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S4 is...

**S4 is
needed,
because...**

**What's in
S4 for
firms?**

**State-of-play
&
CHALLENGES**

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S4 Objectives

1. **VA / Employee** → targets set for each priority area.
2. **Share of high-tech intensive products in total EXPORT:**
from 22.3% to EU-15 average of 26.5%
3. **Share of knowledge-intensive services in total EXPORT:**
from 21.4% to 33%
4. **Overall entrepreneurial activity:**
from the current 11% to at least the EU average of 12.8%

Positioning in the SI planning system

Slovenian Development Strategy:
Strategic orientation 3: High-productivity economy

Sectoral strategies: National Research and Innovation Strategy, Slovenian Industrial Policy, Digital Slovenia 2020, etc.



Breakthrough, consistent and focused innovation policy
→ from strategies to projects

NICHE-ORIENTED

TAILORED

INTEGRATED

GLOBAL

RDI	Entrepreneurship & Internationalisation	New jobs & training	Education & creativity	Urban & rural	Taxes
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State & municipal budget EU Cohesion Policy & other EU programmes Financial instruments Private capital

Structural reforms



	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
9 Priority Domains									
Vertical Focus Areas									
Horizontal Technologies									

Area of joint research

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Strategic Research

Innovation Partnership

**SRIP
is....**

**KEY
SRIP
PROJECTS**

**Contacts,
Action Plans &
Statistics**

SRIP is....

a long term partnership

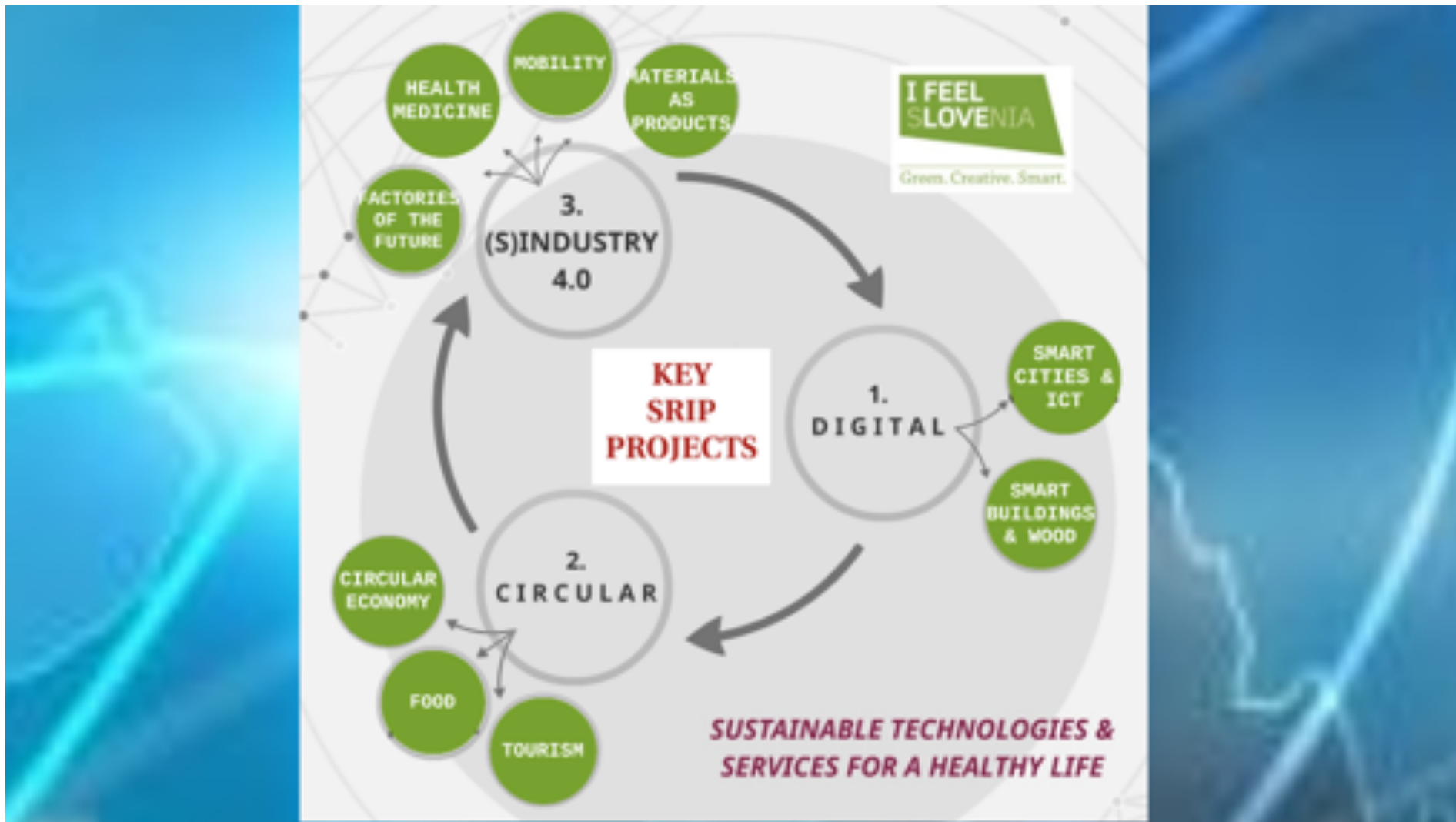
among (1) firms, (2) knowledge institutions, (3) the state and municipalities & (4) facilitators, users and NGOs
~ quadruple helix

