

Synergies & complementarities between the EIT Community and EU policy & funding instruments

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Cohesion Policy's support for European regions

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ESIF support for R&I

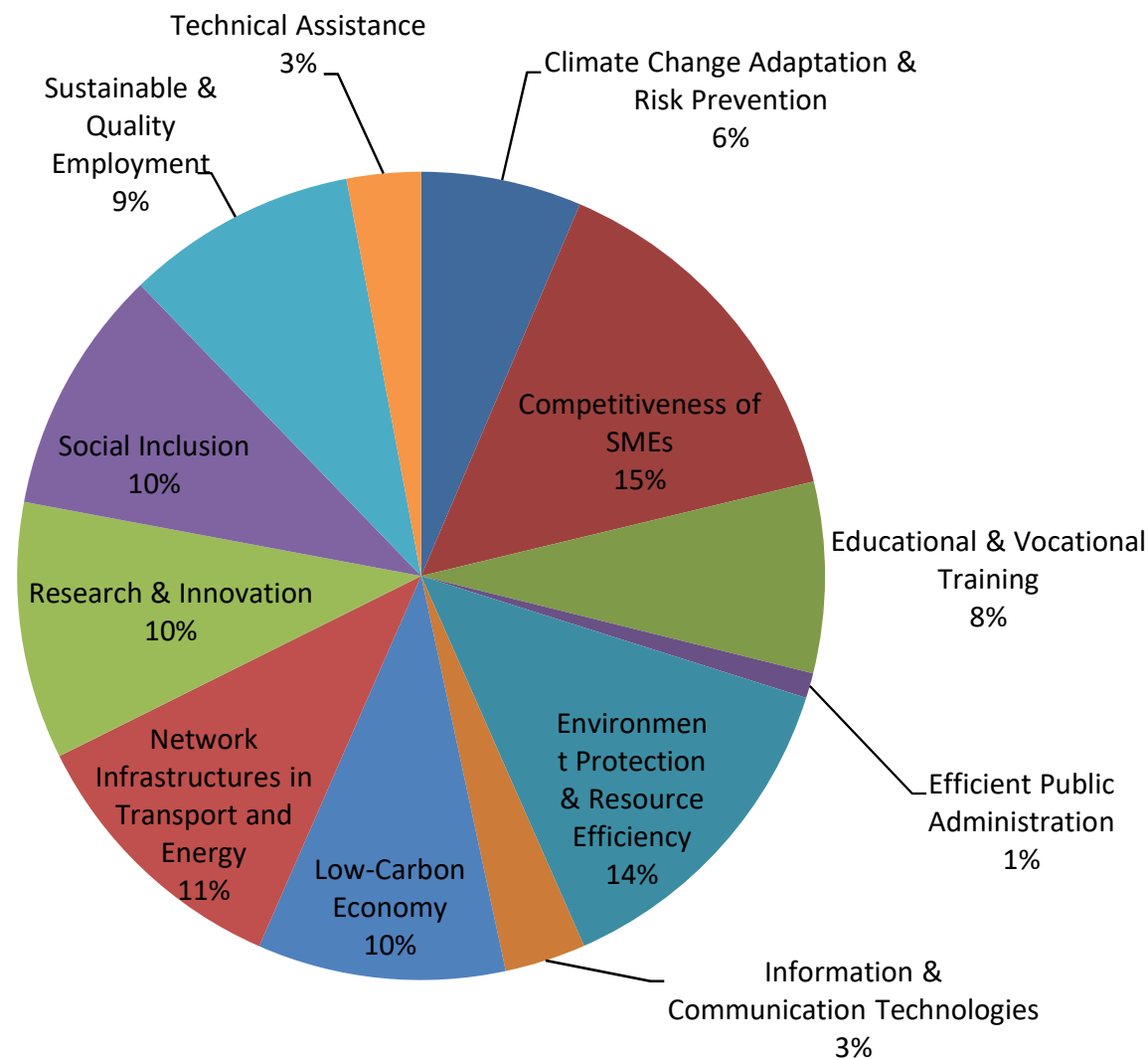
ESIF aims at **socio-economic development**, reducing disparities in the regions, on structural adjustment and industrial conversion (Art. 176 TFEU)

- Lasting **impacts on industrial structures** and **innovation eco-systems**
- Focus on **business R&I with local relevance**
- **Tailored support** for regions' needs and potentials (Smart Specialisation)
- **Entrepreneurial discovery process** with industry, research and public sector
- **Technology-push & Demand-pull** (public procurement of solutions for societal challenges)



Overview share of ESIF allocations

Share of ESIF allocations by thematic objective (%) based on amounts for total (EU+National) contributions



