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.

Reflection Paper on the Future of EU Finances
Regions identified smart specialisation priority areas for ESIF investments in RDI

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Source: [http://s3platform.jrc.ec.europa.eu/map](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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