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# Smart Funding: synergies between EU and National Funding and Financial Instruments

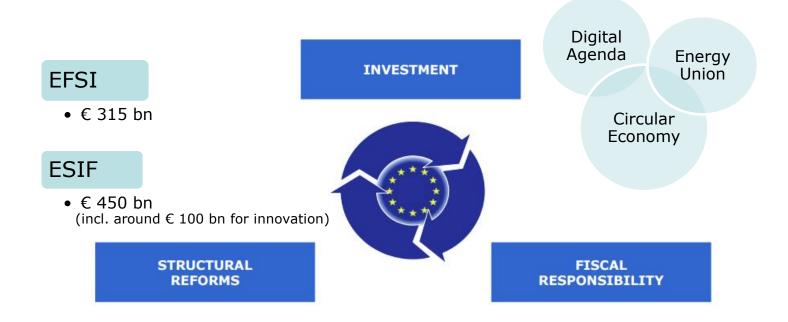
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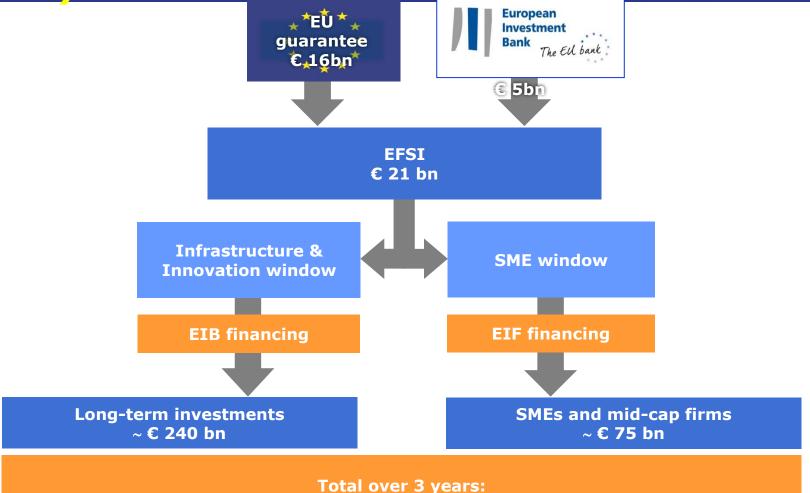
# Supporting the number one EC priority: the Investment Plan for Europe



Increase effectiveness of investments!



