



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

Enjoy your reading!



### The future of Europe and the role of regions

The proceedings of a **one-day conference held on 10 April 2018** in the European Committee of the Regions in Brussels are [available now](#). The event addressed among other questions related to the subsidiarity principle, the possible effects of a **"multi-speed Europe"** and the governance of macro-regions. More information [here](#).



### EIC Innovators' Summit 2018

From 10-11 September 2018, the European Innovation Council will host more than 600 top small and medium sized enterprises, researchers, and entrepreneurs from the most relevant innovation funding programmes of the European Union at the EIC Innovators' Summit at STATION Berlin, Germany. More information [here](#).



### EuroPCom 2018: 9th European Public Communication Conference

The 9th edition of EuroPCom will take place on Thursday 8 and Friday 9 November 2018. This edition of EuroPCom will therefore have the title "Campaigning for Europe" and will provide a **unique connecting platform** in preparation for the election year ahead. More information [here](#).



### Investment Plan for Europe: EIB and Santander provide EUR 500 million to finance SMEs

The European Investment Bank (EIB) and Banco Santander will provide financing to Spanish small and medium-sized enterprises through an innovative instrument that enables the two institutions to share the risks. The agreement is backed by the **Investment Plan for Europe**. More information [here](#).



### European Week of Regions and Cities 2018: Registration is still open !

SERN is organising a session on *"Pre-Commercial Procurement: challenges faced by regions and cities"* at the 16th edition of the European Week of Regions and Cities. The session will take place on the **9th of October from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm** at **Building SQUARE – Brussels Convention Centre, Room 313**. More information about our session and registration [here](#).