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 #S3platform

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JRC B.3 Territorial Development

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EUSAIR: Thematic scope -

- limited number of specific objectives...

...that contribute to the institutional capacity building and develop and disseminate good practices and lessons relevant for the countries in the EU Macro-Regions



Pillar 1



Pillar 2



Pillar 3



Pillar 4



Cross-cutting aspects

Capacity building - including communication, **Research & Innovation** and **SME development**

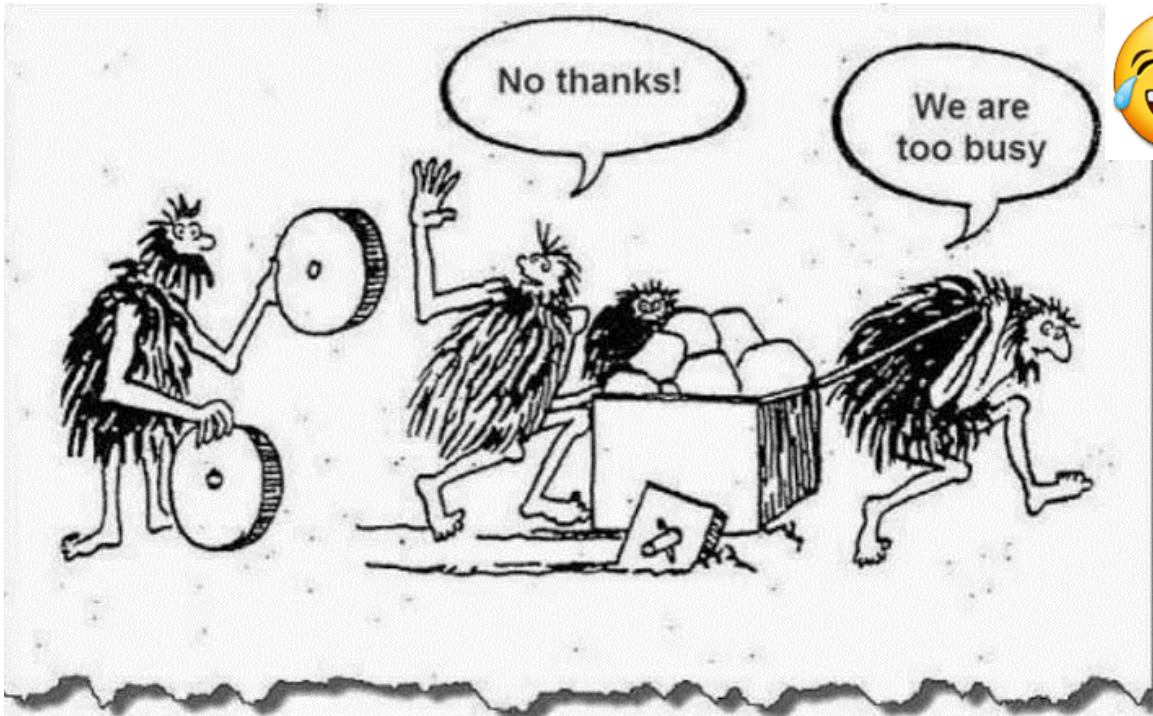
Horizontal principles

