



# Startup Europe Regions Network (SERN) “Moving forward”

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# Activities

SERN focuses on:

- Mapping and providing better understanding of regional initiatives to support startups (annual survey)
- Highlighting best practices
- Providing recommendations
- Connecting the relevant stakeholders and facilitating learning from each other.

All SERN activities discussed and agreed with SERN members according to your needs.

# The way forward

- **14 June 2017:** presenting examples from EER regions.
- **15 Sept 2017:** Deadline for collecting responses for SERN Annual Survey. All regions and members are invited to respond to survey.

# SERN Survey to EU Regions

**Nov 2016: EC communication on “the Startup and Scale up Initiative” => Main barriers for startups to scale up:**

- Administrative barriers mainly cross-border
- Not enough opportunities for commercial partnerships/skills
- Difficulties in getting access to finance

*SERN survey has been structured according to those issues covering: General questions + 3 areas mentioned above + innovation support*

*The survey aims to identify initiatives taken at regional level contributing to address this issues.*

**DEADLINE FOR RESPONSES: 15 Sept 2017**

# The way forward

**October 2017:** Dissemination of results of survey, publication of an interactive mapping of startup friendly regional measures (Open days?)

**Dec 2017:** Start of a study on how to use structural funds to support startups.

## January 2018:

- Participation on EU projects relevant for members
- SERN will give continuity to some activities developed by EU projects that are currently close to its end
- Assistance to regions applying to EER awards
- Organisation of **thematic working groups – workshops** according to interest from members:
  - Small working groups 6 members per group
  - Chaired by a SERN member (identified as best practice on the topic)
  - Online discussions with members interested on the topic and final workshop on the theme in the region chairing the discussion.

## How to engage with us?

- **Let us know your views**
- **Visit [www.startupregions.eu](http://www.startupregions.eu) and become a member and/or participate at our survey / register for our events**
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