**European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI)** 



~ € 315 bn





## **Infrastructure and Innovation window**

SOURCES OF FUNDING

European Fund for Strategic Investments

The Fund serves as credit protection for new EIB activities



TYPICAL PRODUCTS
OFFERED

Long-term senior debt for higher risk projects

**Subordinated loans** 

Equity and quasi-equity

Other investors join in on a project basis



## PROJECTS IN ELIGIBLE SECTORS

Research, Development, Innovation

Energy infra, Renewable Energy, Energy efficiency

Transport

ICT

Environment and Resource efficiency

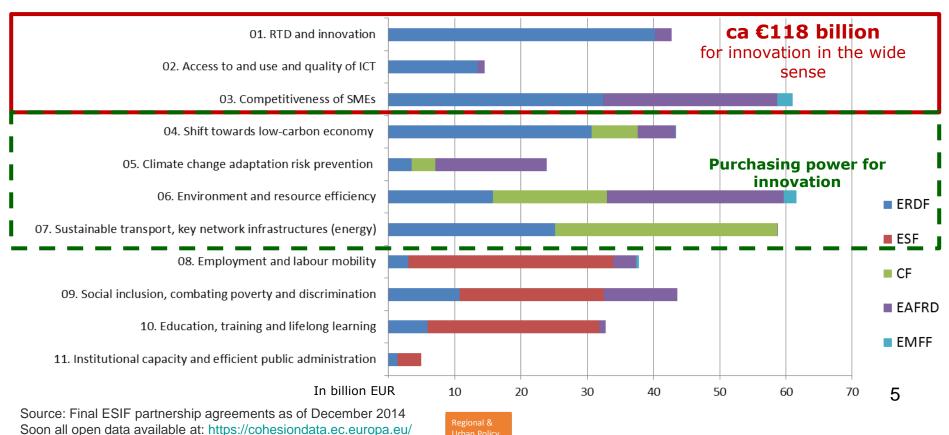
Social sectors, Education

**SMEs** 



## ESIF programming 2014-20: State of Play

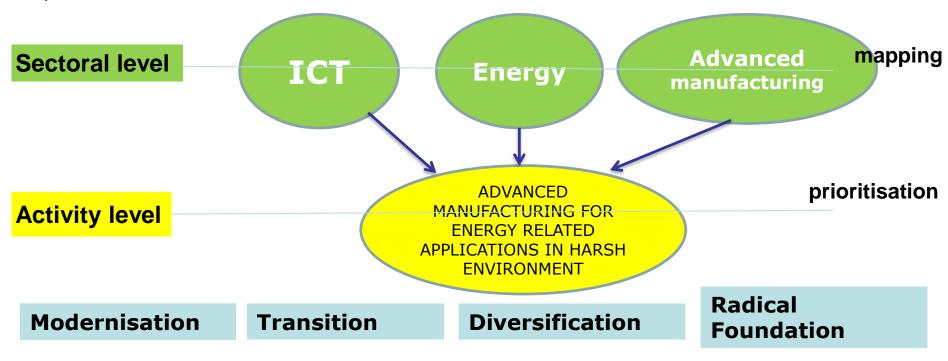
- EUR 451 billion of ESIF + EUR 183 billion of national co-financing
- 456 national and regional and 79 INTERREG cooperation programmes
- Concentration on 11 Thematic Objectives





# **Smart specialisation fosters market driven economic transformation**

RIS3 is about developing new specialities / niches / market opportunities based on regional concentration of knowledge, competence and market potential:







#### **Business**

manufacturing and services, primary sectors, financial sector, creative industries, social sector, large firms, SMEs, young entrepreneurs, students with business ideas, cluster and business organisations, etc.

#### Research

public and private research bodies, universities, science and technology parks, NCPs, Technology transfer offices, Horizon2020 committee members, regional ESFRI roadmaps etc.

Entrepreneurial in **composition** and **spirit:** (risk-taking, broader view beyond boundaries ...)

Different departments, if relevant at different government levels, agencies e.g. for regional development business advice, public procurement offices, incubators, etc.

Public administration

NGOs and citizens' initiatives related to societal challenges for which innovative solutions would be helpful, consumers associations, Talents! etc.

Civil society /

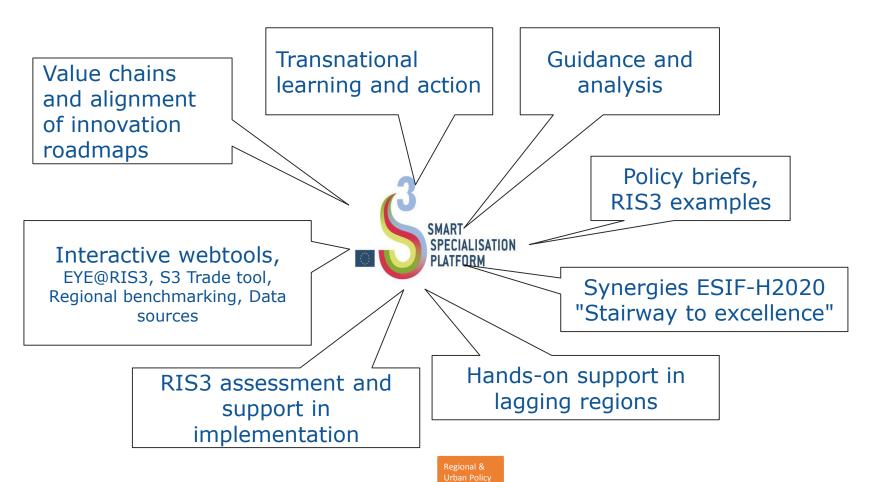
# **Smart Specialisation** is an ongoing process