Climate change mitigation and adaptation & disaster risk management

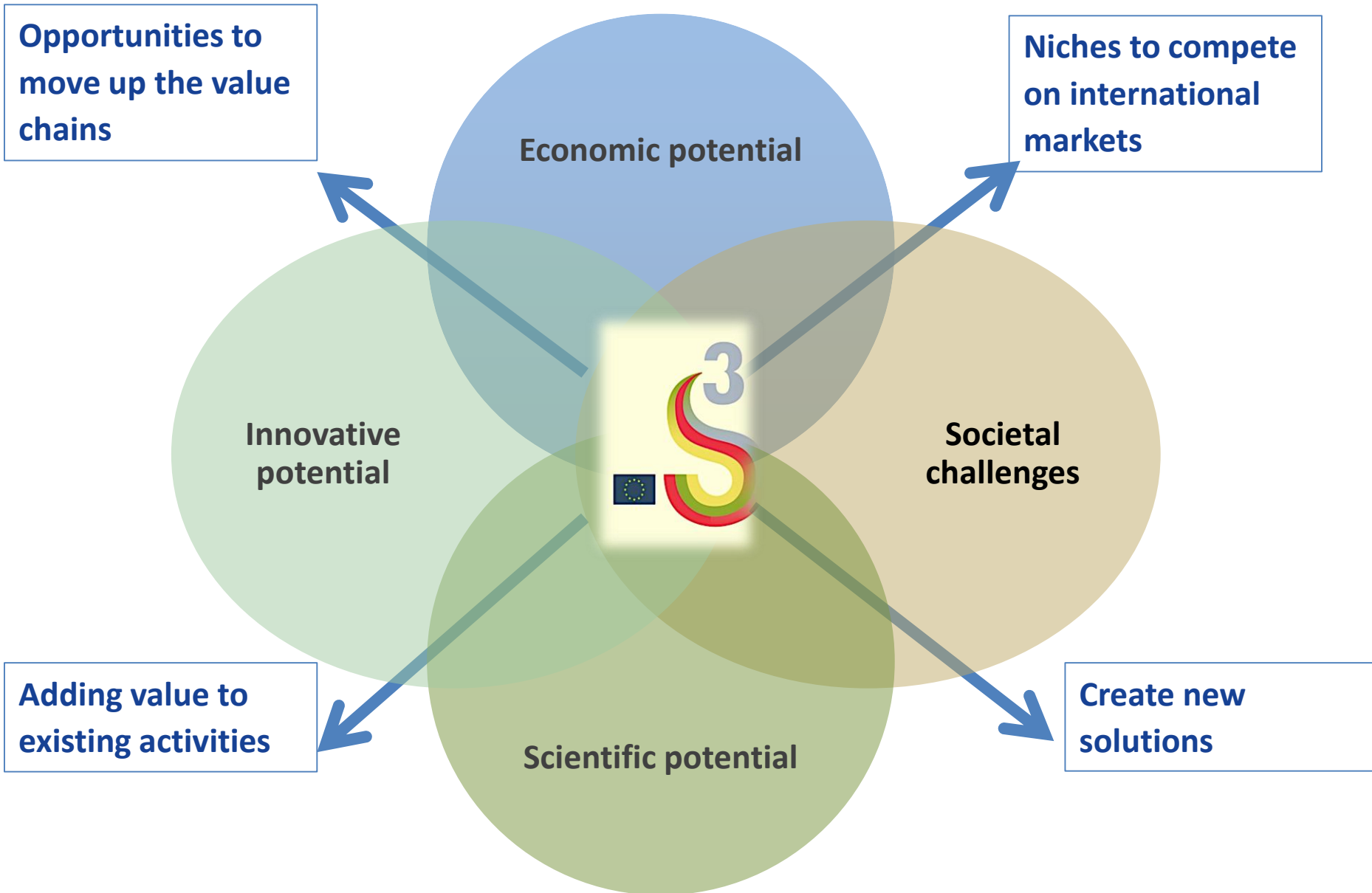
Innovation in support to development Policies:

...fundamental precondition = favourable policy framework for innovation!

Smart Specialisation (S3) as the Enabler of fully functioning Innovation Ecosystems



Concept of smart specialisation (S3)



S3 as a response to challenges in Europe and beyond



Industrial strategy

Inclusive growth

Globalisation

Reforms of
research and
innovation
systems

Innovation
investments
across regions

**SMART
SPECIALISATION**

Less developed
and industrial
transition regions

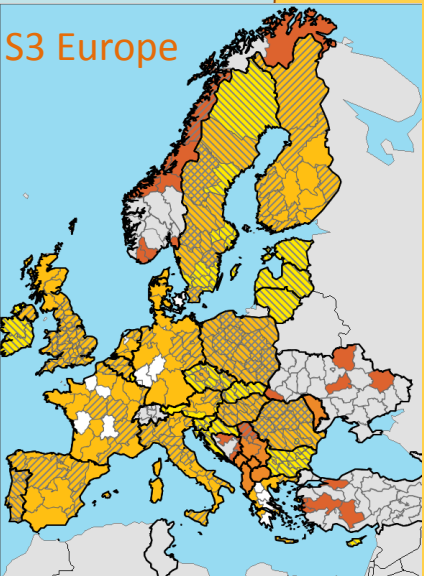
Synergies and
complementarities
between EU
policies and
instruments

