encourage SMEs and exploit endogenous resources in rural regions. It will address the challenges in Sweden and other Nordic countries and discuss recent thinking in stimulating rural economic development. This event is part of the ESPON Transnational Outreach Support 2016-2019 contract.



# Upcoming events

## S3

### S3 in the post-2020 period: Dialogue with European Institutions

15 October 2018 | 14.30

@ Helsinki EU Office, Brussels

This WG meeting will look at the state of play of the post-2020 Cohesion policy proposal, with a focus on S3 and European territorial Cooperation. A dialogue with representatives from the European Parliament and Member States is foreseen. In addition, two ERRIN regions will present their S3 strategies.

## BLUE GROWTH

### Blue Growth WG Meeting: Blue Cloud Pilot

18 October 2018 | To be confirmed

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During this workshop we will explore the topic of blue cloud services. We will look at the overarching policy and Horizon 2020 calls, as well as examples of creating, storing and sharing marine data, and practical examples of how these services can be used.

## ESPON



### Spatial planning: implementation, governance, finance and regulations

24 October 2018 | 09.00

@ Perspective, Brussels

The Brussels workshop will examine the challenges based around the implementation of spatial strategies. We will hear the three Belgian regions' experiences as they have developed and are about to implement new spatial strategies. During a panel discussion, we will be given an outside perspective. This event is part of the ESPON Transnational Outreach Support 2016-2019 contract.



## Calls for regions

### Tourism WG: Experience economy: a personalised and sustainable approach towards cultural heritage

For the EYCH 2018 event on 20th September we are looking for one regional case study demonstrating how cultural heritage can be transformed into a unique, personal experience through digital technologies or by other innovative, creative means and promoted as a tourism attraction in the region. For more information please contact [anett.ruszanov@errin.eu](mailto:anett.ruszanov@errin.eu). Deadline 14 September.

### Opening Science WG: Post-Brexit - examples of regional and academic bilateral agreements to secure future cooperation

The uncertainty whether there will be a soft or hard Brexit is weakening not only the universities in the UK but also potential partners in the rest of the EU. In regard to this, the Opening Science WG is organising a meeting on the 8 November (14.00-17.00 at Berlin's Liaison Office to the EU) to learn more about the political state of play and to look at already existing schemes that have been put in place to secure cooperation between universities and regions post-Brexit.

We are looking for examples of these types of schemes and regions/universities who would be interested in presenting their experiences at our event. Please send any feedback or suggestion for speakers to [anja.lurson@europa.berlin.de](mailto:anja.lurson@europa.berlin.de) by the 30 September 2018.

### Regional Agreements for Energy Efficient SMEs

The ERRIN Energy and Climate Change Working Group is launching an initiative to create regional agreements to enhance energy efficiency in SMEs and industries. The objective is to commit regional authorities, industrial associations, chambers of commerce and energy agencies to draw up and implement regional plans of energy efficiency promotion targeting SMEs. At this stage, we are looking for regions that might have an interest and are willing to co-create the agreement together. If you have an interest, please fill out the [form](#) and send it to [veronica.cornacchione@errin.eu](mailto:veronica.cornacchione@errin.eu) by the 17 September. A meeting with the interested regions will be organised on 26 September, whereas the launch of the initiative is expected in the second half of November.



## Coming up

- An event on the climate, energy and mobility cluster in the Horizon Europe proposal on 13 November
- A Design Day on 14 November with the D&C WG
- A Health Brokerage event on 19-20 November
- An I&I WG Meeting on InvestEU on 20 November
- An event on Digital Innovation Hubs on 22 November with the Policy WG

We invite you to SAVE THE DATE and to keep an eye on the ERRIN website - more information will follow soon.

Moreover, do not miss the next issue of our newsletter dedicated to the European Week of Regions and Cities (EWRC). It will focus on events that our members are organising during EWRC linked to research and innovation. Are you also organising an innovation focused event during that week? Get in touch!



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