which

pools investment and intellectual potentials
and sets up a comprehensive innovation ecosystem

with the aim of entering global markets and
improving SI position global value networks

in S4 priority domains.



Contacts & Action Plans:

CLICK AT:

http://www.svrk.gov.si/en/areas_of_work/slovenian_smart_specialisation_strategy_s4/strategic_research_and_innovation_partnerships_srip_in_detail/

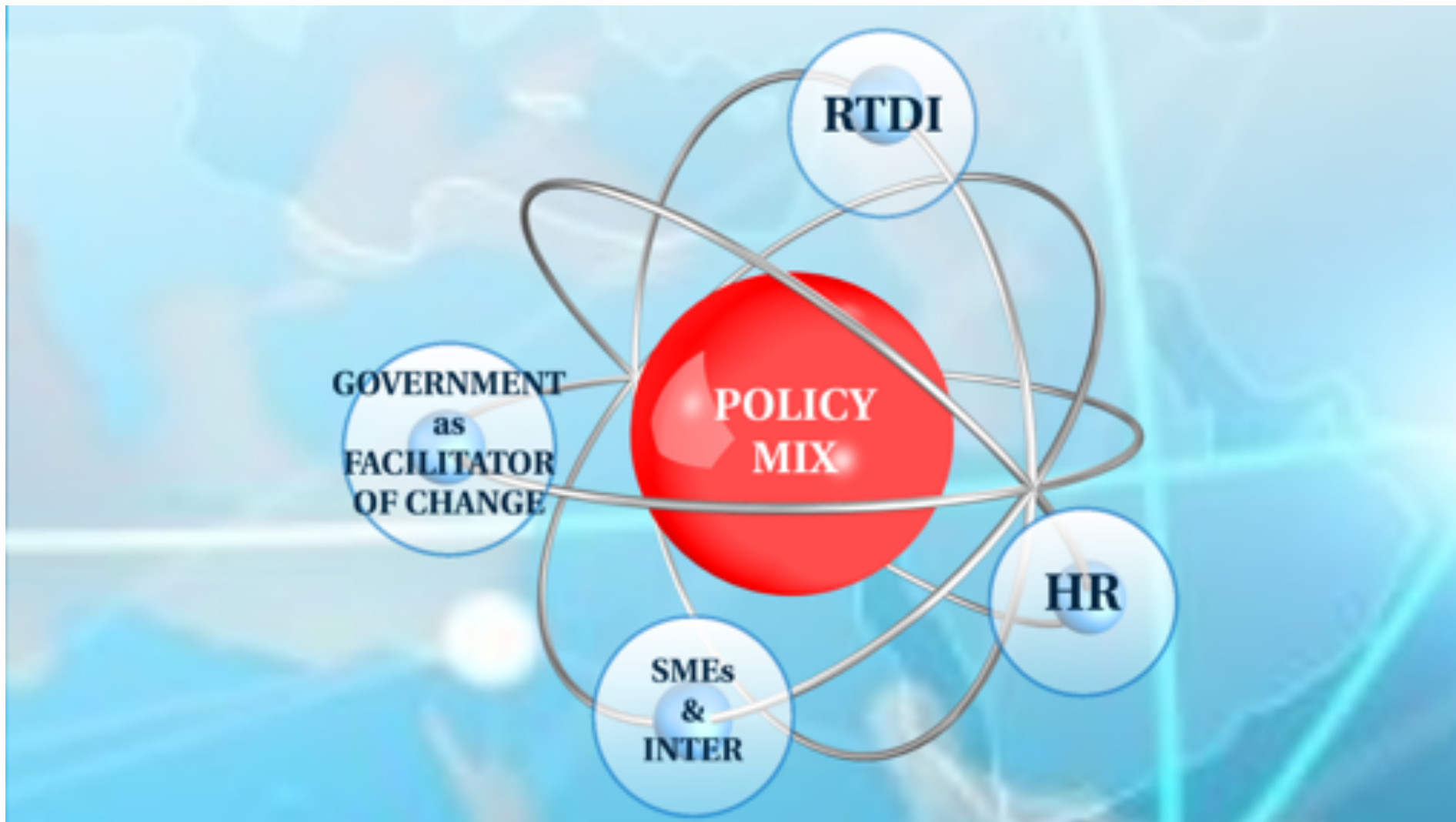
Open & Representative:

