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**IMPROVING THE REGIONAL  
INTEGRATION OF SMART  
SPECIALISATION**



**Interreg**   
CENTRAL EUROPE European Union  
European Regional  
Development Fund  
**SMART\_watch**

**SMART\_watch is a cooperation platform between key participants of the innovation sectors in Central Europe.**

Within the SMART\_watch, we want to develop and share good practices as well as learn from other regions that carry out similar activities in the area of Central Europe (CE). [Learn more](#)



## SAVE THE DATE

27-29.03.2019 KAPFENBERG, AT  
WORKSHOPS FOR  
REGIONAL OBSERVATORIES  
AND STUDY VISITS



**Workshops for representatives of Regional Observatories and study visits - the next meeting of partners involved in the SMART\_watch project will take place at the end**

Participants will have the opportunity to:

- Meet representatives of Regional Observatories from different European regions,
- Initiate cross-border contacts,
- Present, discuss and exchange ideas about smart specialization challenges,

## of March in the Austrian city of Kapfenberg.

The main objectives of the international workshops and study visits are networking and sharing knowledge and gained experience in the smart specialization field.

- Start up future collaborations,
- Visit local companies, clusters,

R&D institutes and business support organizations during the study visits,

- Discuss and develop a strategy for the network,
- Take part in discussions on the future and common goals for ROs.

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[Invitation for the worksop \(PDF file\)](#)

[Agenda of the meeting \(PDF file\)](#)

### Description of the companies for the study visits:



**The Styrian Business Promotion Agency (SFG)** is the processing organisation for business development projects of Styria. The declared aim of Styrian economic policy is to consolidate the position of the federal state as a leading European region with above-average competitiveness and to shape the transition to a knowledge-based production and service society as well as to strengthen the digital skills of Styrian companies. For related projects, the Styrian business promotion agency SFG offers various services in the form of advice, information and direct project support or financing.



**The Silicon Alps Electronic Cluster** is a public-private partnership that brings together Austrian players from industry, science and public authorities to develop and position the electronics and microelectronics sector with a regional focus on the locations Carinthia and Styria. The Silicon Alps cluster regards itself as a long-term strategic alliance and a tool for cooperative, efficient and business-oriented location development.





**Pankl Racing Systems AG** - The company structure consists of three main divisions, Racing, Aerospace and High Performance. We will visit the High Performance segment which is specialised in the production of engine and drivetrain components for luxury vehicles and has been successively expanded in the last few years.



**HIZ- Holzinnovationszentrum** - The wood innovation centre in Zeltweg creates a basis for cooperation in all aspects of wood processing. The high forest resources of the region offer the best conditions for the treatment and processing of wood and thus the optimal basis for a functioning wood network.

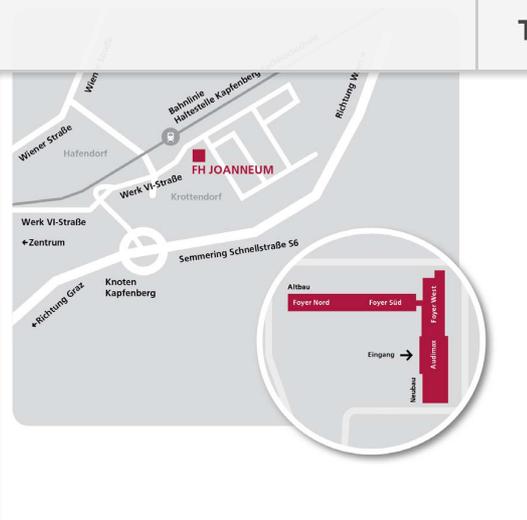
development partner and a leading supplier of high-performance die-forged parts made of titanium alloys, high-alloyed steels and nickel-base alloys. They act as a cutting-edge developer and manufacturer of customer-specific, safety-critical forgings, the company produces high-quality component parts for the aerospace industry and other high-tech branches of industry, supplying more than 200 technologically advanced customers worldwide.



**Pabst Holz** offers an extensive range of domestic wood products, a large selection of special equipment's and many different services - from consulting, planning and manufacturing to the complete assembly of interior and exterior wood construction projects.

**Project meeting will be held at the FH JOANNEUM**

Werk-VI-Straße 46, 8605 Kapfenberg, Austria



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**THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION IS LAUNCHING THE PCI ENERGY DAYS**

The European Commission is launching the 'PCI Energy Days' with a policy conference and exhibition dedicated to the practical implementation of Projects of Common Interest (PCIs).

[Find out more here](#)



**SMART\_WATCH ON 9TH SLOVAK WINTER SEMINAR OF REGIONAL SCIENCE**

The Slovak Winter Seminar of Regional Science took place in the mountain resort of Low Tatras on 13th - 16th March. The main objective was to bring creative academic debate on actual issues of regional science and practice of regional policy.

[Find out more here](#)



**SMART\_WATCH PROJECT IN LJUBLJANA**

On February 11th, at the Chamber of Commerce in Ljubljana, the project SMART\_watch project with the online tools - Competence Map and Benchmarking tool, were presented to the participants of the conference Future Living.

[Find out more here](#)



**HORIZON 2020 INFO DAY ON THE 4TH CALL OF INTERREG CENTRAL EUROPE**

In the upcoming experimental call for proposals, Interreg CENTRAL EUROPE will support the roll out and uptake of project outputs and results in coordination with directly managed EU programmes such as Horizon 2020.

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**NEWS**

**NETWORKING EVENT AT KAPFENBERG**

Workshops for representatives of Regional Observatories and study visits - the next meeting of partners involved in the SMART\_watch project will take place at the end of March in the Austrian city of Kapfenberg.

[Find out more here](#)



**NEWS**

**EUROPE, LET'S COOPERATE!**

The fifth edition of 'Europe, let's cooperate! Interregional cooperation forum' will take place on 10 April in Brussels. The event will bring together policymakers and practitioners from regions across Europe working on research and innovation, competitiveness of SMEs, low-carbon economy and the environmental resource efficiency.

[Find out more here](#)



**NEWS**

**WORKSHOP ON LIFE SCIENCE IN LUBELSKIE VOIVODSHIP**

On February, 2019, in the Marshal's Office of the Lubelskie Voivodship, a workshop on Life Science took place as part of the meeting of stakeholders of the SMART\_watch Interreg Central Europe project.

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