

Policy Instruments

- **Saxony-Anhalt:** Regional Innovation Strategy Saxony-Anhalt 2014-2020 with focus on Lead Market Chemistry and Bioeconomy
- **Masovia:** Regional Innovation Strategy for Mazovia up to 2020
- **Limburg:** RIS3 Zuid with Focus on Chemistry & Materials Cluster
- **Lombardy:** Regional Innovation Strategy of Lombardy Region 2014- 2020 with focus on Green Chemistry and Bioeconomy
- **Asturias:** Regional research and innovation policy (Asturias RIS3 2014- 2020) with focus on Sustainable Materials
- **Catalonia:** The Research and Innovation Strategy for the Smart Specialisation of Catalonia (RIS3CAT) with focus on chemical sector for Green Economy)
- **Wallonia:** Strategy for Intelligent Specialisation of Wallonia with focus on ERDF Axis 2 : INNOVATION 2020

Partnership

- Ministry of Economy, Science and Digitalisation Saxony-Anhalt, DE (LP)
- isw Institute for Structural Policy and Economic Development, DE
- Voivodship Masovia, PL
- Province of Limburg, NL
- Regione Lombardia, IT
- IDEPA Asturias, ES
- ACCIO Catalonia, ES
- Wallonie Region, BE

Duration

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Budget:

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ERDF: 1.847.603,50 Euro

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Issues Addressed

The European Chemical Industry is an important economic sector:



Innovation is crucial for the sustaining of competitiveness of the chemical industry, which is also at the root of all other industries. Chemical innovation provides Europe with raw materials and consumer products and leads to the development of advanced materials and advanced process technologies that enable more flexible production with more efficient use of energy, feedstock and water.

Regions play an important role in the promotion of the chemical industry, which has strong regional roots often organised in large settlement areas or chemical parks. A considerable amount of funding is now available in different funding instruments to initiate R&D and innovation cooperation at regional level. The development and implementation of RIS3 following the smart specialisation approach is a new challenge for chemical regions. In this context the project partners have a strong interest to initiate an interregional cooperation process to exchange experience on the implementation of RIS3 with focus on chemical related topics.

Objective

The project wants to improve the implementation of Regional Innovation Strategies with focus on chemical related topics with the help of interregional exchange of experience and mutual learning between public authorities from several European chemical regions.

Sub objectives

1. Chemical companies and relevant research institutions should be supported to better access ERDF innovation funding
2. Cooperate closely with the regional stakeholders of the chemical innovation chain, existing triple helix clusters and networks in order to improve the governance of Regional Innovation Strategy for this specific sector and innovation areas of smart specialisation.
3. Use good practices from other partners for the change of strategic focus of the Regional Innovation Strategies with focus on chemical topics and its related funding instruments in order to improve the policies for promotion of innovation.

