

THREE IMPORTANT EVENTS IN VAASA, FINLAND, 13 – 16 MAY



14-15 MAY: THE EU COMMISSION ORGANIZES A SMART SPECIALIZATION WORKSHOP IN VAASA

This is the first Smart Specialization peer review workshop in a Nordic country. The first part of this conference is open to public, the second part is reserved for members of the S3 Platform and to regional authorities that can be peer critical friends for four regions presenting their strategies. Agenda, registration form and more information about the full review workshop can be found [HERE](#).

BA INSTITUTE WORKSHOPS ON 13 MAY AND 16 OF MAY are open to participants at the S3 conference, as well as other regional policymakers, planners, politicians, experts, researchers, students, and other interested. But you have to register in Advance. You find the links to registration and program below.

THE DAY BEFORE, 13TH MAY: BOTNIA-ATLANTICA INSTITUTE SEMINAR ON SMART REGIONAL GOVERNANCE, INDICATORS AND CONNECTEDNESS

Given the emerging Quadruple Helix approach to Smart Specialization Strategies, the objective of this workshop is to present, discuss and take steps towards a framework for quadruple helix analysis and indicators enabling better guidance, governance and transnational learning between Smart regions.

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PROGRAM 13.5 [HERE](#)

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THE DAY AFTER, 16TH MAY: BOTNIA-ATLANTICA INSTITUTE SEMINAR ON THE NORDIC MODEL – RELEVANT FOR EUROPE?

The Nordic model can best be understood as a civil society where values such as knowledge, transparency, democracy and participative decision making are crucial in solving a core question: how can we provide a good life for all citizens, and knowledge based economic development – also in tough economic times? The model builds on the understanding that welfare and knowledge policies and institutions are crucial to economic competitiveness, productivity and innovation.

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PROGRAM 16.5 [HERE](#)

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