- Businesses are best placed to lead in the identification of new opportunities for growth in a rapidly globalising economy
- The process of discovery of their niches and markets used by the most entrepreneurial of firms/researchers inspire public policies for innovation

Regional & Urban Policy



## Support for smart specialisation





Mix depending on Specific objectives and must support the relevant Smart Specialisation Strategy

# Types of support for RIS3 in Strategy

- Research and innovation processes in SMEs (including voucher schemes, process, design, service and social innovation)
- Public research and innovation infrastructure
- Technology transfer and university-enterprise cooperation primarily for SMEs
- Research and innovation activities in public search confres
- Investment in infrastructure, capacities and equipment in SMEs linked to research activities
- Research and innovation processes in large enterprises
- Cluster support and business networks
- Research and innovation activities in private regently centres
- Research and innovation infrastructive, processes if cusing on low carbon
- Investment in infrastructure, capacities and equipment in large enterprises linked to research activities
- Research and innovation infrastructure (private including science parks)





How can companies find out whether their project fits into the RIS<sup>3</sup> of their country / region?

- 1. Check in Eye@RIS3
  database (rough summary)
  <a href="http://s3platform.jrc.ec.europa.eu/map">http://s3platform.jrc.ec.europa.eu/map</a>
- 2. Details on web-site of MA: OPs contain link to relevant RIS<sup>3</sup> (chapter 9, table 24)

http://ec.europa.eu/regional polic
y/en/atlas/



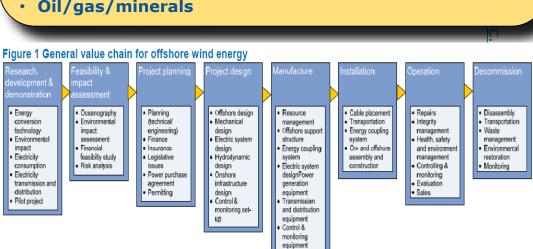
## Linking related regions on RIS3 areas

Regions and MS can indicate in **Eye@RIS3 database** envisaged fields for specialisation and identify partners for cooperation in blue growth.



#### Most frequently cited fields of RIS<sup>3</sup> in Atlantic:

- Renewable energy
- **Biotechnology**
- Tourism innovation
- Marine science
- Aquaculture and fisheries
- Sustainable development and environment
- Shipbuilding
- Smart grids
- Oil/gas/minerals







# Vanguard Initiative Methodology for Interregional Cooperation

Learn Connect Jpscale **Demonstrate** Commercialisation Developing a scoping paper (designing the network); identification of lead-regions

Mapping questionnaire; identification lead-actors

Matching events for complementary partners Development of cases

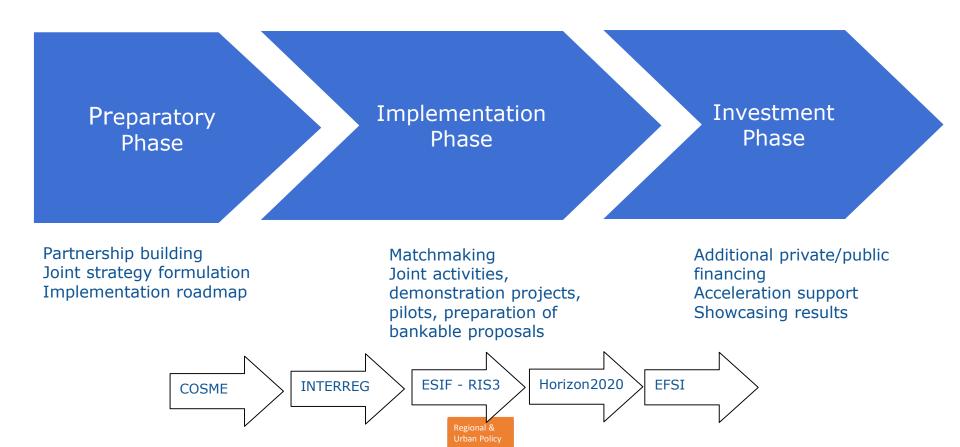
Networked demonstration Pilot-lines & first-of-a-kind factories (TRL 6-8)