Multi-annual
Financial
Framework

Cohesion Policy
pre- and post-2020

European value
chains

S3 Europe



S3 Worldwide



Status vis-a-vis the S3

EU:120 S3 strategies
93 Actions Plans



EUSAIR – large variety among the regions/countries regarding the Innovation Eco-Systems & the S3 Process! (NEAR: EU Engagement with the WB-Six Flagship Initiatives & Action Plan with 57 Actions! ➔ 3° enhanced support for socio-economic development!)

Smart Specialisation in MRSs & beyond the EU

JRC S3 Platform's S3 Framework for E&N countries in support to smart specialisation in the H2020 associated countries:

- Advanced S3 activities: **Montenegro & Serbia**
- Initiated S3 activities: **Albania & North Macedonia**
+ Neighbourhood: Moldova & Ukraine
- Initial S3 awareness activities: **Kosovo*** & **Turkey**
+ Neighbourhood: Tunisia & Georgia

* This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244/1999 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence.

JRC S3 Enlargement countries' activities 2019

Country Fiches: Smart Specialisation in the Western Balkans

The collage displays several country fiches for Smart Specialisation in the Western Balkans and Turkey. Each fiche includes:

- 1. Facts & Figures:** Key indicators such as population, GDP, largest economy, Global Innovation Index, R&D expenditure, Government effectiveness score, and Ease of Doing Business score.
- 2. General Framework Related to S3:** Information on the Smart Specialisation (S3) process, including the general framework, institutional capacity building, and the role of the Joint Research Centre (JRC).
- 3. Institutional Capacity Building:** Details on the training and capacity building activities organized in the country.
- 4. Analysis of Economic, Social and Innovative Potential:** An analysis of the country's economic, social, and innovative potential, including mapping of economic growth potential and identification of key sectors.

Accompanying the fiches is a screenshot of the **SMART SPECIALISATION PLATFORM** website, which provides a central hub for information on S3 cooperation, national strategies, and facts & figures for each country.

Country Pages:

S3P-Website "EU Enlargement"

1. Institutional Capacity Building

In April 2018, a comprehensive training on S3 with the focus on the entrepreneurial discovery process (EDP) was organized in Ljubljana. Participants were presented with good practice examples and trained on how to prepare the EDP and its major steps, what challenges to expect, and how to overcome them.

In July 2018, a well-attended awareness raising event took place in Tirana. The event was funded by UNDP and co-organised by JRC. Presentations covered main steps in the S3 process and overall challenges with a special focus on mapping.

In November 2018, a TAEX workshop on smart specialisation took place in Brussels. During the workshop, good practice examples from the EU and the Western Balkans on how to organise the mapping process and the EDP and how to monitor smart specialisation were introduced.

Timeline of the JRC S3 activities in support of the E&N countries

"Smart Danube" - Horizontal JRC support activity to the EU Macro-regional Strategy for the Danube

2013

2014

2015

2016

2017/18

- S3 trainings in Belgrade & Skopje (RS/MK)
- S3 for Danube seminar
- Peer review in Novi Sad (RS)
- S3 for Danube workshop
- JRC Annual EUSDR Event with particular attention to non-EU Danube partners
- S3 design WS in Chisinau (MD)
- JRC S3 info day in Kiev (UA)
- JRC S3 pilot project for **Serbia, Moldova, Ukraine + Montenegro**



S3 Framework for E&N Countries

Step-by-Step approach to designing the whole strategy process

Start !



INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY
BUILDING



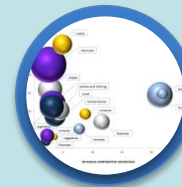
ENTREPRENEURIAL
DISCOVERY PROCESS



INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY
FOR IMPLEMENTATION



FINAL S3 STRATEGY



MAPPING EXERCISE

JRC S3 Framework for E&N Countries

- Decision to start S3
- Analysis of strategic mandates

1. Institutional capacity building



- Quantitative analysis
- Qualitative analysis

2. Mapping exercise



- EDP training
- Consultation with stakeholders in workshops
- EDP input for S3

3. Stakeholder dialogue



- Design of monitoring system
- Creation of mechanism for implementation

4. Institutional capacity for implementation



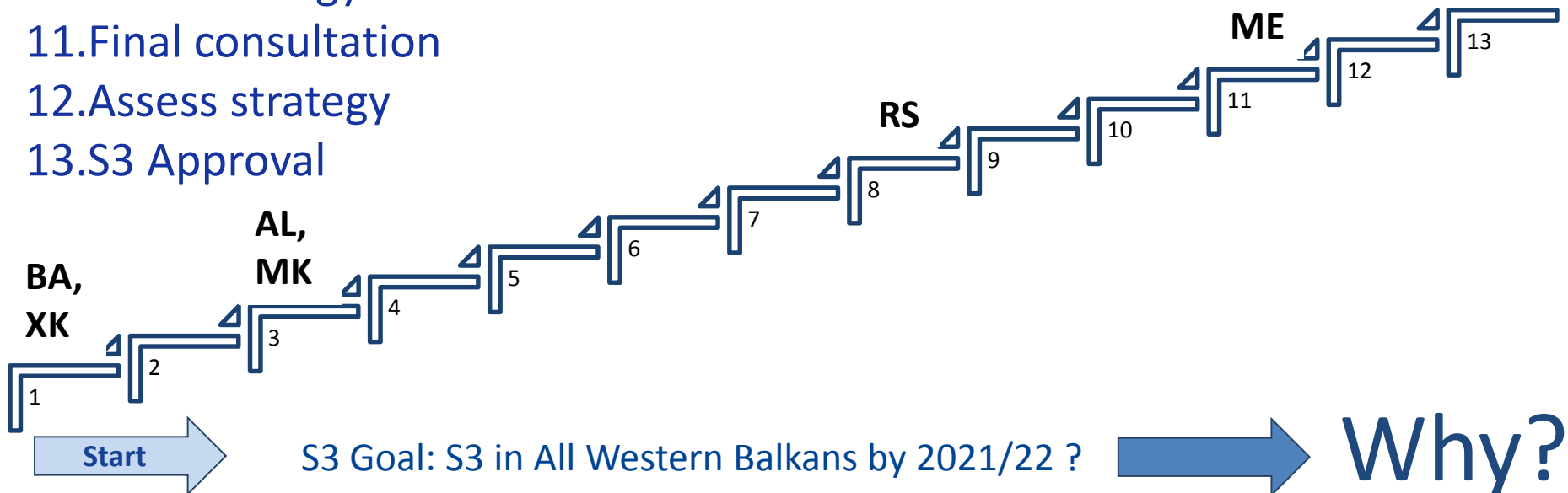
- Draft strategy consultation
- Final draft submission
- National approval
- EC approval

5. Final strategy approval



Where are the WB countries in the S3 process?

1. Decide to start
2. Strategic mandate
3. Mapping (quant.)
4. Analyse priority domains (qual.)
5. Decide on preliminary priorities
6. Identify stakeholders
7. Define WGs
8. EDP meetings & final priorities
9. M&E, roadmap & financing
10. Draft strategy doc
11. Final consultation
12. Assess strategy
13. S3 Approval

