"*Rural Development Innovation Week*"
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Tuscany RIS3: objectives & priorities (2014)

1) **Investing on excellences;**

2) **Mitigating inbalances.**

ICT Photonics

Smart Factory

Chem&Nanotech

Strong focus

- Enhancing "dynamic" companies towards strategic investments in R&D;
- Horizontal policies to activate backwards linkages.

Tuscany RIS3: budget (2014)

Direct Support (ERDF – EARDF)

R&D	108M€
Innovation	305M€
Enabling initiatives	445M€
Total	**858M€**

Undirect Support

Digital Agenda
ESF ROP
Regional Development Programme

778M€

RIS3 Mid Term Review (MTR): *special focus on…*

INTERREGIONAL POSITIONING and POLICY FRAMEWORK ANALYSIS

TERRITORIAL PARTICIPATION

1 ROADMAPS UPDATE

3 ASSESSMENT

5 VALIDATION

MTR: interregional positioning

What is it all about?

A fact-checking analysis on the international positioning of main innovation roadmaps can provide **_more details_** on regional strengths and weaknesses as well as support policy makers in more effective and **_sounded policies_**.

International positioning is checked through:

- Analysis of **FDIs** regarding the innovation roadmaps;
- Analysis of **H2020 projects** with Tuscan organisations;
- Analysis of **GVCs** and economic dynamics.

HOW

WHY?

In order to be effective and sustainable innovation policies require a good knowledge of the international framework, in terms of competitive arena, scientific partnership, innovation networks. Decision making needs to pay attention also to **_dynamics outside regional borders._**

MTR: *territorial proofing of roadmaps*

A synthesis of "**Territorial Impact Assessment**" (TIA) and "**Rural Proofing**" (RP) aim at providing a **place-evidence** contribution on the relevance of strategic roadmaps and their **expected impacts at territorial level**.

Analyse the potential application of innovation roadmaps to territories:
- correlation of the **innovation roadmaps** to **territorial value chains**;
- analysis of "**territorial endowments**" enabling roadmaps effectiveness;
- feedback from **S3 local development stakeholders**.

The aim is to **combine excellence** with **relevance;** supporting **excellences** while reducing **disparities** and fostering equal development **opportunities**: "*from rivalry to synergy*"!

Tuscany S3Ps Partnerships

Platform	Thematic areas	Role	# partners
Agrifood	High tech farming	Leading region	24
IM	Industry 4.0 for SMEs	Partner	6
IM	Med-Tech	Partner	14
IM	Digitalisation and Safety for Tourism	Partner	8
IM	Smart Regional Investments in Textile Innovation	Interested Region	13

Smart Agrifood

Enterprise 4.0

Health and Life Sciences

Enterprise 4.0

Enterprise 4.0

Work in progress on:
- Technologies for Geothermal Energy Sources;
- Cultural and Creative Industries.

Energy - Green Economy

Culture - Cultural Heritage

Tuscany RIS3 - MTR: governance

1) Regional Steering Committee;

2) S3 Observatory (Mirror group):

After the MTR, the S3 Observatory is composed of the main regional innovation stakeholders:

- Technological Districts representatives;
- Trade associations representatives; *New*
- Chambers of Commerce representatives; *New*
- Academia representatives; *New*
- Public Institutions representatives; *New*
- LAGs representatives; *New*
- EIPs representatives. *New*

OBJECTIVES

Strategy sound financial management and implementation

Complementarity and synergies with National Smart Specialisation Strategy and other national R&D support instruments

Enhancing regional assets in S3 Thematic platform and other EU instruments along interregional cooperation logics

Food for thoughts….

- The importance of **territorial cohesion** and of **interregional dynamics** within innovation policies;

- In order to be really «smart» and to take up innovation dynamics, Regional innovation strategies have to encompass **not only European Structural and Investments Funds** (including EARDF) **but also other EU policy instruments** and promote a **multilevel governance**;

- **RIS3 as an ongoing process of governance enforcement** for innovation scale-up;

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