



PA7 Working Group on RIS3 – introduction of the new implementation plan

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RIS3 Overview

R&I Strategies for Smart Specialisation (RIS3) = economic transformation agendas that do five important things:

- ▶ focus policy support and investments on key national/regional priorities, challenges and needs for knowledge-based development, including ICT-related measures;
- ▶ build on each country's/region's strengths, competitive advantages and potential for excellence;
- ▶ support technological as well as practice-based innovation and aim to stimulate private sector investment;
- ▶ get stakeholders fully involved and encourage innovation and experimentation;
- ▶ evidence-based and include sound monitoring and evaluation systems.

(according to „Guide to Research and Innovation Strategies for Smart Specialisation (RIS 3)“)

PA7 Actions related to the WG on RIS3

- ▶ **Action 5: To support exchange of information and experience sharing for the purpose of preparation of future strategic R&I documents applicable in the new programming period**

Targeted activities: To further promote, implement and make use of the smart specialisation strategies in the whole Danube Region. To continue close cooperation with national and EU institutions in charge (in particular with the JRC).

- ▶ **Action 6: To promote horizontal cooperation in science and technology across all PAs and other MRS**

Targeted activities: To implement common activities like joint Steering Group meetings, joint support for project proposals, workshops etc.; providing and building on scientific evidence, publications etc. especially where these refer to the Danube Region (e.g. JRC reports).

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Contribution to implementation of targeted activities	Concrete steps to be taken
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To ensure the exchange of data and experiences in development and implementation of RIS3 in different countries in the Danube region• To identify the common priorities and create the regional value chain – towards the smart Danube region• To provide the continuation of successful cooperation with the Joint Research Center (JRC) of European Commission (EC)• To explore the possibilities to join thematic smart specialisation platforms and to support interregional cooperation in the context of smart specialisation areas related to agri-food, energy and industrial modernization as well as to develop STI roadmaps for SDGs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Data collection on RIS3 in Danube Region and on best practices• Study on policy recommendations on RIS3 implementation, evaluation, and monitoring in the Danube Region.• Screening and identification of the common priorities in different countries/regions of the Danube region• Organization of the meetings with JRC on regular bases• Screening the possibilities and funds for interregional cooperation in the Danube region and broader and for joining to JRC thematic platforms• STI roadmaps developments - UN pilot

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Contribution to implementation of targeted activities	Concrete steps to be taken
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To explore the possibilities with EC/JRC and DTP to manage the support to the common S3 priorities• To organize the S3/TT workshops together with JRC• To continue with providing and further building the evidence of S3 development in different regions by JRC S3 Platform	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Organization of the meetings with JRC and DTP to discuss the possibilities to design the support for the implementation of the common S3 priorities at regional level.• Organisation of thematic RIS3/TT workshops• Regular updating of the JRC S3 platform by continuous providing of data related to RIS3 in different countries of the Danube region to JRC



Finalized, ongoing and future steps

- ▶ **High level dialogue on the Partnership in Action on Science, Technology and Innovation for SDGs Roadmaps, 9 July**
- ▶ **Smart Specialisation for Sustainable Development Goals Brainstorming workshop for the countries and regions interested to apply S3 for SDGs methodology, 21 July 2021**
- ▶ **Virtual Meeting of the Western Balkans Platforms on Education and Culture & Research and Innovation, S3 Study Presentation Event, 22 September 2021**
- ▶ **The first S3 thematic workshop on agrifood in the Western Balkans, October 5-6**
- ▶ **Strengthening Technology Transfer in Europe Focus in the Western Balkans and South-East Europe, November 17-19, Trieste**
- ▶ **The S3-SDGs Serbian Pilot: Pilot methodology for mapping SDGs in the context of Smart Specialisation Strategies, November 23**
- ▶ **3rd Annual International Conference Smart Specialisation: dialogue for regional transformation, December 16th**
- ▶ **Survey**
 - ▶ On Framework on implementation, challenges/achievements, monitoring, evaluation, Thematic Platforms and Macro-regional S3 Partnerships, RIS3 and Covid 19

WG Membership

- ▶ Representatives of the countries in the Danube region, desirably the colleagues who are dealing with S3 in different countries/regions
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