

Press release

6th TR3S project Cooking Session 9-10th of September 2014 in the Tampere region



**Towards Regional
spEcialisation for Smart
growth spirit**

The sixth Steering Committee meeting and Cooking Session was held in Tampere, Finland, and hosted by our Finnish partner – The Baltic Institute of Finland.



Since the TR3S approach to regional development is assimilated to a “cooking process”, organising an “innovation dessert” session was not to be missed. During the session partners jointly worked on the ingredients to be added to one of the project’s main outputs, the Joint Action Plan. The Joint Action Plan summarizes the work done in the project and presents some future steps to be taken in the field of regional development in partner regions. The ingredients depend on regional conditions, potentials and ecosystems but their utilisation should also be consistent with RIS3 which is based on open innovations and user- driven innovations and, at the same time, on the good practices worth implementing in the partner regions.

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The priorities and actions regarding smart specialisation activities in the Tampere region presented during the Cooking Session were based on the Innovative Cities Programme where Tampere leads the components on smart cities and renewing industry. During the study visit which focused on good practices in smart specialisation – the open innovation platform New Factory and the life sciences company FinnMedi – the participants obtained a comprehensive overview of the current innovation approach to regional development in the Tampere region.

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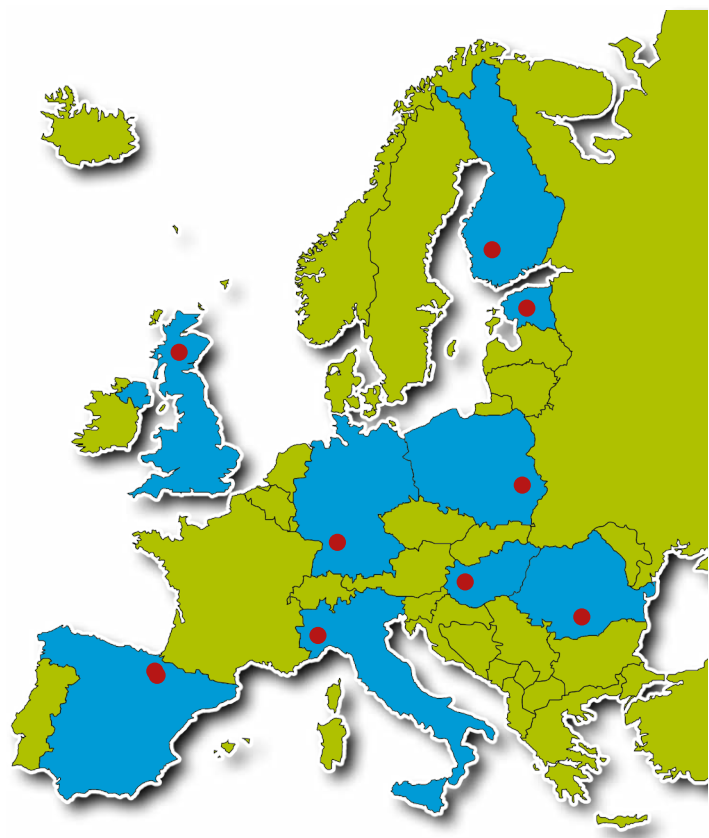
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