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The Online S3 platform is now available for testing

The Online S3 Platform is now open for testing at <http://www.s3platform.eu/>. We invite You to explore it and to give comments on it on the platform's discussion [forums](#). The platform is completely free to use. However, registration is needed to access all its features.

The purpose of the platform is to facilitate the whole smart specialisation process between the quadruple-helix stakeholders (government, citizens, business, universities). Its key features are:

- **Guide for the RIS3 process** – A full practical guide on RIS3 and its development process, supported with explanatory case-examples from European regions.
- **29 online tools** – An extensive set of online tools with clear visual guides that support conducting all parts of the RIS3 process.
- **RIS3 forums** – Forums for sharing and discussing experiences on the RIS3 and the platform.

[Access now](#)



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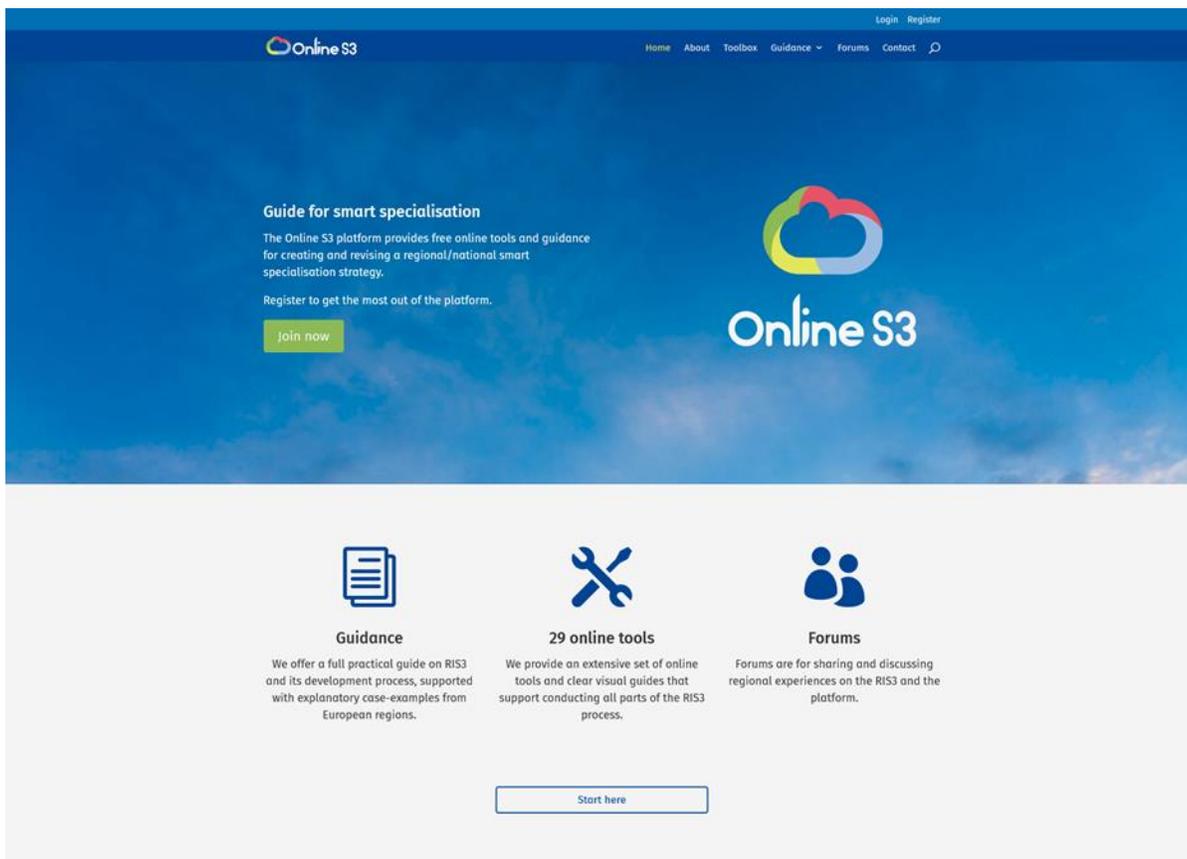
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How to use the platform?

The platform is meant to be used as a guide for the whole RIS3 (regional innovation strategies for smart specialisation) process. Yet, the way it should be used is not restricted. For example, you are free to go through it systematically by starting from the [introduction of RIS3](#) and progressing into its formulation, individual steps and tools. Alternatively, the sections or tools can be browsed and used in any order.

Overall, the platform is divided into three main sections:

- **Toolbox** – Brings together all the tools on the platform on the same page.
- **Guidance** – Describes what smart specialisation is about and how a smart specialisation strategy can be formed through six steps.
- **Forums** – Meant for discussing the platform, its tools and smart specialisation in general.



Screen shot 1 Front page of the platform

Toolbox

The Online S3 platform hosts in total [29 tools](#) that can be used to support each phase of the smart specialisation process. The tools consist of interactive applications, textual guidance, supporting documents and links to supporting external services. Most of the tools do not need to be used in any particular order and do not require any credentials to use. However, to get the most out of them (for example to save your progress) and to gain access to all of them, a completely free account is needed. [Sign up here](#).

Note that the tools are actively being developed. Feel free to give comments about them on the platform's [forums](#).

