Smart Specialisation and the Thematic Smart Specialisation Platforms

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S3: Notion of Specialisation

S3 is about developing new specialities based on regional concentration of knowledge, competence and market potentials (dynamic)

S3 is NOT to be understood as a sector specialised or relative to other regions (passive)
Created in 2011 to provide science-based professional advice to EU national/regional policy-makers for the establishment and implementation of their S3, make better use of the European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF) and thus contribute to the Europe 2020 goals.

**Membership**: 180 regions & 21 countries

Open to the Non-EU regions/countries (so far 10/3 Non-EU regions/countries registered)

Strong endorsement by national/regional policy makers: high satisfaction rankings

High “loyalty rate”: >50% of regions attending numerous S3P WSs

Strong political endorsement at EU level: **EC** (Hahn/Cretu), **EP** (Winkler/Buzek/Van Nistelrooij), **Council** (Van Rompuy/Tusk), **CoR** (Markkula)
Main activities of the S3 Platform

- Support to lagging regions & Synergies ESIF-H2020 "Stairway to excellence"
- S3 Knowledge Base: Guidance and Analysis, RIS3 Guide, DA Toolbox, S3 publications, S3 Seminar Series on Territorial Development
- Trans-national Peer Reviews (in total 75 regions/countries)
- Peer eXchange & Learning - thematic focus on actors, process, common features and priorities
- Support to the EU Macro-Regional Strategies & Alignment of innovation roadmaps
- Focused approach on Value Chains - Thematic S3 Platforms (TSSP): Energy, Ind. Modernisation, Agri-Food + more to come...
- S3 Website & Newsletters
- S3 Interactive web tools: Eye@RIS3, etc.
- RIS3 assessment and support to REGIO desks
Thematic Smart Specialisation Platforms (TSSPs)

**S3 as coordinating mechanism to align efforts...**

- **Strategic focus** on the "Entrepreneurial Discovery Process" of opportunities for co-investment in priority areas based on RIS3 mapping & analysis
- **Objective**: Support pilot activities towards aligned roadmaps and project pipe-lines leading to coordinated joint investments
- **Governance**: joint initiative of pro-active motivated regions (like Vanguard Initiative) supported by thematic policy DGs
- **Composition**: not only immediate competitors, but potential cooperation partners along value chains!

Foster opportunities for regions/MS to **team-up around value chains**! (Horizon2020, COSME and INTERREG Europe can support networking costs)
Eye@RIS3 – A database of S3 priorities

Codifying:
- Economic Domains (NACE)
- Scientific Domains (NABS)
and
- EU Policy Objectives
at regional and/or national level

http://s3platform.jrc.ec.europa.eu/map
Overlapping S3 niches - Source: EYE@RIS3
S3 Thematic Platforms and S3 Partnerships

Working together to build synergies and find solutions for the optimal uptake of Cohesion Policy funds

Energy

Industrial Modernisation

Agro-Food
Thank you!

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