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P-IRIS project: Improving innovation systems in rural areas

## HOW WE WORK IN P-IRIS PROJECT: NEW VIDEO RELEASED

Six partners from **Croatia, Finland, Italy, Norway, Slovenia** and **Spain** are collaborating in a project **P-IRIS** which is focusing on policies to **improve rural areas' innovation systems**. Watch video from Croatian workshop which took place in December to learn how we cooperate, how we involve stakeholders and which topics are the most relevant for us to share and to learn from each other.

[Watch video](#)



## GETTING TO KNOW RURAL INNOVATION SYSTEMS IN PRIMORJE AND GORSKI KOTAR IN CROATIA

Partners of P-IRIS project exchange experience within **study visits**. Collected knowledge will contribute to manage triple and quadruple helix cooperation in rural innovation systems. The focus is on policies to improve rural areas' innovation systems by professionalising networking activities and use of innovation tools.

Partners and stakeholders of P-IRIS project visited **County of Primorje and Gorski kotar (Croatia)** during third study visit on 12 and 13 December 2017. The event was hosted by **Local Development Agency PINS** from Skrad which promotes economic development across county of Primorje and Gorski kotar.

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## SPANISH PRACTICES IN RURAL

## INNOVATION

P-IRIS partners from Norway, Slovenia, Croatia, Finland, Italy and Spain were learning about **Spanish innovation systems** during the second study visit organized on 20 and 21 September 2017 in **Burgos, Spain**. The organizer **SODEBUR - The Society for the Development of the Province of Burgos** invited representatives of regional actors to present good practices in the field of rural innovation systems.

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## P-IRIS AT EUROPEAN WEEK OF REGIONS AND CITIES

The P-IRIS lead partner Sogn og Fjordane County Municipality attended **European Week of Regions and Cities in Brussels** in October 2017 and included P-IRIS information in their networking activities.

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## P-IRIS AT THE POLICY LEARNING PLATFORM EVENT IN MILAN

Three of P-IRIS partners took part at the first meeting of the **Policy Learning Platform on Research & Innovation and SME Competitiveness**: representatives **Poliedra – Politecnico di Milano**, **SODEBUR** and **Sogn og Fjordane County Municipality** attended the event and shared P-IRIS' experiences. The event took place on 19-20 October 2017 in Milan (Italy).

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## EU Action for SMART VILLAGES

## P-IRIS LEAD PARTNER GIVES ADVICE ON SMART VILLAGES

The EU Commission launched **EU Actions for Smart Villages** in April 2017. One of the prioritized actions was a tender for a pilot project called **Smart eco-social villages**. Lars Hustveit from P-IRIS Lead Partner Sogn og Fjordane is taking part in an **advisory group** organised as part of the research and consultancy company Ecorys which won the offer with their proposal.

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