



## Meeting Outline Vilnius, autumn 2018

### 1. EcoRIS3 project: Focusing on innovation transfer.

EcoRIS3 is an Interreg Europe project based on the belief that the transfer of innovation and knowledge produced by the RTOs (Research and Technological Organisations) and higher education to the local & regional businesses remains one of the most important gaps and difficulties in terms of Innovation & Growth.

This transfer of innovation being key to generate economic exploitation of the R&D results and particularly important in local & regional areas of Smart Specialisation (RIS3) and innovation opportunity, the project aims to reduce this gap. To do so, the project partners are committed to identifying the best practice from their cities in terms of transfer of innovation since the 1<sup>st</sup> workshop in June 2017.

This three years phase of identification will end in late 2019. By then the project will have produced advanced work on which actions needs to be implemented to benefit the key actors of the quadruple helix (Public sector, Civil Society, RTO & High Education, SMEs & Industry).

### 2. EcoRIS3 History

Up until now, the following workshops and study visits have been organized among the partners.

- Study Visit and WS1: "[Public Sector as Orchestrator of ecosystems of innovation and Smart Specialisation](#)" (June 17, Portugal)
- Study Visit and W2: "[RTO & High Education players](#)", (Nov 17, Ireland)
- W3: "[Civil society in search of emancipation through tools and platforms](#)" (April 18, Latvia)
- Study Visit "Sophia Antipolis Foundation & Park", Valbonne, Southern France (25<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> of June 2018)

Those events have permitted the identification of [48 good practices](#) among the partner's stakeholders.



### 3. Atlantic Future participation

As part of the Atlantic Cities network, we would be highly interested in your contribution during this 4<sup>th</sup> workshop which will focus on “**Successful cooperation and experiences between business & science**”. Your city is surely at the origin of many good practices on this matter that deserves to be highlighted, shared and applied among other localities.

This meeting can also give you the opportunity to discover solutions to issues you may encounter back in your cities.

Plus, if you have never been involved in a European Project, meeting our project partners in Vilnius will give you a chance to work in an international environment and discover the backstage of the EcoRIS3 project.

### 4. Participation to the workshop

The Atlantic Cities’ network is giving the opportunity for its members to participate to this 4<sup>th</sup> workshop.

The Secretariat can take in charge part of the travel expenses of its members, under the following rules:

- ✓ No more than 2 participants per workshop will be granted
- ✓ The Secretariat will book travel and hotel for the selected participants. No other expenses will be included and travel booked by other means is not eligible. Bookings will be made accordingly to Lead Partners rules.

The dates of the workshop will soon be communicated. In the meantime, **interested cities should indicate their willingness to participate to the Vilnius workshop.**

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