Launch of new ventures & start-ups New value-chains (TRL 9)





# Aligning investment roadmaps to maximise economic impact





## Synergies: the wider perspective

### **Basic Principles, Concept of Synergies and Cumulation**

Recommendations for policy-makers and implementing bodies for strategy development, programme design and implementation mechanisms; Overview of Commission support

#### Annex 1

# **Explanations** by programme

(differences, opportunities, management principles)

- ESIF & Cohesion Policy
- Horizon2020
- COSME
- Erasmus+
- CEF digital services
- Creative Europe

#### Annex 2

# Scenarios & hands-on advice for policy-designers & implementers by project format (also interesting for beneficiaries)

- 1. Horizon2020
- Standard R&I projects
- ERA Chairs, Teaming & Twinning
- Marie Skłodowska-Curie researchers' mobility
- ERA-NETs, Joint Programming Initiatives, Art. 185 initiatives and Art. 187 Joint Technology Initiatives
- EIT / Knowledge and Innovation Communities
- Research Infrastructures
- Pre-Commercial Procurement and Public Procurement of Innovative Solutions
- Innovation in SMEs
- 2. COSME Enterprise Europe Network
- 3. ERASMUS+ mobility, Knowledge & skills alliances
- 4. Creative Europe -innovation in with Creative Industries
- 5. CEF Digital Services Platforms e-government interop.



Synergies guide for policy-makers and implementers (SWD(2014)205 final)



RIS3 supports inter-regional, inter-disciplinary, cross-sectoral areas to build competitive advantage



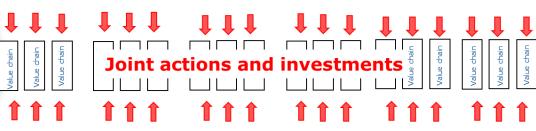
### Thematic Smart Specialisation Platforms

Energy

Agro-Food Digital Growth Industrial Modernisation Health

Tourism (

Circular Economy



European Cluster Partnerships for Smart Specialisation Investment



## **Matching possibilities with Horizon**



Find Your area

Good chances for match, but companies have to conform with specific call under Horizon 2020:

Horizon2020 participant portal:

http://ec.europa.eu/researc h/participants/portal/deskto p/en/home.html

#### Industrial Leadership

- Leadership in Enabling and Industrial Technologies
  - > Information and Communication Technologies
  - ▶ Space
  - Nanotechnologies, Advanced Materials, Advanced Manufacturing and Processing, and Biotechnology
- Access to risk finance
- Innovation in SMEs

#### Societal Challenges

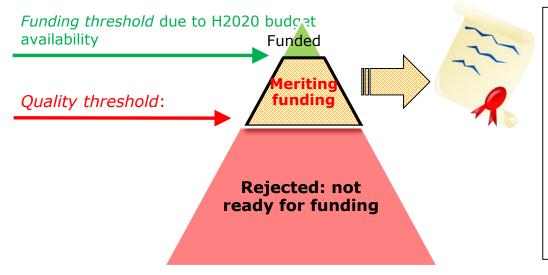
- > Health, Demographic Change and Wellbeing
- Secure, Clean and Efficient Energy
- Climate Action, Environment, Resource Efficiency and Raw Materials
- Secure societies Protecting freedom and security of Europe and its citizens
- Smart, Green and Integrated Transport
- Europe in a changing world Inclusive, innovative and reflective societies
- Food Security, Sustainable Agriculture and Forestry, Marine, Maritime and Inland Water Research and the Bioeconomy