The screenshot displays the Online S3 Platform interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Applications, Toolbox, Analytics, Support, and Contact. Below this is the platform's logo and name, "Online S3 Platform Research Infrastructure Mapping", along with links for About, Guide, Related Documents, and Access to application. The main content area shows a map of Europe with various countries labeled and marked with colored circles (blue and orange) containing numbers, representing National Research Infrastructures (NRI). A "Map Filtering" panel on the right allows users to select the RI's Domain, RI's Type, and RI's Country, with "Any" selected for each. The panel includes "Search" and "Export Doc" buttons. The map view includes a "Map" and "Satellite" toggle, a zoom control, and a "Map data ©2017 Google, INEGI, ORION-ME Terms of Use" footer.

Screen shot 2 An example of an Online S3 application

Guidance

The platform describes [what the RIS3 is about](#) and how the process can be facilitated through its six phases:

1. Governance
2. Analysis of context
3. Strategy formulation
4. Priority setting
5. Policy mix
6. Monitoring and evaluation



Each of the phases is supported with a short and practical description about the main objectives and methods of the respective phase and a collection of tools designed to support those methods. In addition, links to [useful RIS3 resources](#) are provided, including an extensive RIS3 strategy repository and several guides and publications on the topic. In total, the platform offers a wide information package on smart specialisation.

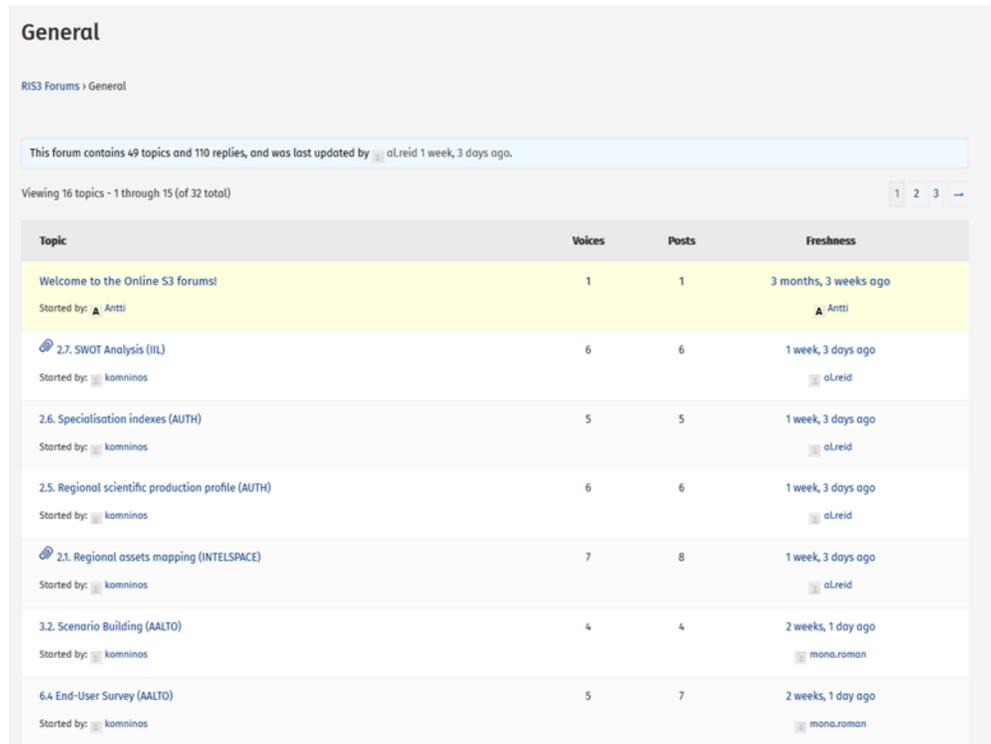
The diagram shows four quadrants: 'public authorities', 'business community', 'innovation policy', and 'regional stakeholders'. The text below describes the governance phase, emphasizing the need for a shared vision and the role of public authorities in facilitating innovation activities and implementing them in business. It mentions the importance of regional stakeholders and the need for a shared vision and the role of public authorities in facilitating innovation activities and implementing them in business. The text is partially obscured by a 'Do-Do' logo in the bottom left corner.

Phase 1 - Governance

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Forums

The platform hosts [forums](#) to discuss your opinions and experiences on smart specialisation and the platform with other stakeholders. You need to register on the platform in order to take part in the discussion.



The screenshot shows a forum interface with the following data:

Topic	Voices	Posts	Freshness
Welcome to the Online S3 forums! Started by: Antti	1	1	3 months, 3 weeks ago
2.7. SWOT Analysis (IIL) Started by: komninos	6	6	1 week, 3 days ago
2.6. Specialisation indexes (AUTH) Started by: komninos	5	5	1 week, 3 days ago
2.5. Regional scientific production profile (AUTH) Started by: komninos	6	6	1 week, 3 days ago
2.1. Regional assets mapping (INTELSPACE) Started by: komninos	7	8	1 week, 3 days ago
3.2. Scenario Building (AALTO) Started by: komninos	4	4	2 weeks, 1 day ago
6.4 End-User Survey (AALTO) Started by: komninos	5	7	2 weeks, 1 day ago

Piloted in regions

The platform is currently being piloted in four European regions: Region of Central Macedonia (Greece), Scotland (UK), Galicia (Spain) and Northern Netherlands (Netherlands). The feedback from the pilots is used to improve the platform and to ensure it meets users' needs. In addition, case examples from the four regions will be provided as guidance on the platform and the tools. **The final version of the platform will be available by 05/2018.**

ONLINE S3 project aims to develop an e-policy platform augmented with a toolbox of applications and online services, which will assist national and regional authorities in the EU in elaborating or revising their smart specialisation agenda, in terms of policies and strategy.

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