

### Working Group **Leaders**

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### Pitch your Working group in two sentences (**aim** and **objectives**).

- Monitor and contribute to key policy developments related to S3 by enhancing dialogue with relevant stakeholders – such as DG Regio, Mirror Group, S3 Platform and its S3 Thematic Platforms, Interreg Europe Policy Learning Platforms, European Parliament and Committee of the Regions – with the goal of strengthening the regional perspective in the wider smart specialisation agenda;
- Providing support and visibility to working group members through the regional snapshot and acting as support basis for other ERRIN thematic working groups – such as Policy and Innovation & Investment – on S3-related issues

### **Main themes** to focus on in 2018. Please define the most important priority themes for the next year (maximum four themes) and how you are planning to tackle them?

- S3 in cohesion policy post 2020 (the international dimension, funding and synergies between different EU instruments, capacity building and skills development)
- Monitoring and exchanging information on S3 implementation, and on the processes of S3 partnerships and platforms
- Sharing best practices and fostering European industrial collaborations to provide concrete added value

- ✚ Identify **key policy initiatives** (European Commission, European Parliament, CoR, ...) related to your key themes. Please select a limited number of initiatives and explain how you are planning to contribute to them.

- Public consultation on the future of cohesion policy
- MFF
- The legislative package on cohesion policy post 2020 and FP9
- The report of the CoR on S3

Together with the policy working group, we plan to prepare positions to support S3 within these key regulations. We plan to organise dedicated sessions with EU officials (EU Commission, European Parliament and the Council Presidency, the CoR) to follow closely the legislative process.

- ✚ Please define important **opportunities** for the Working Group, for example interesting events organised by the EU institutions, other networks, initiatives, and how the working group contribute and participate in those? If you already know key dates, please include them.

- Smart Regions Conference?
- ERRIN and CoR event on regional innovation strategies on 30<sup>th</sup> January?
- CoR event on Connecting Territories on the 20<sup>th</sup> February
- European Week of Regions and Cities (OPEN DAYS)

- ✚ Please indicate the most relevant **partners** for your Working Group, both internal (ERRIN WGs) and external (other networks / organisations) - and how you are planning to work together?

### Networks / organisations

- CPMR
- Eurocities
- CoR
- EARTO

### Most relevant ERRIN WGs

- Policy Working Group
- Smart Cities
- Innovation and Investment

✚ What type of events / meetings is your working group planning to organise (project development, information session, exchange of experiences / examples, policy debate with EU institutions)? Please also define the desired target audience (Brussels-based people, regional stakeholders, experts, etc.)

- Sharing information, exchange of experiences / examples, policy debate with EU institutions
- Both Brussels based and from the regions

✚ **Roadmap 2018.** Please prepare an indicative time plan for meetings / events

<i>Theme of the event / meeting</i>	<i>Objective of the event / meeting</i>	<i>Type of event and target audience</i>	<i>Time frame for the event (e.g. 1-4 quarter or month)</i>
<i>19<sup>th</sup> February 14:30 : input for the public consultation on future cohesion policy</i>	<i>Preparation of S3 WG contribution to the public consultation + feeding CoR report on S3</i>	<i>ERRIN members (from Brussels or from the regions)</i>	<i>Dates already indicated in first column</i>
<i>11<sup>th</sup> June 14:30: analysis of MFF and preparation of the legislative packages</i>	<i>EU Commission briefing on the implications of MFF proposals for future regional policy (and FP9)</i>	<i>ERRIN members (from Brussels or from the regions)</i>	
<i>17<sup>th</sup> October 14:30: analysis of the legislative package and the place of S3</i>	<i>Invitation of Members of the European Parliament following S3 + EU Presidency</i>	<i>ERRIN members (from Brussels or from the regions)</i>	
<i>4<sup>th</sup> December 14:30: keeping up to date with S3 developments</i>		<i>ERRIN members (from Brussels or from the regions)</i>	

✚ What are the expected **deliverables / achievements** by the end of 2018. Please indicate what you aim to achieve and what indicators could be used to demonstrate those achievements? (KPIs)

- Position papers
- Presentations of S3 related initiatives in the regions
- Gathering information from EU institutions regarding S3 and the broader MFF and legislative context, and providing concrete input from S3 WG members to them