



Welcome to the inaugural newsletter of Startup Europe Regions Network. We are launching this newsletter to share with you interesting initiatives, news and events about EU regions, as well as information about SERN activities and upcoming events.

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SERN Secretariat



URBAN INNOVATIVE ACTIONS (UIA) is an initiative that provides urban areas throughout Europe with resources to test new and unproven solutions regarding urban challenges. The third call will focus on four urban topics: adaptation to climate change, air quality, housing, jobs and skills in the local economy. More information [here](#).



[AgriSource](#) is Europe's first open innovation platform (OIP) for climate-smart agriculture. AgriSource permits to connect and map knowledges, independent research programs and innovations. This platform is developed by CIRAD and INRA, France's top agricultural research institutions and funded by [EIT Climate-KIC's](#) flagship programme CSA Booster, supported by EIT, a body of the European Union.



PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON EU FUNDS IN THE AREA OF INVESTMENT, RESEARCH & INNOVATION, SMEs AND SINGLE MARKET

The European Commission has launched various public consultations in order to prepare the **post-2020 Multiannual Financial Framework** and for the next generation of financial programmes. The consultation period is from the 10 of January to the 8 of March 2018. More information [here](#).



The **European Entrepreneurial Region (EER)** is a project that rewards EU regions which are credible, forward-thinking and with a promising entrepreneurial vision. SERN can help you in the development of an innovative policy strategy. The deadline for application is 17 April 2018.



During 2018, SERN is launching three thematic groups aimed at encouraging discussions among regions on specific themes of common interest for them. The theme of the first working group is **"Developing relations between multinational corporates and local ecosystems"**, led by [IKE2020](#). It will take place on **8-9 March 2018** in Budapest, Hungary. We cordially invite our members to join this working group. More information on this event and how to participate [here](#).