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|   Welcome to our 20th Newsletter - October 2020  ****Up Coming Events****We are continuing our Autumn Webinars Season - please book early and join us for: ****Technology and support for people living alone or with special issues during this virus.****Date: Wednesday, October 14th 2020 – Now booking!Time: 13.20 - 14.30 BST (14.20-15-30 CET)Registration here:[westsqas@mac.com](https://innovateuk.us12.list-manage.com/track/click?u=67744b2cb64423c16bf1d1207&id=8bf338e964&e=a638b64548)**The Webinar Team contributors:** * Clephane Hume, OT and Vicar, St John's Church, Edinburgh,
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We will debate these issues and opportunities with you.Any particular questions you would like our panel of experts to address send them to Maggie Ellis westsqas@mac.com and we will try and get through them during the discussion**Technology: are you trained for your own work?**Date: Wednesday, October 28th 2020 – Now booking!Time: 13.20 - 14.30 BST (14.20-15-30 CET)Registration here:[westsqas@mac.com](https://innovateuk.us12.list-manage.com/track/click?u=67744b2cb64423c16bf1d1207&id=ea2a61642d&e=a638b64548)**The Webinar Team contributors:**  * Elena Parra Garcia, Spain
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* Vadim Kramer, International Ambassador, Finland
* Sabine Lobnig, International Ambassador, Austria
* Spiros Peristeris. International Ambassador, Greece

We will debate these issues and opportunities with you.Any particular questions you would like our panel of experts to address send them to Maggie Ellis westsqas@mac.com and we will try and get through them during the discussion-------------------------------------- **NEWS**-----------------------------------------------------**The CityWellnessLink Group (CWLG)** The CWLG brings together EKTG, Corporates, Specific Industry, Organisations and Individuals in the City of London, Tower Hamlets and Newham.The UK Government recently decided to tackle some market failures and stimulate innovation in pursuit of longer, healthier lives for all.  From that we selected the topic Maintaining Health at Work.Although there are examples of similar small projects in some parts of the UK, there has not been any specific project in London. CWLG are now funded by INNOVATE UK for a 8 month Feasibility Study to demonstrate the value of Digital Services for the Older Worker and their families. **An App Monitors Cancer Patients' Health Status and Rewards Participation** Close2U, an electronic device application, has been developed by researchers at the Complutense University (UCM) and the University of Zaragoza (UZA) to monitor cancer patients' physical and mental health using gamification.Users answer a series of daily questions about their mood and where they are experiencing pain. In return, the app rewards them in the form of advice or songs, resources intended to increase their motivation. [**Read More**](https://innovateuk.us12.list-manage.com/track/click?u=67744b2cb64423c16bf1d1207&id=f7fc4718b4&e=a638b64548)  **Putting Virtual Rehab for Stroke Patients to the Test**Researchers at the University of East Anglia have been putting virtual reality rehabilitation for stroke survivors to the test. They have created a new gaming platform which uses low cost videogame technology to improve the lives of stroke patients suffering from complex neurological syndromes caused by their stroke. And they have been working with stroke survivors and their carers to see how they get on with using the new technology. [Read More](https://innovateuk.us12.list-manage.com/track/click?u=67744b2cb64423c16bf1d1207&id=63b55a0d4b&e=a638b64548)****Liverpool John Moores University Gives Students a Better Insight into e-Prescribing****Liverpool John Moores University is to use Better's OPENeP electronic prescribing and medicines administration solution to teach nursing and pharmacy students about modern prescribing practices.The university and the company have formed a partnership to enable students to experience OPENeP, learn about the principles of prescribing, dispensing and administering medicines electronically, and explore the patient safety aspects of the technology. R[ead More](https://innovateuk.us12.list-manage.com/track/click?u=67744b2cb64423c16bf1d1207&id=981ef26072&e=a638b64548)****Tampa General Hospital Announces Strategic Partnership with Philips to Innovate and Improve Patient Experience****Tampa General Hospital (TGH) and Royal Philips (NYSE: PHG, AEX: PHIA), a global leader in health technology, today announced they are creating a long-term strategic partnership designed to keep Tampa General Hospital at the forefront of technological innovation. Tampa General, one of the largest hospitals in the U.S., will have early and ongoing access to the latest Philips innovations during the seven-year arrangement.