

## SMART SPECIALISATION WG

### ANNUAL PLAN 2019

The Smart Specialisation Working Group aims to monitor and contribute to key policy developments related to S3 by enhancing dialogue with relevant EU institutions and stakeholders, such as DG REGIO, the S3 Platform and its S3 Thematic Partnerships, European Parliament, and the Committee of the Regions. The goal is to strengthen the regional perspective in the wider smart specialisation agenda and provide support and visibility to working group members through the regional snapshots, and to act as support for other ERRIN working groups – such as Policy and Innovation & Investment – on S3 related issues.

#### Planning for 2019

##### **New Initiative (Component 5)**

22 March 2019

This Working Group meeting will focus on how ERRIN can support the development of the Interregional Innovation Investment Instrument (Component 5) in the consultation phase. The meeting will consist of a discussion between the WG members and Peter Berkowitz from DG REGIO, and will focus on key questions related to Component 5 such as its governance, focus, constitution of priorities, etc. In addition, two regions that are part of an S3 partnership or pilot will present their activities and outcomes so far.

##### **The Role of Universities and Cities in Smart Specialisation**

17 June 2019

This Working Group meeting will focus on the S3 link with universities and cities. The meeting will be co-organised with the Opening Science Working Group and will include examples from Helsinki (smart city in a smart region) and the Basque Country.

##### **Country Preparations for the Future Programme**

24 October 2019

This Working Group meeting will focus on country preparations for the future programme, where invited national coordinators for S3 will share their experiences and activities. The meeting will further tackle how to prepare for the next generation of smart specialisation strategies – how regions should prepare for this and what the enabling conditions are.