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Our Case
The context
Steps taken
Important points / Challenges
Q&A

Agenda

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RIS3 Regional Innovation Smart Specialization Strategy 2014-2020

• Started back in 2014
• Limited funding for innovation = define few priorities
• Place based approach = what are our assets?
Region of Central Macedonia: Priority areas 2014-2020

- "Champion markets"
- Scientific areas that can promote innovation

- AgriFood
- Materials (Building)
- Textile and clothing
- Tourism / Culture
- ICT
- ENERGY
- Environment
- Transport & logistics
RIS3 2021-2027

National Priorities:
1. Food,
2. Materials,
3. Health: Biotech, pharma,
4. ICT,
5. Energy,
6. Environment, Circular Economy,
7. Transportation,
8. Tourism, Culture

Regional Priorities as part of the national ones (ongoing):
Fruits, Vegetables, Meat, Textile, Building Material, Silver Economy + Tourism, Accessibility, Cosmetics, biofuels, film industry, media etc.
Region of Central Macedonia Innovation profile

- Moderate innovator
- 9\textsuperscript{th} place among top-10 fastest developing regions 2014 - 2021
- 158\textsuperscript{th} place among 240 EU regions on innovation performance
- Increase in innovation performance (2014-2021) by 30\% (Regional Innovation Scorecard 2021) & the Regional Innovation Index (RII) by 50\% in 2021 compared to 2014 (from 0.278 to 0.418)
Main RIS3 2021-2027 challenges

- Slow transformation of the region into a "knowledge economy", as research outputs are not transformed into innovations
- Research centers / HE focusing mainly on attracting EU funding
- Even though it has changed we are witnessing barriers in creating start-ups & spin-offs.
- Developing more efficient clusters
Region’s main tool to overcome these challenges is: O.S.L.O in the ecosystem
Case study Steps

01 RIS3 approved early 2022
02 Consortium Informing RoP MA quite early
03 Team included people from all stakeholders
04 3 workshops with HE stakeholders, Region and RoP MA
05 Finalizing both HE /ERDF proposal / template ERDF
06 Submission

Ideation of different innovation projects in the context of RIS3 EDP 2019-2021 / 1st stage submission
Important points

- The project is part of the new RIS3 strategy
- The project is also part of the ROP – action plan
- Members of all stakeholders were part of the same team
- MA was informed well before the call
- MA was very keen to support the proposal
- Regional authority decided to also fund with own current budget expenses like renting until move to new building – regional authority is a partner
This was the first time MA was dealing (at its first steps) with a complementary funding

ERDF was only to fund R&D Infrastructures – it could be of a greater support if innovation actions were eligible

Proposal partners should be aware of all these difficulties with different funding and different activities and expenses eligibility

Trust is crucial and in advance knowledge helps

Leadership engagement is important
Thanks

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