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**LARS**  
Learning Among Regions on Smart Specialisation

In this 5th Newsletter of the LARS project we report on the work on policy transfers between regions. Regional economic performance is boosted by well targeted policy interventions and it may well be that transnational learning is the fastest path to policy development.

We report on the activities of the period, methodological challenges that we have faced but also on policy advice we can share.

In addition to reporting on past work we are also looking forward. The European Green Deal (EGD) is well founded and ambitious initiative. But how do you deliver on the EGD in the regions? With the CREW-project commission proposal we seek to pilot a new to combine smart specialisation with the need of a green transformation.

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**NEWSLETTER 5**  
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The core of Smart Specialisation lies in discovering new opportunities. Discovering new innovative solutions stems from well-connected innovation networks in the regions but also from learning on innovative solutions in other regions.

This newsletter reports in a nutshell on the insights gained in the LARS project. The project is now in its transnational learning phase and this newsletter reports on the results in the past period.

Read about the methodology set in place for the project and how it may be useful for formulating public policies for Smart specialisation. It has helped in discovering new opportunities for collaboration in Lithuania and benchmarked successful practices in the partner regions. The LARS project has maintained an interest as far as in Latin America - read about where and how!

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**NEWSLETTER 4**  
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Are you interested in the fields of Smart specialisation, Transnational learning and triple helix co-operation? This newsletter reports in a nutshell on the results and insights gained in the LARS project.

The project now moves towards its transnational learning phase. The partners are analysing the stakeholder connectivity in the regions. Which stakeholder innovation partnerships exist and which are needed? The goal is to find ways for learning among regions.

Read about the Focus Group Meetings, Competence Benchmarking in Norway, how the stakeholder engagement in the quadruple helix is being analysed and improved, and about the importance of Smart specialisation in the future cohesion policy.

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**NEWSLETTER 3**  
JUNE 2019





Are you interested in the fields of Smart specialisation, transnational learning and triple-helix connectivity? This newsletter reports in a nutshell on initial results and insights gained in the LARS project.

The project is now analyzing input from stakeholders and identifying good practices. What can regions learn from each other and how?

Read about strengthening value chains, biogas production as an additional activity to the agricultural sector and challenges in the Macro-Regional Multi-Level Governance System.

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**NEWSLETTER 2**  
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Are you interested in the fields of Smart specialisation, transnational learning and triple-helix connectivity? This newsletter reports in a nutshell on initial results and insights gained in the LARS project.

The LARS project aims at strengthening the regional innovation systems by transnational learning. We will identify, transfer and apply good practices which improve triple-helix connectivity and facilitate the discovery of new opportunities and domains using existing knowledge in the regions.

In the first step, we have focused on mapping value chains at the center of the Smart specialisation strategy in each region. The mapping has resulted in more explicit knowledge of strengths and weaknesses at different levels of the value chains, as well as, of key stakeholders and their different roles in the value chains.

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