# THE SEAL OF EXCELLENCE Key Features

### Horizon 2020 evaluation:

Target population: excellent project proposals not funded by H2020



- ✓ 'Seal of excellence' certifies proposal of high quality, meriting funding
- ✓ Accompanying letter explains how to get in touch with other funding bodies (like e.g. ESIF Managing Authorities in the Member States)
- ✓ Certificate is digitally signed against fraud

- ✓ Clear benefits for regions / Member States:
  - ✓ make the most of a unique, high quality evaluation process
  - ✓ better use of resources
  - ✓ potential high local impact



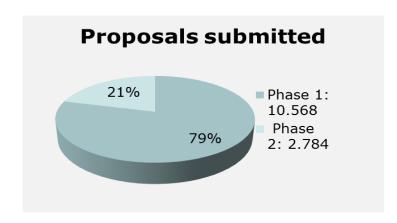
# Pilot using to the SME Instrument

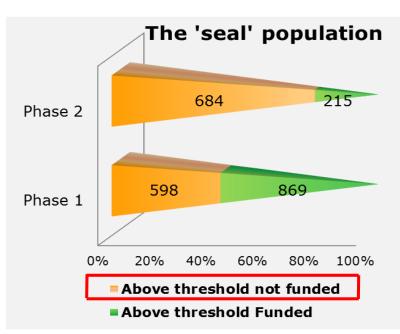
- ✓ Single company
- ✓ Small scale R&I actions
- ✓ Close to market

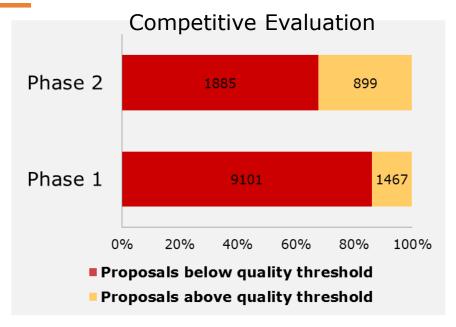
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# SME instrument KEY FIGURES







# 13.352 proposals submitted 1084 proposals funded

Between 41% and 76% of proposals above threshold NOT funded out of the all above threshold



## **EFSI** in combination with **ESFI**

- ESIF (EU Structural and Investment Funds) programme and EFSI
   (European Fund for Strategic Investments) may reinforce each other
   and contribute to the achievement of the EU strategic objectives of
   the Investment Plan
- ESIF may join EFSI supported projects where this would ensure a higher value added of EFSI support.
- Scaling up at EU level through interregional cooperation can help in generating projects for EFSI investment platforms which are aligned with strategic objectives of national and regional innovation strategies for smart specialisation



## For more information

- Research & innovation in Cohesion Policy:
  <a href="http://ec.europa.eu/regional\_policy/en/policy/themes/research-innovation/">http://ec.europa.eu/regional\_policy/en/policy/themes/research-innovation/</a>
- Smart Specialisation Strategies: <a href="http://s3platform.jrc.ec.europa.eu">http://s3platform.jrc.ec.europa.eu</a>
- Horizon 2020 regulations & rules for participation: <a href="http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/funding/ref">http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/funding/ref</a> erence docs.html
- http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/horizon2020/en/
- Horizon 2020 SME instrument / On line Manual / FAQ:
- http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/funding/sm e\_participation.html
- http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/docs/h2020-fundingguide/cross-cutting-issues/sme\_en.htm
- http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/support/faq html#f16





## For more information

- > MORE INFO: <u>seal-of-excellence@ec.europa.eu</u>
- > SEAL OF EXCELLENCE WEBSITE: <a href="http://ec.europa.eu/research/regions/">http://ec.europa.eu/research/regions/</a>
- Guide for authorities on synergies between ESIF and Horizon2020 and other EU programmes:

http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/opportunities/other/index.html

Evaluation procedure of the SME Instrument

http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/funding/sme\_p articipation.html

Functional mailbox for MS expression of interest in the Community of practice: RTD-SEAL-OF-EXCELLENCE@ec.europa.eu





## **Questions and Answers**

