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relatively reduced complexity of the internal relationships, compared with the State organisation, mean that positive results can be achieved within appropriate periods of time"

5.4. "We have also been inspired by something that is bigger than 'instrument' or 'measure', something which is difficult to capture in a category and in a way much more fundamental. This has to do with some underlying understandings within the policies, cultures, values"

References; 5.5. A regional perspective on SMOC from the West Gothland Region; 5.6. "Coordination and cooperation among regional parliaments with similar powers must not only be restricted to Regions with a similar institutional status"

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#### Sommario/riassunto

Die sechs englischsprachigen Beiträge dokumentieren die Konzepte der von der EU im Rahmen von Prevalet geforderten internationalen Zusammenarbeit zwischen regionalen Regierungen im europäischen Raum sowie dem daraus resultierenden Aufbau eines Systems zur Unterstützung und Beschleunigung des Lern- und Innovationstransfers zwischen den europäischen Regionen. Das in diesem Kontext entwickelte, web-basierte Support-Netzwerk Soft Open Method of Coordination (SMOC) soll die Kooperation zwischen regionalen Regierungen in Weiterbildungsfragen vereinfachen und steht allen an Weiterbildung interessiert

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