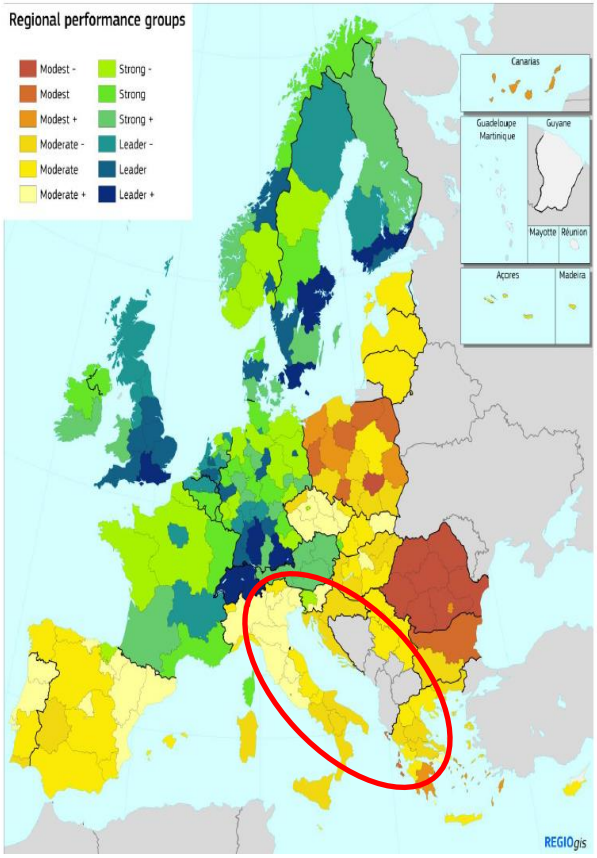


...Forging Strategic Partnerships and Cooperation with the EU regions/MS

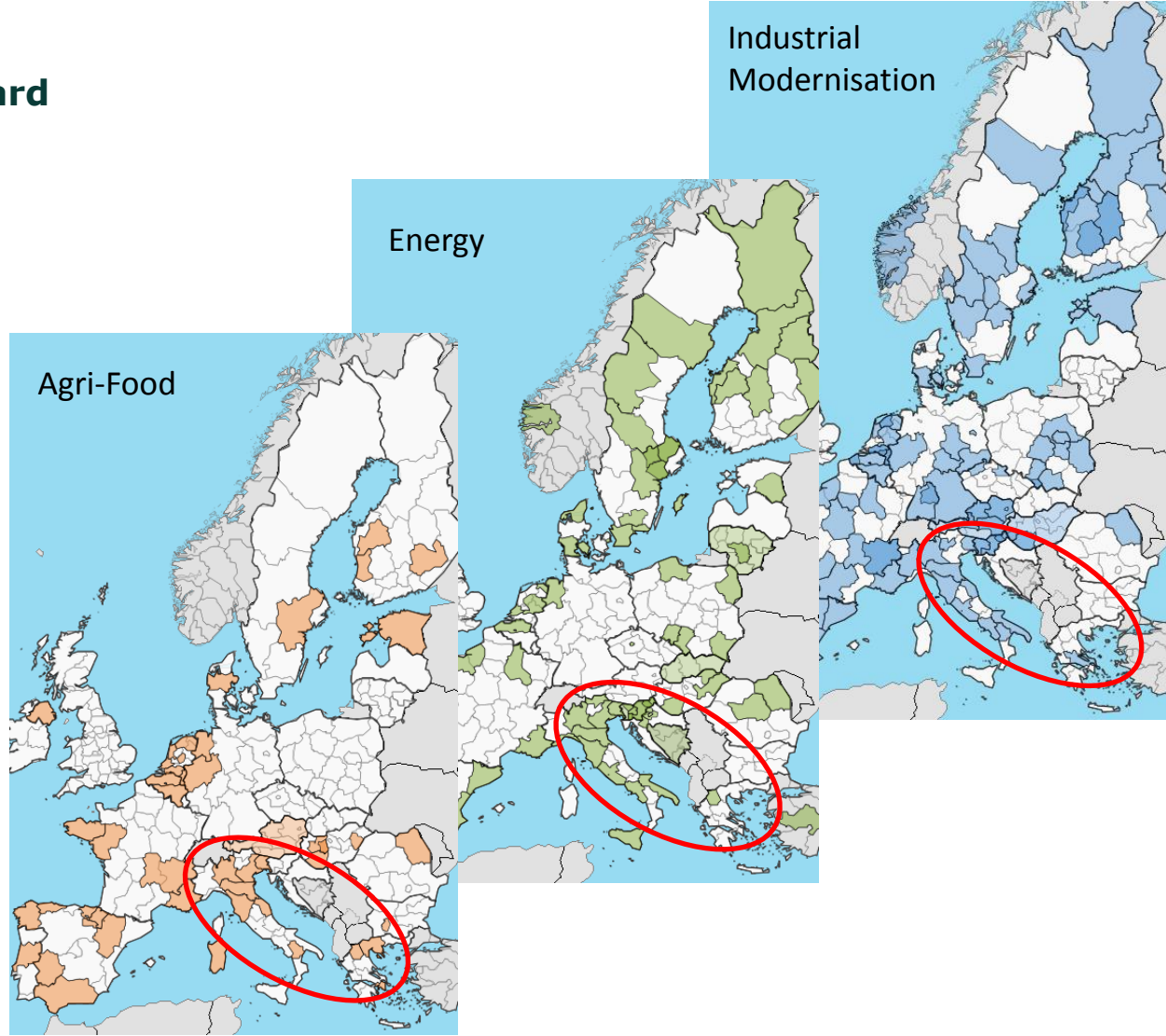
Participation in the Thematic S3 Partnerships 2019