Source: <https://cohesiondata.ec.europa.eu/overview>
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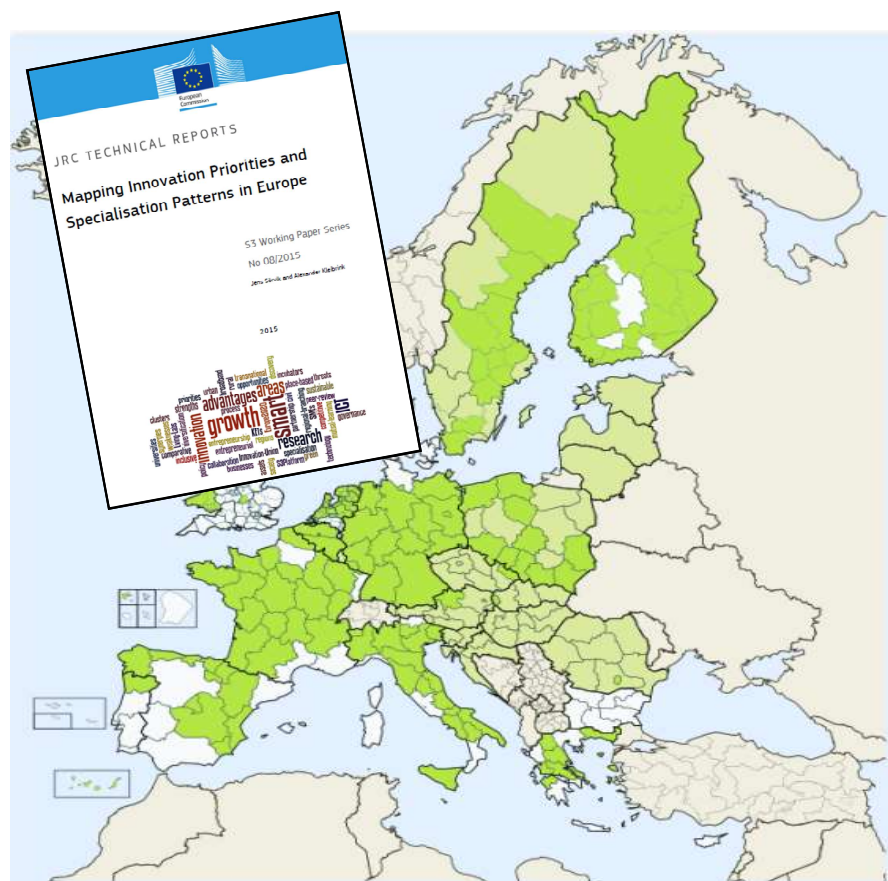
Smart Specialisation Strategies

- ✓ enable regions to turn their industrial and research strengths and competitive advantages into marketable goods and services
- ✓ prioritise public R&I investments on key priorities and challenges through a bottom-up approach and stimulate the private sector investments
- ✓ aim at economic transformation of regions, building on regional competitive advantages and facilitating market opportunities in new inter-regional and European value chains.
- ✓ help regions to anticipate, plan and accompany their process of economic modernisation, including incremental innovation in traditional industries



Smart specialisation represents a new way of working together, which ensures stronger local and regional participation in decision-making, and whose potential can be scaled-up for the benefit of the EU as a whole.

This approach may be replicated and used in a broader context as a useful tool to **implement the future EU budget.**



Regions identified smart specialisation priority areas for ESIF investments in RDI

	1260	
	EU28 PRIORITIES	
RIS3 priority	count, n	%
AGRO-FOOD related	271	22%
KETs as transversal theme	267	21%
HEALTH related	192	15%
ENERGY related	178	14%
DIGITAL AGENDA related	144	11%
ENVIRONMENT related	59	5%
CREATIVE/CULTURAL INDUSTRIES related	48	4%
TRANSPORT AND LOGISTICS related	38	3%
SOCIAL INNOVATION, ORGANISATIONAL MODELS, OTHERS	25	2%

Source: <http://s3platform.jrc.ec.europa.eu/map>



Programmes, instruments, initiatives...

- Thematic Smart Specialisation Platforms
 - Industrial Modernisation
 - Agri-Food
 - Energy
- INTERREG programmes, INTERREG EUROPE
- Pilot Action on Industrial Transition
- Pilot Action on Interregional Innovation Projects
- Innovative Urban Action (*3rd [Call for Proposals](#). DL for Applications 30 March 2018*) - With *URBIS "Urban Investment Support" launched in November 2017*
- European Strategic Cluster Partnerships for Smart Specialisation Investments (DL 8 March)
- Preparatory Actions like "Stairway to Excellence", "RIS3 Support Lagging Regions", "RIS3 Romania"
- Initiative to support coal and carbon-intensive regions in transition

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Screenshot of the European Commission Regional Policy InfoRegio website interface.

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- > Operational Programme for EU Structural Funds Investments for 2014-2020
- > Regional OP Lisboa

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- > Transforming Utrecht Science Park into a dynamic economic engine for West-Netherlands
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