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Partnership for Regional Innovation

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S3 Community of Practice

Flagship initiative of DG Regio:
strategic services to S3 practitioners:

Assessing needs
and co-design
solutions

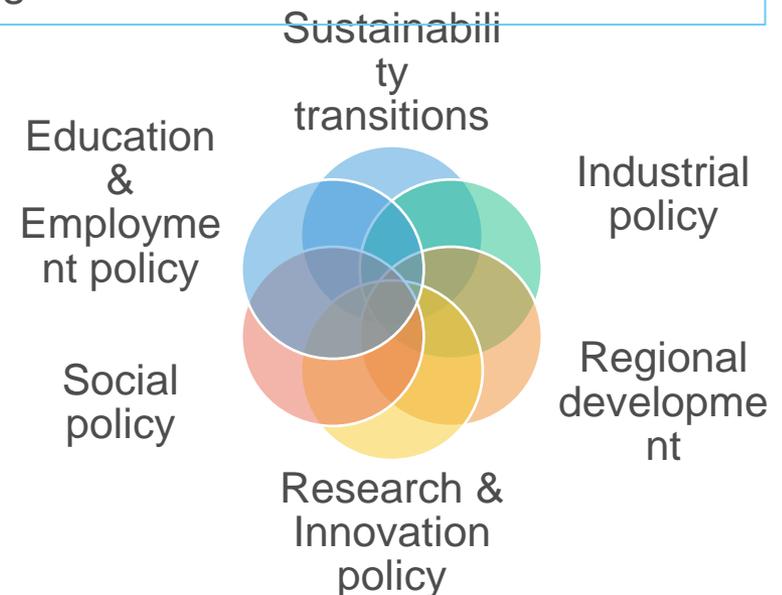
Analytical
approach to
policy dialogue

Hands-on
support to
regions

Partnerships for Regional Innovation

A new strategic approach to innovation-driven **territorial transformation**, based on the experience on Smart Specialisation, linking **EU priorities** with national plans and **place-based** opportunities and challenges

- To mobilise innovation funds beyond ERDF
- To mobilise other policies beyond innovation funding to accelerate the green transition
- To connect better regional and EU innovation funding initiatives



PARTNERSHIPS FOR REGIONAL INNOVATION



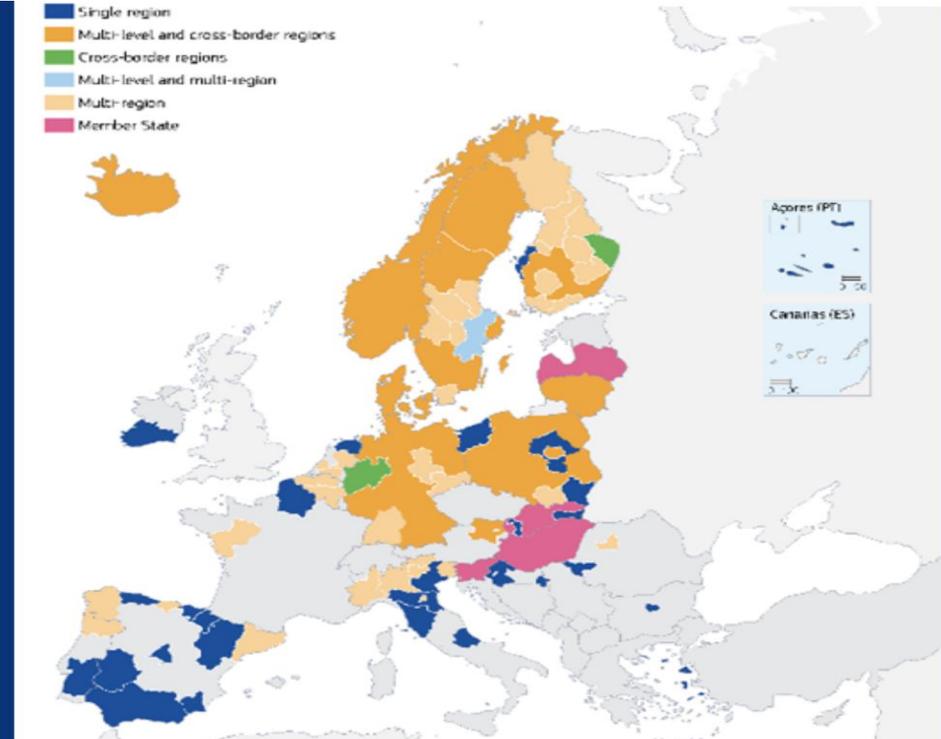
Pilot

(May 2022-June 2023)

74 territories:
7 cities
63 regions
4 Member States



- Single region
- Multi-level and cross-border regions
- Cross-border regions
- Multi-level and multi-region
- Multi-region
- Member State



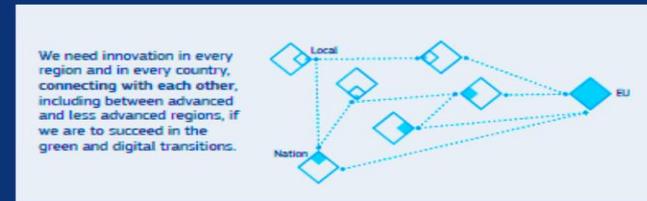
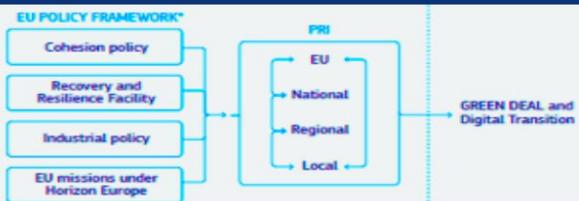
A new Playbook is out

Out 17 May 2022

68 tools to foster innovation for sustainability in territories

<https://s3platform.jrc.ec.europa.eu/pri>

Key concepts



New European Innovation Agenda: five flagships



Regional Innovation Valleys

Call for expression of interest for Regional Innovation Valleys is now open

Today, the Commission launched [a call for expression of interest](#) for Regional Innovation Valleys (RIVs), to strengthen and advance European innovation ecosystems, connecting all EU territories, to address Europe's burning societal challenges, and to foster stronger cohesion.

Under the [New European Innovation Agenda](#) EN, the RIVs aim to harness the potential of deep-tech innovation across the different EU territories, and addresses the innovation divide. It has set the ambitious goal to identify up to 100 regions committed to enhance the coordination and direction of their research and innovation investment and policies, at regional level and to collaborate on inter-regional innovation projects including in deep tech innovation, linked to key EU priorities. The initiative is endorsed by the European Committee of the Regions.



Connecting Regional Innovation Valleys.

INNOVATION VALLEY JOINT INNOVATION PROGRAMME



3-4 INTERREGIONAL COOPERATION PROJECTS

Based on the draft of Future HORIZON-EIE-CONNECT calls shared by DG RDT and DG REGIO

In cooperation with



Who can create a valley? At least 5 national or regional authorities, from at least 5 different Member States or Associated Countries, of which at least 2 are representing a 'moderate' or 'emerging' innovator region and at least 1 is representing a 'strong' or 'innovation leader' innovator region.



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Thank you!

Questions welcome



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