Regional Innovation Scoreboard

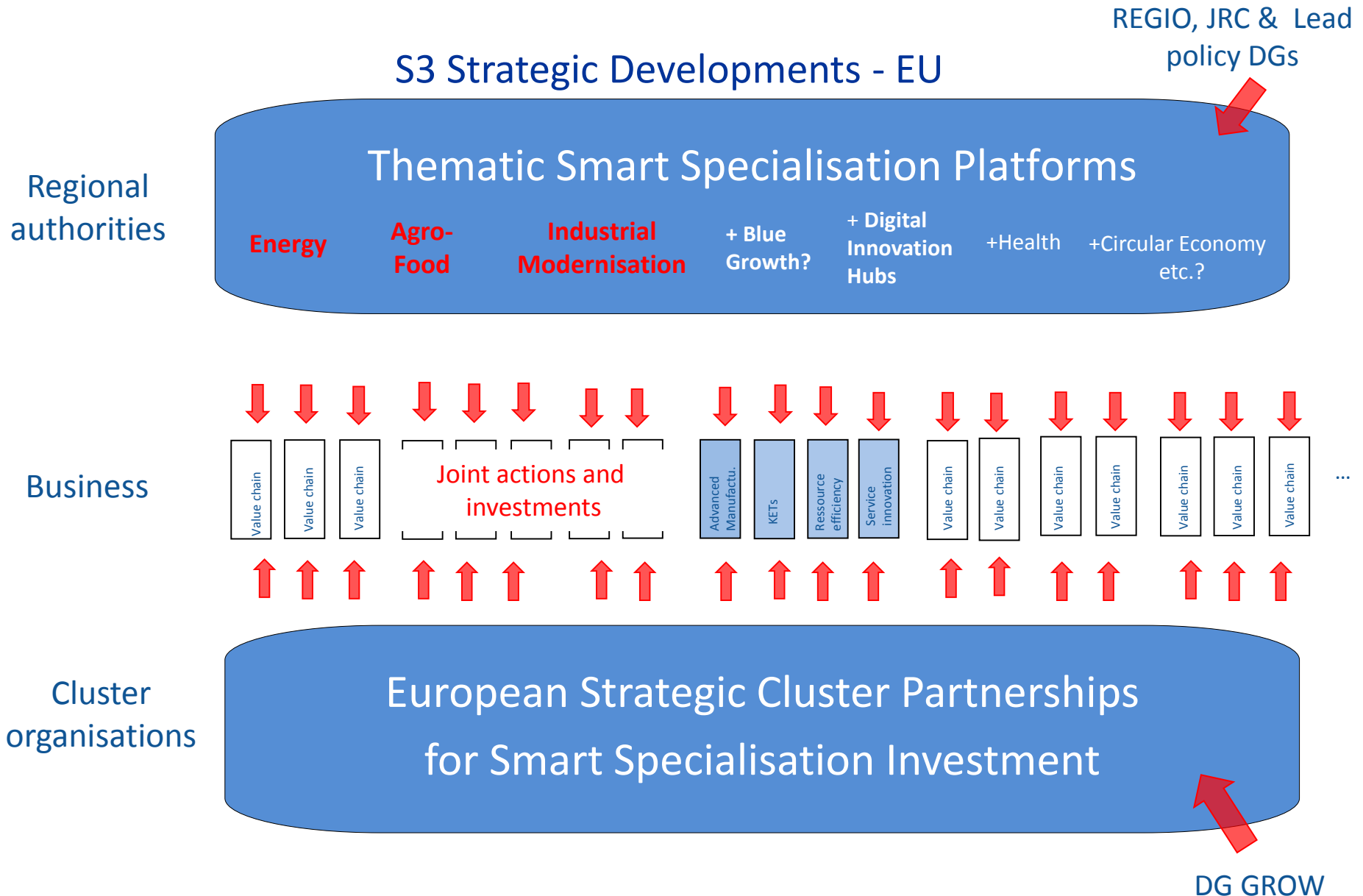
2018



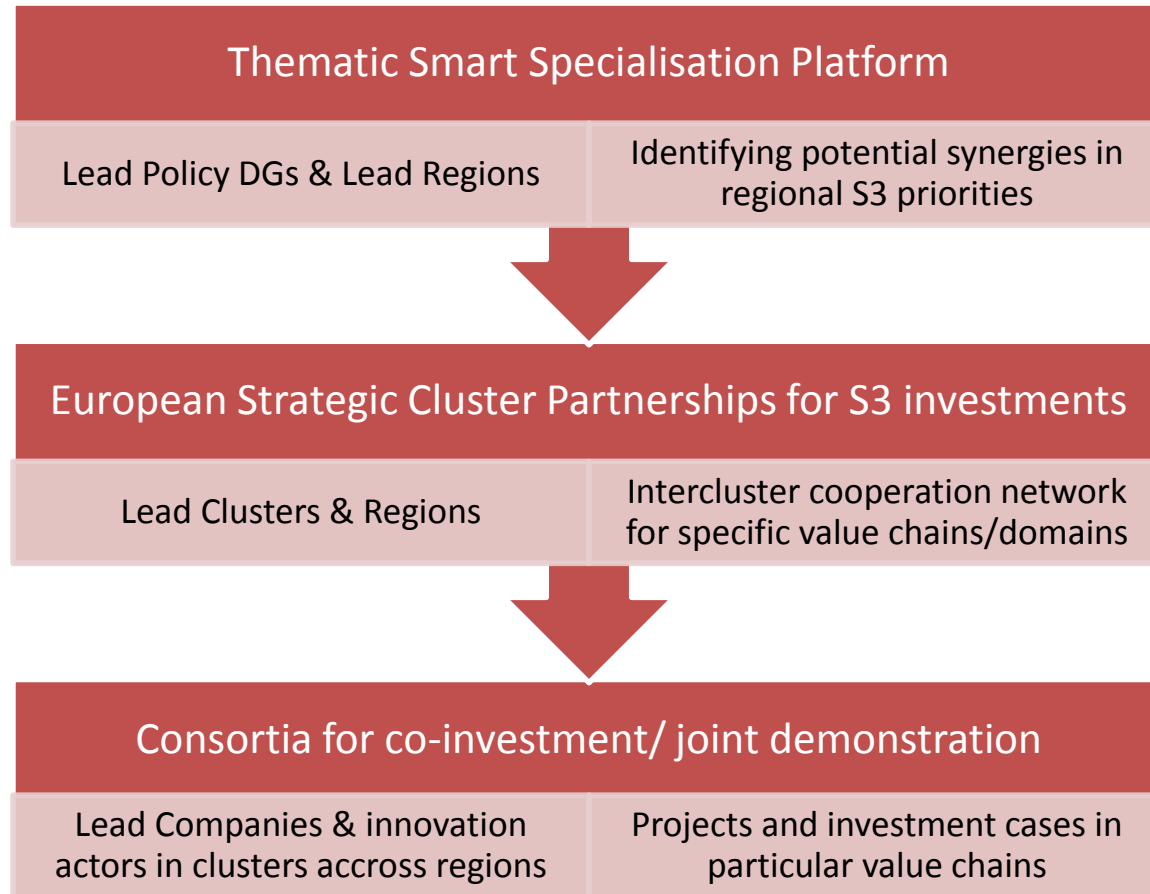
EUSAIR area



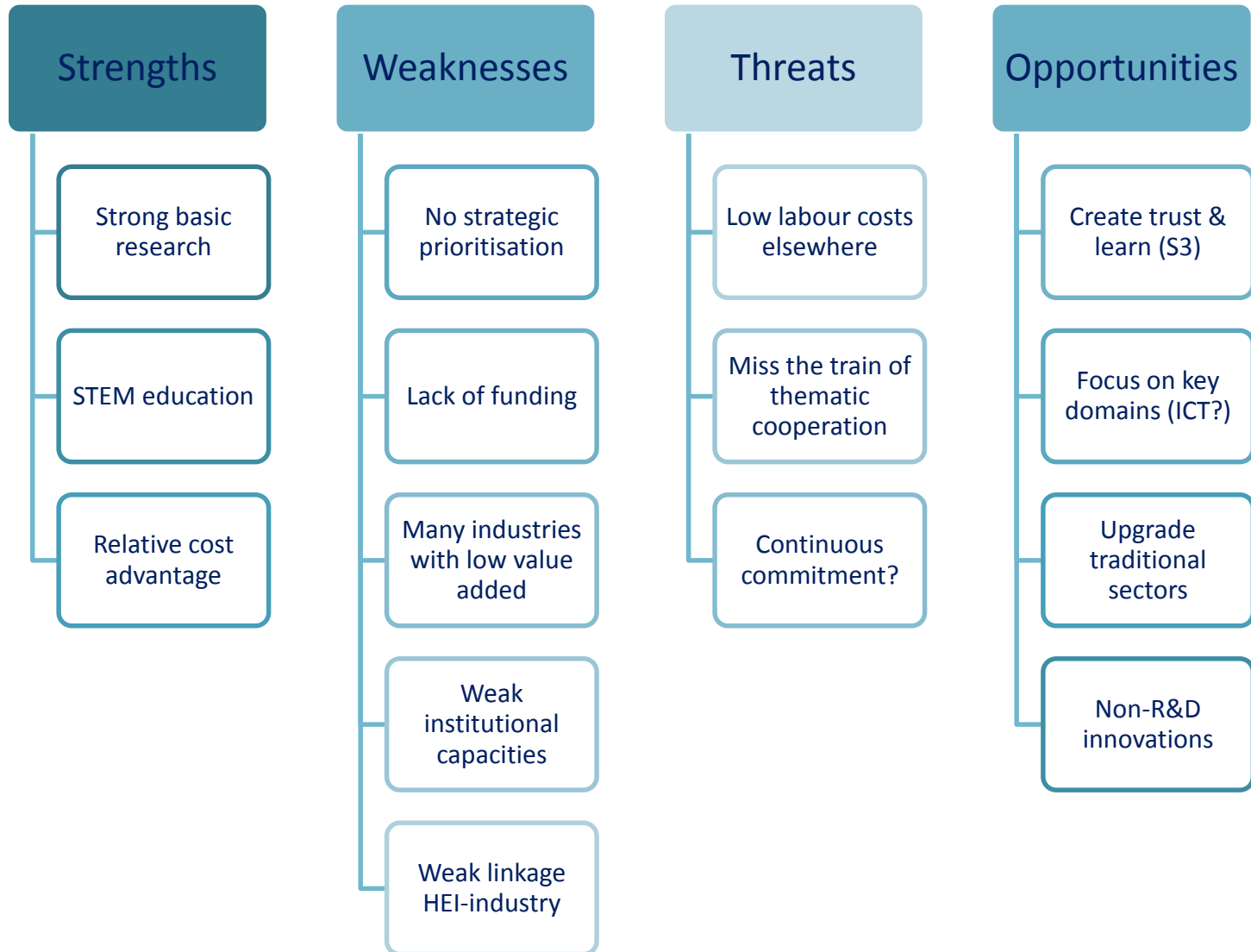
S3 Linking Public Admin. & Businesses at the EU level



Three steps of the 'Entrepreneurial Discovery Process' at the EU-level



S3 Revealed policy weaknesses and capacity issues in the innovation eco-systems across the WB and EUSAIR Countries





Thanks for your Attention!

Any questions?

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