



AEIDL invited to join the KNOWMAK project

AEIDL has been invited to take part in the KNOWMAK (*KNOWledge in the MAKing in the European society*) project, carried by Université Paris-Est Marne-la-Vallée (UPEM), the University of Manchester (UMAN), the Austrian Institute of Technology (AIT), the University of Leiden (ULEIDEN), the University of Sheffield (UFSD), the Polytechnic of Milan (POLIMI), and the Zentrum für Soziale Innovation (ZSI).

[KNOWMAK](#) is funded under Horizon 2020. It started recently and will run over 30 months.

The project aims at building an interactive platform that allows insights into innovation activities in Europe and actors on key enabling technologies and grand societal challenges. It will provide indicators, not data, that will answer questions such as which are the top European research actors on a certain research topic? Or in which topics is a given European region specialised?

It will rely on both traditional dimensions, such as patents or projects, and on social innovations and civil society engagement.

The aim is to develop a web-based tool, that offers interactive visualisations and indicators on knowledge co-creation in the European research area Structured around three integrative elements: Research topics, by developing ontologies on Societal Grand Challenges (SGC) and Key Enabling Technologies (KET), Research Actors, both 'conventional' and social actors, Geographical spaces.

The interactive tool is aimed at becoming fully public, and sustain itself beyond the funding period. It combines five data sources that are either established, such as publications, patents, projects or new, such as social innovation projects and user attention based on social media.

From the very start, the project emphasises the importance of engaging with stakeholders not only from policy-making or research funding but also from business or civil society, and involving them in form of user groups to co-develop potential new indicators as well as the interactive online platform.

AEIDL, along with representatives from civil society, business, public research, research funders and policy-making, will be invited to co-develop a set of tools and indicators, during two workshops and two online surveys.

It will be given the opportunity to stay in touch throughout the development of the platform via various updates/short statements, and keep abreast with the latest development, have a say in the design of new indicators and the platform's functionality, look and feel.

The first workshop is scheduled to take place on **28 March 2017 in Leiden, The Netherlands**.

Aleksandra Kowalska and **Antoine Saint-Denis** will represent AEIDL during this process.

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