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*P-IRIS partners during the visit of KIKSTARTER (Kamnik) - Coworking Entrepreneurship Centre and Incubator*

## **PROFESSIONAL NETWORK MANAGEMENT IN THE HEART OF SLOVENIA**

Partners and stakeholders of P-IRIS project, which is focusing on rural areas' innovation

systems, attended **5th Study Visit in Kamnik and Litija (Slovenia)** on 2nd and 3rd October 2018. The first part of the **Study Visit focused on good practices on building human resource capacity and local skills required for professional network management** in rural environments. Second part of the Study Visit focused on approaches and methodologies for developing Action Plans, which is a core deliverable of P-IRIS project to improve policies in rural areas' innovation systems. Study Visit was organised by the Development Centre of the Heart of Slovenia.

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*Lars Hustveit during the presentation - Sogn og Fjordane County Municipality (SFCM) - Lead Partner*

## DO RURAL AREAS CONTRIBUTE TO INNOVATION?

P-IRIS participated at the Interreg Europe's Policy Learning Platform organised on the 5th of December. At the event **policies to boost innovation in rural areas were on the agenda**. Sogn og Fjordane County Municipality and other representatives from Interreg Europe projects presented their good practices as part of the program. These presentations were about solutions or possible solutions and in this respect far more positive than the viewpoints quoted above. The lead partner of the P-IRIS project focused this time on the question **"how might rural innovation networks cooperate with urban clusters?"**

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## P-IRIS IS ENTERING THE LAST STAGE OF PHASE 1

In semester 4 all partners addressed the question "how to build the human resource capacity (local skills) required for professional network management and efficient use of related innovation tools". Improved skills are the most important prerequisite for the implementation of recommendations through Action Plans. This was important topic of our last Study Visit in Slovenia. But a lot more was going on the the past months, and much more is there to come..

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