



Welcome to the January 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!



**New Project! Self-Reflection tools for Smart Universities acting regionally**  
**RE-ACT** is a project led by a consortium of 6 organisations from 6 countries aiming to develop, test and scale-up the assessment tool HEINNOVATE for RIS3 and create an innovative tool that will support Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) to assess how responsive and engaged they are in the regional innovation ecosystem. Click [here](#) to read more.



**Questionnaire on the Innovation Ecosystems in Europe**

The stakeholders' questionnaire is part of a broad consultation on the overall perspective of the different actors taking part within the European Innovation Ecosystem. Find the full article [here](#).



**Open Call for Internationalization of Innovative SMEs**

INNOWWIDE project has opened this Thursday its second call for aid to finance feasibility studies for the internationalization of innovative SMEs in any sector. Click [here](#) for more information.



**5 promising European startups tackling the effects of poverty**

Startups working towards improving our society; can technology act as the vehicle to solve, or at least reduce the effects of poverty? Click [here](#) to read about 5 startups addressing this mayor challenge.



**Call for interest: EU-Japan clusters & regions event**

European regions and Japanese prefectures in fostering the creation of long-term strategic partnerships between European organisations and Japanese partners. Find out everything [here](#).



**Pitch your Startup at the EU Startup Summit**

On May 28-29, EU-Startups Summit will be hosted in Barcelona! At the event a selection of Europe's hottest startups will come together to learn from some of the most successful European entrepreneurs of our time. Click [here](#) to find more info.



**Regulation is not a means to all ends," EU tech companies tell Brussels**

The European Union is about to dramatically overhaul the region's tech policy and technology companies are nervous about where the new rules will leave them. Read the full article [here](#).

