

Synergies between Horizon Europe and the new cohesion policy programs: a practical approach

Complementary Funding provisions of Teaming From RIS3 planning to the commitment of funds.



Our Case

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RIS3 – O.S. L. O.

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Our case:
“Centre of social
excellence for
vulnerable groups
(SINCE)”

HORIZON-WIDERA-2022-ACCESS-
01-01-two-stage “Teaming for
Excellence: Phase 2”

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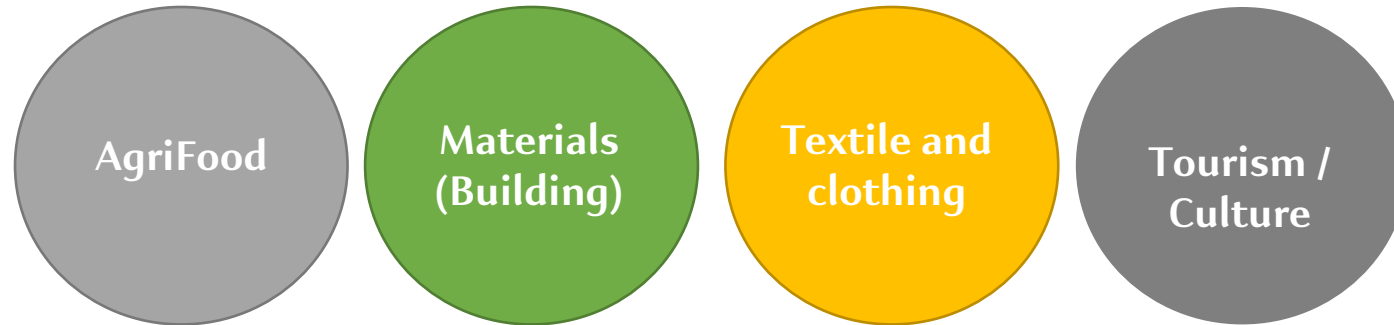


RIS3 Regional Innovation Smart Specialization Strategy 2014-2020

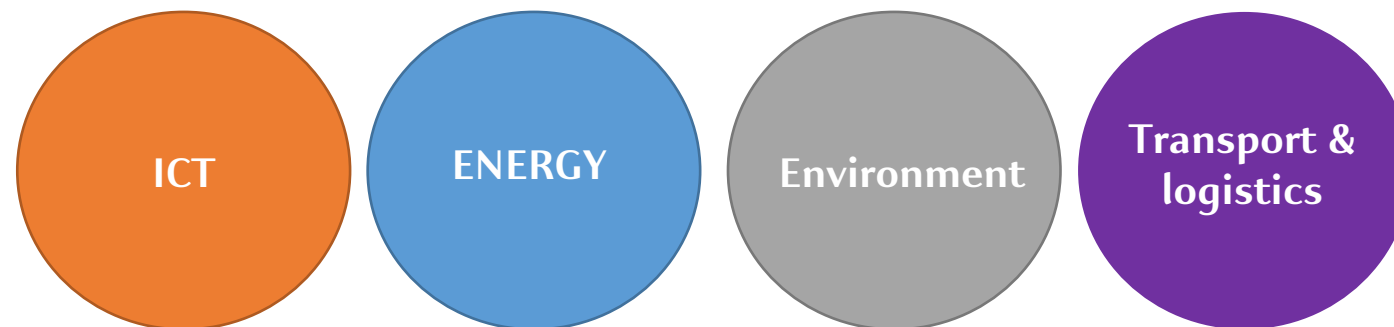
- Started back in 2014
- Limited funding for innovation = define few priorities
- Place based approach = what are our assets?

Region of Central Macedonia: Priority areas 2014-2020

- “Champion markets”



- Scientific areas that can promote innovation



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

9ⁿ place among top-10 fastest developing regions 2014 - 2021

158ⁿ 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

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



RoP signed early 9th /2022

3 workshops with HE stakeholders, Region and RoP MA

Finalizing both HE /ERDF proposal / template ERDF

Submission

RIS3 approved early 2022

Consortium Informing RoP MA quite early

Team included people from all stakeholders

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

Challenges



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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