



# **Peer Review Event on RIS3 In Eastern Macedonia And Thrace**

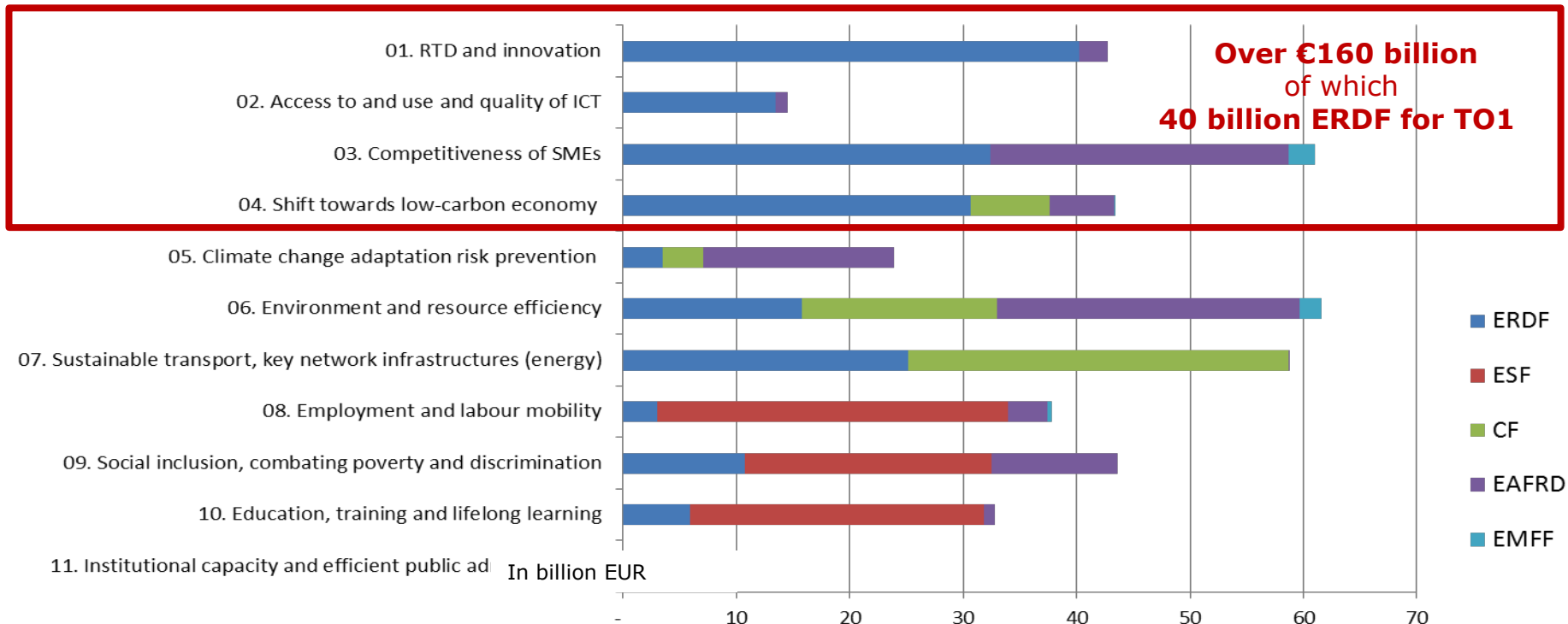
## **Overview of RIS3**

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# Operational Programmes adoption: State of play

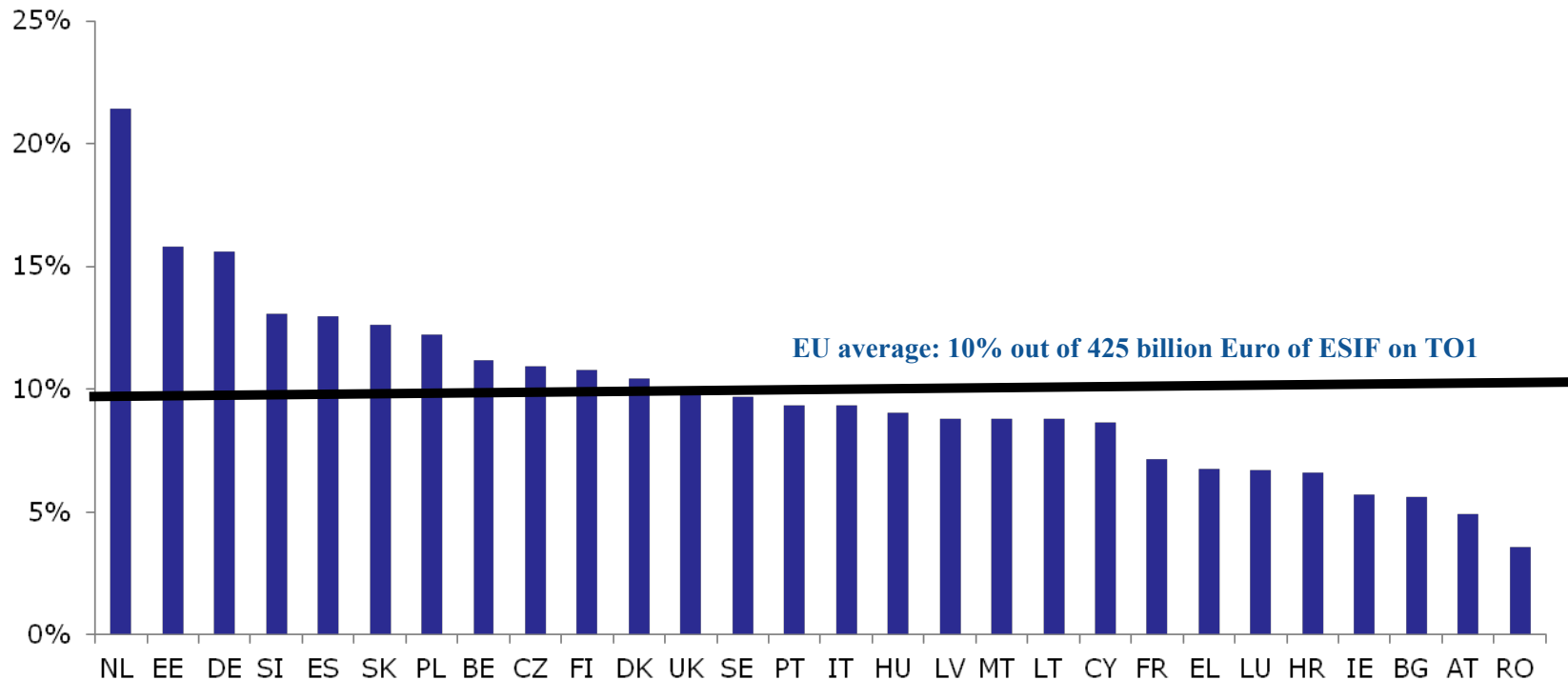
- **As of 31 January - (205 formal OPs received in 2014)**
  - 130 OPs adopted, 35 are ready for adoption by end February, 40 under negotiation
- - 77 action plans for TO1



