Strategic planning co-design and participatory agenda setting in R&I: Regions engaging in Horizon Europe

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Brussels-based network of regions focusing on research and innovation policy and programmes

Support regional actors to develop their innovation ecosystems and to enhance research and innovation capacities

125 regions - 22 countries
ERRIN CONTRIBUTION – Key messages

• Horizon Europe is key to provide **solutions for the environmental, social and economic transformations** needed to tackle the challenges faced by regions and cities

• **Regional and local innovation ecosystems** are crucial to achieve the targeted impact of Horizon Europe as innovation happens in places

• **Ecosystems based on collaboration between a range of stakeholders** – academia, industry, different levels of the public sector, and civil society – are a key to reach demand-driven, sustainable and impactful innovations with a wide public acceptance

• **Demand-driven projects**, involving all relevant actors, will ensure better conditions for scale-up and uptake of innovative solutions
Regional innovation Ecosystems

**Vision and strategy for MinaSmart – Auvergne Rhone Alpes**

“Digital Innovation Hubs (DIH) should be a tool that is embedded in the regional ecosystem and contributes to the digital transformation within the region”

**A strong digital innovation ecosystem**

(work in progress)

Collaboration starting on
- Services, e.g. access to technology platforms, technology transfer
- Common calls for projects for SMEs
- Technical collaboration
- Exchange of PhD students
ERRIN CONTRIBUTION – Key messages

• Coordination between research and innovation agendas on a local, regional, national, and European level increase the impact of investments and efficient use of Horizon Europe.

• Horizon Europe, Structural funds and other EU funding programmes to work in synergy complementing each other.

• Create synergies and complementarities between RIS3, S3 partnerships, and European partnerships as well as more broadly to the R&I orientations and intervention areas in Horizon Europe.

• Provide opportunities and platforms for the coordination and dialogue. Will the EIC Forum be the platform for coordination, collaboration and creation of further synergies between priorities, programmes and implementation?
Synergies in action

• Connecting existing partnerships and collaboration initiatives
  • Interregional Partnership for Safe and Sustainable Mobility and European Partnership for Safe and Automated Road Transport under Horizon Europe

• Coordination activities
  • National and regional representatives group under Batteries Europe (European Technology and Innovation Platform)
Pillar II – Global challenges
- Flexibility – “steer without being prescriptive”
- Collaborative projects with ecosystem approach
- “Theme integration” and coherence

“The EU will also in synergy with other Horizon Europe activities, including those of the EIC and EIT, and with the regional smart specialisation strategies: promote and co-fund joint innovation programmes…” (Pillar III)

Expert and advisory groups
- All stakeholder groups represented in the various advisory groups: Mission Boards and Assemblies, EIC Forum, …