

Press release

Agorada 2014+
and Final Conference of TR3S
and Know-Hub projects
18th-20th November, 2014 in Bilbao
(Basque Country Bilbao, Spain)



**Towards Regional
spEcialisation for Smart
growth spirit**

The TR3S Final Conference was held in collaboration with EURADA network in Bilbao, Spain, and hosted by the Lead Partner – **Fundacion Tecnalia Research & Innovation**.

The Agora 2014+ Conference held in Bilbao 18-20th November, 2014, became a great opportunity to present and discuss the final results and impacts of TR3S project as well as the latest trends in evaluation of economic development policies recognized by the European Association of Development Agencies (EURADA, 85 members). Agora 2014+ also facilitated knowledge sharing among the participants on how to design better regional policies in line with the Europe 2020 strategy.



Over 3 year ago a diverse range of 10 partners from 9 European regions formed a strong multidimensional partnership in the area of innovation policy. Through the joint interregional action and by looking at new approaches, such as open innovation and user driven innovation, TR3S developed mechanisms for collection, exchange and transfer of experiences about smart specialisation strategies in Europe. The regions' efforts resulted in 9 Regional Implementation Plans – one in each region – focused on why and how each region will work to integrate the lessons learnt from the cooperation into its regional policies and recipes intended to ensure the benefits of the exchange. During the TR3S lifetime 18 good practices were recognized and put forward by the partner regions to help other regions develop effective innovation policy instruments. At last a Joint Action Plan (JAP) which aims to ensure the durability of TR3S results will be elaborated. JAP will include 3 Good Practices to be transferred into the partner regions and 5 complementary potential 'ingredients' of innovation policy aimed at strengthening regional smart growth.

All results of the TR3S project are available at the website www.tr3s-project.eu.

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The 10 partners of TR3S project

Spain	Fundacion Tecnalia Research & Innovation SPRI, S.A
Hungary	Pannon Business Network Association
The United Kingdom	Scottish Enterprise
Estonia	Valga County Government
Italy	Piedmont Region
Romania	Bucharest-Ilfov Regional Development Agency
Poland	Lubelskie Voivodeship
Finland	The Baltic Institute of Finland
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