[Read More](https://innovateuk.us12.list-manage.com/track/click?u=67744b2cb64423c16bf1d1207&id=8514b515a5&e=a638b64548)****FDA Launches the Digital Health Centre of Excellence****Today, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration announced it is launching the Digital Health Centre of Excellence within the centre for Devices and Radiological Health (CDRH). The launch of the Digital Health Centre of Excellence is an important step in furthering the overarching dedication to the advancement of digital health technology, including mobile health devices, Software as a Medical Device (SaMD), wearables when used as a medical device, and technologies used to study medical products.[Read more](https://innovateuk.us12.list-manage.com/track/click?u=67744b2cb64423c16bf1d1207&id=bc5a858d2a&e=a638b64548)****Total Health: Build a Better Healthcare System****19 - 20 November, 2020. Digital Forum,The stage is set for a paradigm shift in healthcare. The opportunity exists to redefine healthcare in a way that transforms patient outcomes, drives efficiency and changes lives.Reuters Events Total Health will unite CEOs, innovators, disruptors and policy makers from across the healthcare ecosystem to seize upon this critical moment. [Read more](https://innovateuk.us12.list-manage.com/track/click?u=67744b2cb64423c16bf1d1207&id=d33762afc9&e=a638b64548)  ****Siemens Healthineers Announces Collaboration Agreement for Assay Development with an Initial Focus on Multiple Sclerosis****Siemens Healthineers announced today a master collaboration agreement with Novartis Pharma AG to design, develop, and commercialize diagnostic tests for therapeutic products across Novartis' therapeutic pipeline. The initial program supports the development of a serum neurofilament light chain (sNFL) immunoassay to support Novartis’ MS and other neuroscience programs. [Read More](https://innovateuk.us12.list-manage.com/track/click?u=67744b2cb64423c16bf1d1207&id=55de688282&e=a638b64548) **Leading scientists praise student for virus tracker site**John Frace was an unemployed student living in his home town of Dunoon, then along came Covid-19. Six months later he is earning acclaim from experts and a growing fan base for a [statistical website](https://innovateuk.us12.list-manage.com/track/click?u=67744b2cb64423c16bf1d1207&id=90ce0de09c&e=a638b64548) that charts the course of the pandemic in local areas of Scotland and interprets it for the widest audience.[Read More](https://innovateuk.us12.list-manage.com/track/click?u=67744b2cb64423c16bf1d1207&id=e8727ec4fe&e=a638b64548)**How can territories prepare for the Green and Digital transitions?**Recovering from the effects of the pandemic and future-proofing our economies and societies as foreseen in the European Green Deal require a degree of mass mobilisation that is unprecedented in modern times. How can a territory prepare in times of pervasive change? How can threats turn into opportunities? How can policy support industrial change that combines material prosperity, environmental sustainability and social cohesion? Adequate preparation hinges crucially on non-readily available evidence. A newly published JRC report entitled "Projecting Opportunities for INdustrial Transitions (POINT). Concepts, rationales and methodological guidelines for territorial reviews of industrial transition" offers a framework to collect evidence about affected production and consumption systems and chart profitable pathways for their transformation. The report is a key output of the JRC Working Group on Understanding and Managing Industrial Transitions and draws from experience gathered during the development of the pilot reviews of industrial transition in Andalusia, Bulgaria, Greece and Romania. It offers guidance to analysts and policy makers interested in conducting similar studies in their territories.[Read More](https://innovateuk.us12.list-manage.com/track/click?u=67744b2cb64423c16bf1d1207&id=4295639151&e=a638b64548)**SMARTER 2020 Conference - 2d Webinar - “Smart Specialisation Strategies for Sustainability – opportunities for economic recovery and competitiveness”**The second SMARTER webinar entitled “Smart Specialisation Strategies for Sustainability – opportunities for economic recovery and competitiveness” will be held online on 6 October 2020 from 9:30 to 11:30 CEST. It aims at reflecting on the role of Smart Specialisation Strategies to foster the green and digital transitions.[Read More](https://innovateuk.us12.list-manage.com/track/click?u=67744b2cb64423c16bf1d1207&id=862f293c14&e=a638b64548)**Meet the Smart Specialisation Platform teams at the European Week of Regions and Cities 2020**The European Week of Regions and Cities will be held from 5 to 22 October 2020. Members of the Territorial Development Unit of the Joint Research Centre, including the Smart Specialisation Platform, will be presenting a wide range of topics, notably on S3 in lagging regions, Smart Specialisation for SDGs, Skills and vocational training, Digital Innovation Hubs, industrial transition, etc.