





Fostering research excellence in EU Outermost Regions

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# Editorial

In this third newsletter, we will take a closer look at the Forward program with the implementation of the Thematic working groups actions to improve the participation of the Outermost Regions in Horizon Europe calls for projects.

Forward has so far enabled some collaborative tools in each work package such as strategic documents (joint strategy for ORs, capacitation action plans, RIS3 methodology guide, online networking events (conferences, workshops).

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# **ABOUT US**

Within the framework of the 3 promotional videos scheduled for dissemination and communication of FORWARD, CTG (Collectivité Territoriale de Guyane), the French Guianese Work Package Leader has launched the second video.



## Forward Project : what's up ?



### Updating the regional action plan and joint strategy

Started in January 2019, the diagnosis of the ORs Research and Innovation ecosystems led by Nexa was one of the first steps of the Forward project.



#### The Forward General Assembly

On September 23rd and 24th, all 24 members of the Forward's Consortium were gathered to discuss the progress of the project.

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#### Second Forward Conference – October 21st-22nd

The Forward project includes three conferences to promote and give visibility to the excellence in research and innovation of the ORs.

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# Forward Life

## **ORS VALORISATION**





#### Activities of the WP3-TWG

As part of the dissemination actions, the WP8 Leader released some infographics focused on the activities of the WP3-TWG.

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#### The thematic working group : new tool for collaboration

The leaders of the WP3, namely ITC and Synergîle, has launched some newsletters to promote the TWG's activities/work.

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**ORS NETWORKING** 



#### The key to success : Networking

Our Canarian partners ACIISI and ULPGC organized a scientific conference on June 17th, co-funded by FORWARD.

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#### Event : The Virtual Islands Summit 2021 and the FORWARD project

On September 6th-12<sup>th</sup>, the Virtual Island Summit 2021 took place. This virtual event allowed us to reach a broader audience.

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### **ORS INNOVATION**



#### **RIS3 strategies : Work in Progress**

WP6 requires the submission of 4 deliverables, the first one has recently been submitted to the EU Commission. It is entitled "Support for the elaboration of the future RIS3 Strategies" and the OR in charge is Region Guadeloupe.

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## **ORs CAPACITATION**



#### Continuous actions to build capacities

The Work Package 4 of FORWARD project is focused on Capacity building and training activities. Forward partners organized events to empower knowledge and improve performance in order for OR's to successfully engage in challenges and opportunities of the EU financing programs.

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