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MAPS-LED
Multidisciplinary Approach to Plan Smart Specialisation Strategies
for Local Economic Development



Aalto's contribution to the project - Planned actions and deviations

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Aalto's situation – where do we stand now?

- No secondments realised yet
- The composition of the research team has changed due to personnel cuts
- The personnel taking part in MAPS-LED need to have external funding for their research during the secondment. Researchers are answerable for funders.
- Aalto proposes three interrelated MAPS-LED themes and teams based on existing projects and funding.

1. Applying new methods to recognise regional innovation potentials

- PPGIS as a tool for recognizing local innovative clusters
- Local and regional businesses, universities, research and innovation institutes as well as governments as contributors to and users of a GIS-based information platform
- WP2 Cluster Policy & Spatial Planning, WP4 Pilot S3 areas in Europe
- Team: Prof. Kyttä, researcher Maarit Kahila, PhD students Laatikainen and Hasanzadeh



2. The relationship between regional development and regional planning - RIS3

- Smart specialization strategies as a part of strategic spatial planning
- The interplay of regional development and regional/municipal planning
- Comparative studies between Finnish and US regions
- WP2 Cluster Policy & Spatial Planning, WP4 Pilot S3 areas in Europe
- University Lecturer Mattila, Senior Research Fellow Staffans, PhD student Purkarthofer

3. Investigating the influence of the regional context (business culture, planning culture, institutional settings) on smart specialisation

- Focus on the translation of national or supranational policies into a specific local or regional context
- Policies and strategies concerning creative industries (technology driven and culture driven)
- Comparative studies between Finland and the US
- WP3 Social Innovation and Territorial Milieu, WP4 Pilot S3 areas in Europe
- Team: Prof. Diaz-Kommonen, researcher Sipilä, PhD students Chekurov, Hirvola & Lilius



Team:

- Kamyar Hasanzadeh, 6 months, ESR
- Marketta Kyttä, 2*1 months, ER
- Tiina Laatikainen, 6-12 months, ESR?
- Johanna Lilius, 2*1 months, ESR
- Hanna Mattila, 3 months, ER
- Eva Purkarthofer, 3-6 months, ESR
- Sergei Chekurov, 3-6 months, ESR
- Maarit Kahila, 3-6 months, ER
- Lily Diaz-Kommonen, 6 months, ER
- Kauko Viitanen, 1-2 months, ER
- Aija Staffans, ER
- Tuomo Sipilä, ER
- Aino Hirvola,, ESR



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- **Thank you!**

- **Questions and comments?**

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