[Read More](https://innovateuk.us12.list-manage.com/track/click?u=67744b2cb64423c16bf1d1207&id=14cc973c43&e=a638b64548)**Innovate in Tourism: From Digital Transition to Smart Destination (Portugal)**Organized by the Regional Coordination and Development Commission of Algarve (Portugal) with the support of the Joint Research Centre (JRC), this workshop aims to share experiences, identify obstacles, and suggest solutions that help to strengthen the innovative capacity of the region in the field of “tourism sector digitalization”. The second session of this online event will be held on 8 October 2020 and will bring together a wide range of territorial actors including business persons, researchers and public managers.[Read More](https://innovateuk.us12.list-manage.com/track/click?u=67744b2cb64423c16bf1d1207&id=ccb24e5489&e=a638b64548)**Stakeholders’ Survey on Pact for Skills and its Impact**In the European Skills Agenda the European Commission proposed a Pact for Skills (to be officially launched in November). It is new engagement model for skills that will help meet COVID-19 challenges and deliver on the ambitions of the recovery pathway, the EU Industrial Strategy and the green and digital transition. Skills are key for the future. Under the Pact industry, public and private employers, social partners, education and training providers and employment agencies will be called to work together on shared vision and actions. The Pact aims to mobilise and incentivise all relevant stakeholders to take concrete actions for the upskilling and reskilling of people of working age, and, when relevant, pool efforts thanks to partnerships. It can be implemented through: •individual commitments of companies or other stakeholders; •the commitment of existing organisations/partnerships; •the launch of large-scale European public-private multi-stakeholder partnerships. Please fill in the Stakeholders’ Survey until 12 October 2020. It will take only 10 to 15 minutes but will provide valuable feedback on the Pact for Skills and its essential elements like the Charter and support services.[Read More](https://innovateuk.us12.list-manage.com/track/click?u=67744b2cb64423c16bf1d1207&id=34be9c5bcf&e=a638b64548)**2020 Fraunhofer Institute RIS3 Survey**Since 2013, Fraunhofer ISI has conducted annual surveys on policy maker's perception of the European Commission's RIS3 agenda. This year, their survey focuses not only on the disruptions caused by the pandemic but also on the potentially challenging task of fulfilling the "enabling conditions", as required to see new or revised smart specialisation strategies approved. Fraunhofer ISI would like to hear your voice on what role Smart Specialisation could play in the future, and subsequently convey key insights to the European Commission. The survey takes about 20-30 minutes to complete.[Read More](https://innovateuk.us12.list-manage.com/track/click?u=67744b2cb64423c16bf1d1207&id=ead08af0f4&e=a638b64548)**DIHs Champion Challenge 2020**The [DIHNET.EU](https://innovateuk.us12.list-manage.com/track/click?u=67744b2cb64423c16bf1d1207&id=38a43df0f7&e=a638b64548) project has launched the call for the DIH Champions Challenge 2020. The challenge aims at identifying, showcasing and supporting success stories of mature Digital Innovation Hubs that can inspire and guide others. Fully operative DIHs can submit their application until 2nd October. This year the DIH Champion prize will be awarded during the virtual EDIH networking event that will take place on 9 and 10 November 2020.[Read More](https://innovateuk.us12.list-manage.com/track/click?u=67744b2cb64423c16bf1d1207&id=089b3f3d45&e=a638b64548)**Centres of Competence and Digital Innovation Hubs**Interreg Europe Policy Learning Platform hosted a webinar for regional policymakers on Centres of Competence (CoCs) and Digital Innovation Hubs (DIHs) on 25 September 2020. The S3 Platform, Joint Research Centre, presented the synergies between these two tools for regional innovation and competitiveness. Indeed, a CoC can evolve towards a DIH or become part of one. In any case, their combined strengths boost the ecosystem supporting the digital transformation of local business and public bodies, and national and regional Smart Specialisation Strategies can provide an adequate framework to nurture such integration of capacities. In the Multi-annual Financial Framework 2021-2027, both the European Regional Development Funds and the brand new Digital Europe programme are called to play a fundamental role in funding the deployment of DIHs to serve all regions in the EU. The webinar presented also two successful cases of Centres of Competence in Europe: the National Innovation and Entrepreneurship Centre at Kaunas University of Technology in Lithuania (university that leads Santaka Artificial Intelligence DIH), as well as the Industrial Internet Laboratory at Seinäjoki University of Applied Sciences (university that leads IoT Compass DIH).[Read More](https://innovateuk.us12.list-manage.com/track/click?u=67744b2cb64423c16bf1d1207&id=e317e7c958&e=a638b64548)**How bad is our obesity problem? - BBC News.webarchive**[Read More](https://innovateuk.us12.list-manage.com/track/click?u=67744b2cb64423c16bf1d1207&id=243f7d4d33&e=a638b64548)**BHTA produces new leaflet to help ease access to wheelchair services**[Read More](https://innovateuk.us12.list-manage.com/track/click?u=67744b2cb64423c16bf1d1207&id=26d1c22b85&e=a638b64548)**Interventions to promote healthy eating in minority ethnic groups**[Read More](https://innovateuk.us12.list-manage.com/track/click?u=67744b2cb64423c16bf1d1207&id=f990e13525&e=a638b64548)

