

Session 5: Synergies at EU and National Level

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The EIT:

A catalyst model conducive to synergies

- Building on joint strengths and **capabilities of existing excellent organisations** from the Knowledge Triangle;
- Bringing together existing research base by **accelerating take up** and **exploitation** of research outcomes;
- **EIT smart funding model (25%/75%)** is a natural driver for synergies and complementarities;
- Bottom-up **alignment** of topics and funding around the KICs.

The EIT in *Horizon 2020*

- **Strategic Level**

- Thematic alignment
- Synergies as a selection criteria
- Added value through educational component

- **Implementation**

- EIT/KICs as “living partnerships” exploiting and fostering synergies

- **Monitoring**

- 4-levels: KIC, cross-KIC, EIT, Horizon 2020

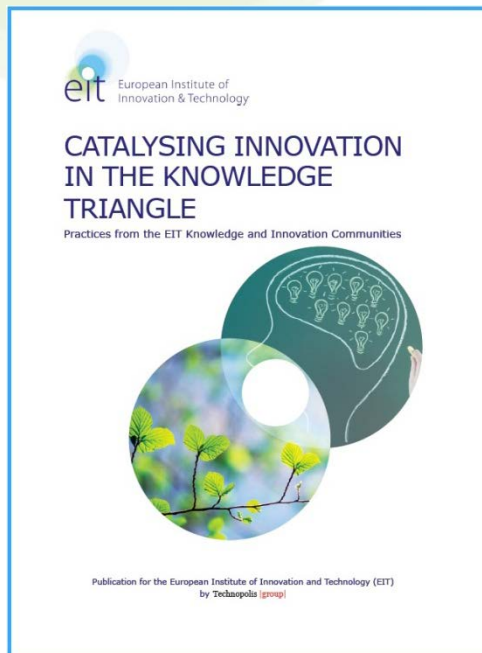
- **Dissemination: “EIT as an Institute for Europe”**

- Results emerging from the KICs are systematically made available through publications, events and targeted activities

DISSEMINATION

1st Illustrations – at EIT LEVEL

First example of dissemination of its results and impact via outreach activities via the exchange of good practice



EIT Publication: **Catalysing Innovation in the Knowledge Triangle: Practices from the EIT Knowledge and Innovation Communities**

→ publication compiled to showcase the approach - the 'what' and the 'how' - taken by the EIT to catalyse the knowledge triangle (business, higher education and research) in Europe.

EIT “Analysis of Potential Synergies”: *Scope*

- Building upon the findings of the 2012 EIT publication “EIT Catalysing Innovation in the Knowledge Triangle – Novel Practices from the Knowledge and Innovation Communities”;
- Identify **synergies and complementarities** as well as concrete means of co-operation between the EIT and other relevant initiatives at EU, national/ regional level;
- Provide concrete recommendations aimed at furthering the **EIT’s emerging role** in the EU innovation landscape.

EIT “Analysis of Potential Synergies”: *Initial Findings*

- The EIT and its KICs can play an important role, in particular to improve the framework conditions, to strengthen the European dimension in **business support activities** and to add the **educational dimension to industry-science** co-operations;
- The EIT approach is coherent with the national and regional approaches in Europe – there is scope for joined-up policy and programme implementation;
- EIT/ KICs can be a mechanism helping regional clusters to stay connected to global innovation flows;
- Opportunities for and scope of synergies are depending on the thematic area of a KIC.



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