



#SmartRegions



SMART SPECIALISATION

Strengthening Innovation in Europe's Regions

Strategies for resilient, inclusive
and sustainable growth

Smart Specialisation: State of Play

The **smart specialisation** approach was integrated into the reformed cohesion policy (2014-2020) to maximise the positive impact on growth and jobs.

It helped regions and MS in:

- developing a **strategic approach** to innovation (*ex-ante conditionality*)
- **prioritising** public R&I investments
- building on **competitive advantages** specific to their region
- facilitating new **market opportunities** and the access to **new value chains**
- Put in place **reforms of the R&I systems** in about half of the EU MS
- **Break down silos** between departments and improve multi-level governance

Challenge:

*"The benefits of globalisation are unequally spread. It is indispensable to help Europeans **adapt** to these profound changes and to help the EU economy to **become more resilient**. We therefore need to target regional and local investment needs, skills gaps and regulatory obstacles to ensure that **all regions can benefit** from the internal market and better prepare themselves for the challenges of globalisation."*

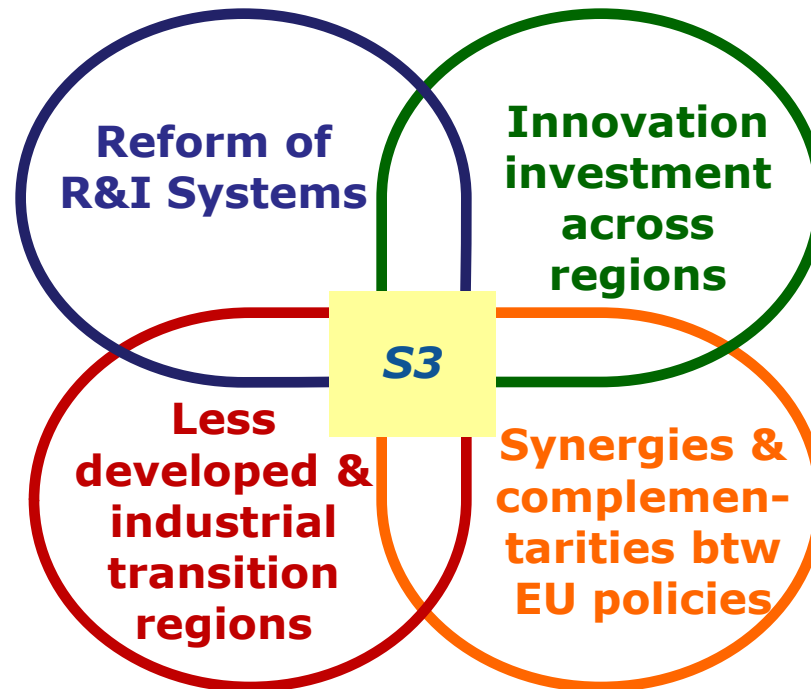


Smart Specialisation: Next Steps

► Step up available policy support:

- Smart Specialisation Platform
- H2020 Policy Support Facility
- SRSS
- European Semester: Dialogue with regions and local authorities.

- ## ► Pilot actions for accelerating innovation uptake, removing investment barriers:
- Lagging regions
 - Regions in industrial transition



► Pilot actions:

- Thematic partnerships to commercialise & scale-up inter-regional projects in value chains; developing bankable projects

► Maximise the impact of different EU funds:

- Facilitate combination of funding instruments, harmonise rules, inter-regional investments
- Mapping of R&I facilities
- Investment envoys

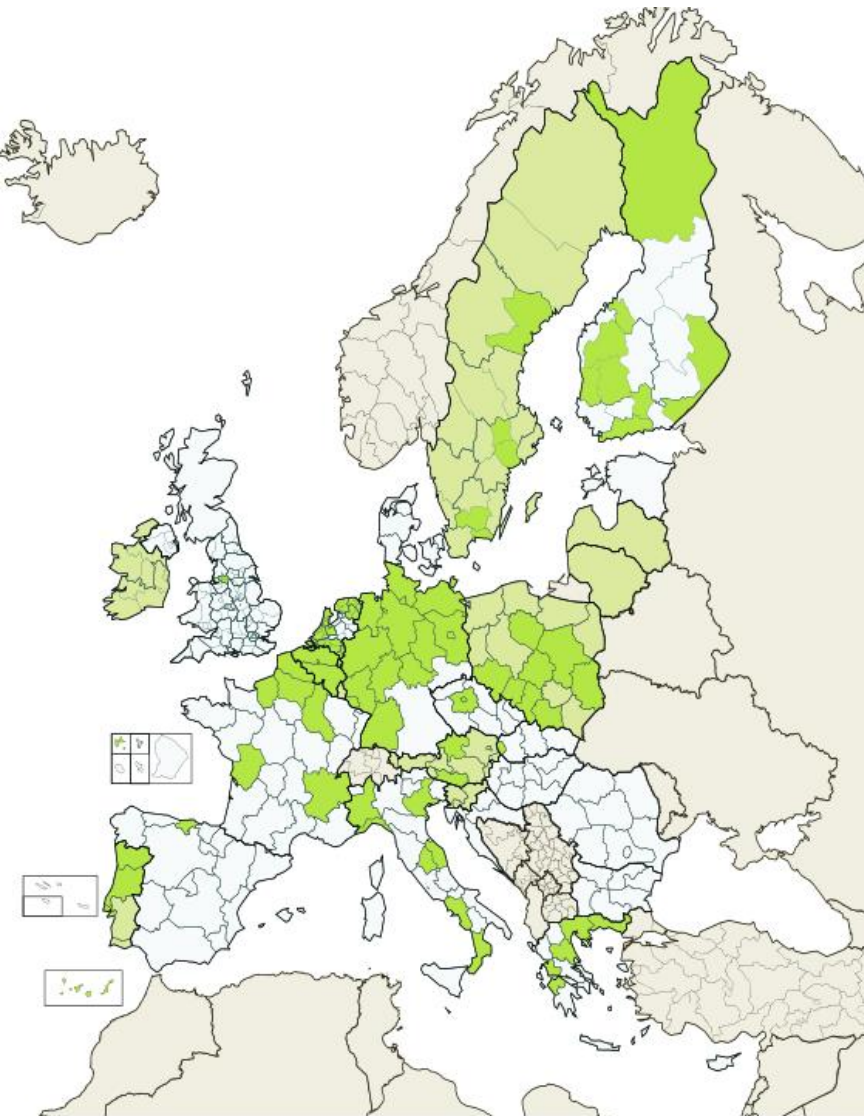
See: [COM\(2017\)376](#) and [SWD\(2017\)264](#)



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Opportunities for regions with chemical industry related S3 priorities:

- **Thematic S3 Platforms' partnerships:**
 - Bio-economy: Food & Feed from Agrofood Waste and Algae
 - Bio-energy
 - Sustainable buildings
 - Non-food biomass
 - Textile innovation
 - Etc.
- **Pilot for interregional cooperation along value chains**
- **Pilot for industrial transition regions**



Source: <http://s3platform.jrc.ec.europa.eu/eye-ris3>