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| **State of the Union 2020**  |
| In her first State of the Union address on 16 September 2020, President of the European Commission Ursula von der Leyen presented her vision for a Europe that emerges stronger from the pandemic and leads the way towards a new vitality. The key messages for the future are the need for Europe to become green (stressing the European Green Deal) and to develop and release its digital economy potential. Both these key political elements also hold potential for development of rural areas (i.e. new approach to green energy and hydrogen valleys, ensuring full coverage of rural areas with broadband).For more information about the State of the Union 2020, including President von der Leyen's [speech](https://innovateuk.us12.list-manage.com/track/click?u=67744b2cb64423c16bf1d1207&id=596b806399&e=a638b64548), [Initiatives](https://innovateuk.us12.list-manage.com/track/click?u=67744b2cb64423c16bf1d1207&id=c670ca87db&e=a638b64548) proposed in the Letter of Intent to President Sassoli and Chancellor Merkel, and ‘Von der Leyen Commission: [one year on](https://innovateuk.us12.list-manage.com/track/click?u=67744b2cb64423c16bf1d1207&id=2381a30a21&e=a638b64548)’, please visit this [webpage](https://innovateuk.us12.list-manage.com/track/click?u=67744b2cb64423c16bf1d1207&id=13769e814f&e=a638b64548). |

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| **Farming as an employment opportunity for people with intellectual disability** |
| The FARMID project has created an [e-learning platform](https://innovateuk.us12.list-manage.com/track/click?u=67744b2cb64423c16bf1d1207&id=4d58976462&e=a638b64548) to give to anyone interested in employing people with mild intellectual disabilities (PMID) on their farms, providing the opportunity to access training resources and materials. It is composed of five modules and aims at equipping farmers with the necessary knowledge, skills and competences for the establishment of an on-farm social enterprise with special emphasis on inclusion of PMID through employment on farms.The project has also created guidelines on how to employ PMID on farms and have developed several best practice [case studies](https://innovateuk.us12.list-manage.com/track/click?u=67744b2cb64423c16bf1d1207&id=bd0268d043&e=a638b64548). FARMID was co-funded by the Erasmus+ Programme.  |

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| **The impact of demographic change in Europe**  |
| **T**he European Commission published a [Demography Report](https://innovateuk.us12.list-manage.com/track/click?u=67744b2cb64423c16bf1d1207&id=78a1358104&e=a638b64548) that presents the main drivers of demographic change and the impact they are having across Europe. The report highlights differences between urban and rural areas such as population size and density or the quality of life, infrastructure and access to services, noting that effective policy responses to challenges at a regional level have to reflect the reality on the ground. At the same time it launches a process that will help identify concrete actions and solutions, mindful of lessons learned from COVID-19, to support people, regions and communities that are most affected and to enable them to adapt to changing realities and ensuring that no region and no person is left behind. The report will also feed into the preparation of the Long term Vision for Rural Areas. |

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| **The European Commission has launched a public consultation on the Long-Term Vision for Rural Areas** |
| This consultation aims to collect views on current opportunities and challenges in rural areas, aspirations for rural areas in 2040 and the actions needed to achieve these aspirations. If you are interested in the future of EU rural areas and their inhabitants, participate and share your opinion by **30 November 2020.**You can find more information about the public consultation [here](https://innovateuk.us12.list-manage.com/track/click?u=67744b2cb64423c16bf1d1207&id=d4c1181768&e=a638b64548) and about the long-term vision for rural areas initiative [here](https://innovateuk.us12.list-manage.com/track/click?u=67744b2cb64423c16bf1d1207&id=4c6ace66d3&e=a638b64548). Also read about the ENRD’s work on this topic [here](https://innovateuk.us12.list-manage.com/track/click?u=67744b2cb64423c16bf1d1207&id=d374157ece&e=a638b64548).  |

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