SRIPs have 783 members, of which:

- 83% are firms
- of which 21% large companies
- from both SI Cohesion Regions

==> Membership grew by 22%





Government as Facilitator of Change

A well-functioning COORDINATION SYSTEM established, from strategic to operational level:

- ==> *"Alignment with S4" as a permanent fixture in the process of EU Cohesion Policy implementation,*
- ==> *Working Group of State Secretaries from 13 government departments, entrusted by the government to ensure coordinated action between the Gov. & SRIPs'*
- ==> *GODC, Smart Specialisation Unit in collaboration with the relevant government departments ensures operational coordination.*

Delivery of S4 in practice,

calls for proposals and programmes worth over EUR 800 million, of which EUR 375 million are directly & strongly related to S4, have already been approved



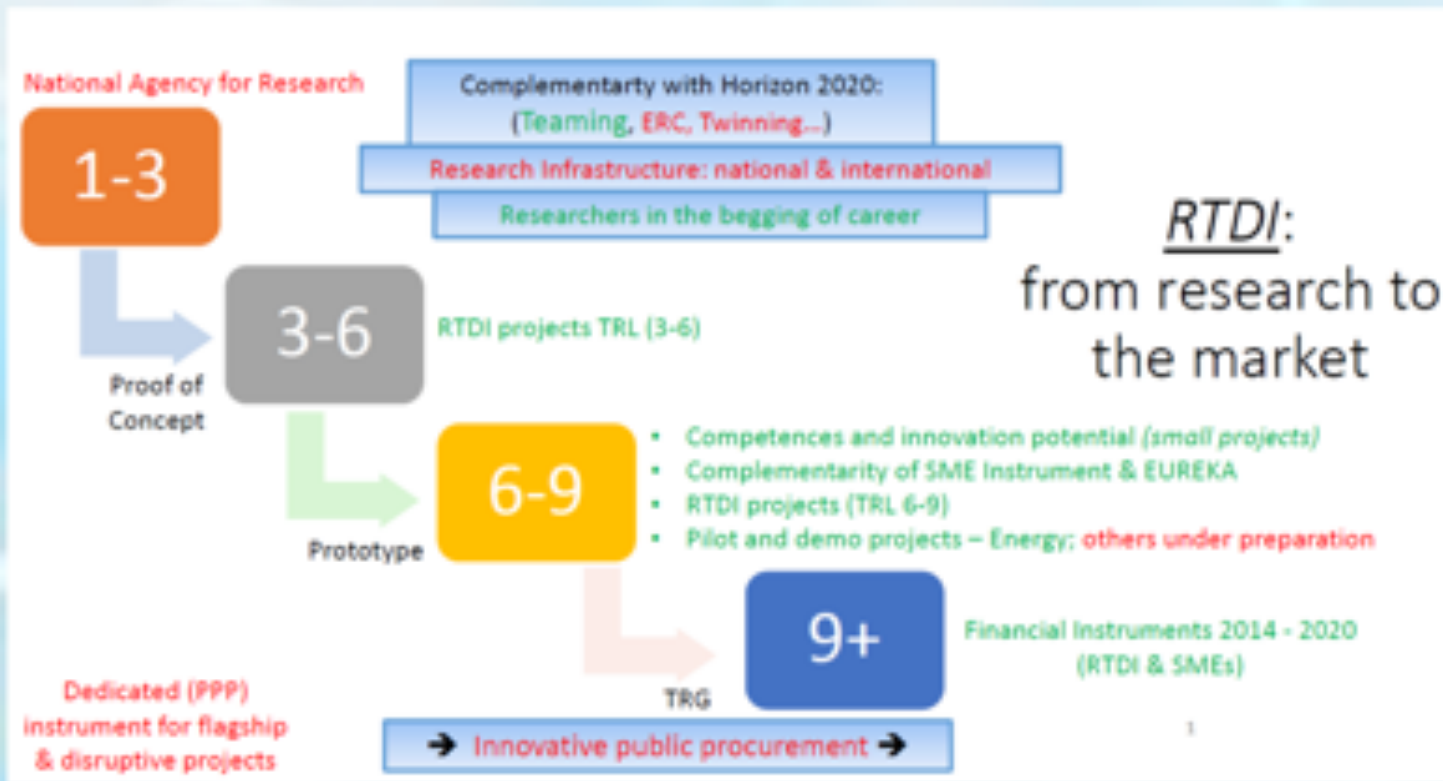
Close(er) cooperation SRIP & the Gov. as regards INTERNATIONALISATION & economic

Interpretation of R&D tax breaks in specific fields

Working jointly towards promotion of innovative public procurement

RTDI

S4 RTDI policy mix referenced against TRL classification and against the 2015 plan (*done = green; to do = red*)



Human Resources

Career Platform

*what & how many (skill needs assesment in 5-7 years)
the key is in direct firm participation via SRIPs
education programmes, trainings, migration,..... adjusted accordingly*

Training of Employees (today)

SRIPs + Competence Centres for Human Resources (KOCi)

- *cofinanced joint training needs*
- *transition from educational system*

Responsive educational system (tomorrow)

- *on the basis of needs assessment from the Career Platform*
- *VET programme adaptation in cooperation with SRIPs*
 - *Career Centres and LLL Career Orientation*
 - *Scholarship policy*
- *Innovative Educational Environments*

SMEs & Internationalisation

Towards state-of-the-art INNOVATION ECOSYSTEM:

- *Optimised support environment ==>*
- *Financial Incentives*



Lean Production and Digital Transformation Programme:

- *Demand side support (vouchers, business models, e-commerce,...) supported by providers on the supply side (SRIPs)*
 - *Networking & capacity development of service providers*
 - *Educational and Training Programmes*
 - *Technology Development*
 - *Promotion*



Support for Targeted INTERNATIONALISATION:

- *Dedicated support for SRIP Internationalisation (within and beyond the EU)*
 - *New Business Models*
 - *Joint market access*