Source: Final ESF partnership agreements as of December 2014

# Greece allocation: 1,3 billion Euro out of total 19,7 billion Euro in ESIF for Greece in 2014-20

Share of TO1 in total ESIF allocation by country\*



\*based on PA / subject to possible modifications after finalisation of the negotiations of Operational Programmes



# State of play of RIS3 Process

## Strengths

- Paradigm shift in innovation policy design
- Concept academically accepted
- Ex ante conditionality gives clout
- Fresh start for innovation policy governance & priorities in many countries & regions
- Role & potential of regions in innovation policy (place-based)
- Collaboration among research, innovation, industry policies also at EU level

## Weaknesses (in some cases)

- Re-packaging of old strategies in some MS
- Entrepreneurial Discovery Process unbalanced and non-participatory
- Policy mix conservative & horizontal
- Intervention logic fuzzy
- Lack of vision / ambition for transformation
- Popular / catch-all "priorities"
- Multi-level governance unclear
- International outlook & connectivity low

## Threats (in some cases)

- Silo-thinking: Science-Industry-Agriculture-Social&Employment-Transport-Energy-Environment-Health ...
- Missing links: Demand side, public sector innovation, social innovation, skills gaps
- Low impact due to unclear concentration commitments & narrow ERDF-TO1 view
- Monitoring systems unfit to spot changes in priorities
- Drop in motivation after EAC fulfilment
- Lack of administrative capacities

## Opportunities

- Synergies across EU programmes and national funds
- Critical mass, value chains via trans-national cooperation: Vanguard, Macro-regional strategies, INTERREG, COSME& Horizon2020
- Info-exchange: Monitoring, data collection..
- Improved innovation support policy mix & delivery mechanisms
- Mutual learning
- Action Plans & technical assistance
- More precise RIS3 priorities in revision

# Main challenges for Commission to make smart specialisation work:

- 1. Keep the ball rolling:** RIS3 is conceived as an on-going (and reiterative) process with stakeholder involvement (Entrepreneurial Discovery Process), monitoring and adjustments until 2020...
- 2. Implementation tools & capacities:** quality of the implementation and impact depend on suitability of the support tools, the administrative capacities to design such tools and manage them effectively and efficiently
- 3. International opening and cooperation:** generate critical mass via combining forces, complementing capacities and getting the chain links together for value chains. Role for **synergies with Horizon 2020**...

President Juncker's focus for Commissioner Crețu:

- *Ensuring that the **new conditionality provisions of the Funds are respected and perform their role...***
- *Contributing to:*
  - 300bn investment package
  - Energy Union
  - Digital Single Market
- *Ensuring **coherence and coordination** between all funds covered by the Common Strategic Framework, as well as **maximising synergies** with instruments available at EU level...*

# Lessons from yesterday

**Table A-1 Governance mechanism:** cooperative structures, leadership and animation skills, neutrality in decision taking, resistance to political shocks, TO1 only for RIS3 and to boost regional/national economy, clear rules between national and regional,

**Table B-1 Implementation of RIS3 / Action Plans:** strategy into implementation (paper into jobs); who? what? when? action plans are dynamic linked to EDP, existing eco-system, selection criteria crucial

**Table C-1 Mobility agreement:** critical mass of researchers needed, use of EU programmes to attract good researchers, Phd courses for entrepreneurs or employees, traineeships in companies in university curriculum, research-industry short-term staff exchanges

Today session

*Table A-2 Monitoring & Evaluation System*

*Table B-2 State aid rules and legislation opportunities and restrictions*

*Table C-2 Mobility agreement and training needs*

# Thank you for your attention!

*For more information:*

- *on Cohesion Policy:*  
[http://ec.europa.eu/regional\\_policy/index\\_en.cfm](http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/index_en.cfm)
- *on Smart Specialisation Strategies*  
<http://s3platform.jrc.ec.europa.eu/s3pguide>