

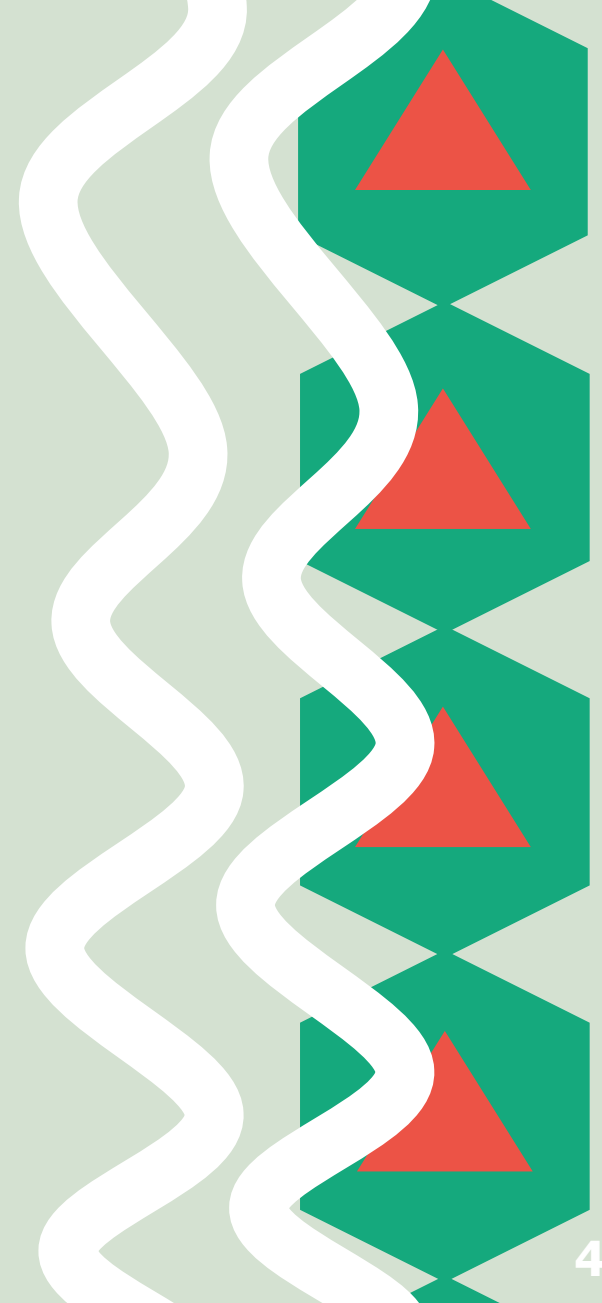
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The importance of smart specialization for enhancing research and industrialization across EU regions

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The importance of the Regional Innovation Ecosystems

- These ecosystems:
 - Make the links between research and business
 - Are well known to territorial actors
 - Promote excellence to create disruptive innovations
 - **So must be taken into account in the FP10**

Innovation in Europe cannot develop without regional ecosystems

Why Smart Specialization is important for regions?

- A crossing between **research strengths** and **economic sectors with high potential** for **innovation** and development, **with the aim of transformation**



Why European regions really have to choose their areas of specialization?

- To organize the territorial strengths for driving innovation
- To unite its players around its strengths
- To target its resources
- To increase national and international visibility



Example: Centre-Val de Loire Region

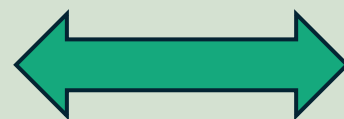
Sectors	Research strength	Economic strength
Environmental technologies	BRGM (Geological and Mining Research)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Regional Waste and Circular Economy Observatory - 2024 Regional Water Conf.
Therapy and medications	60 laboratories antibody, infectious diseases, biomedicine,	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 61 industrial establishments - 13 172 salaries - export: 5,3 billions €
Cosmetic	28 laboratories cosmetic valley: 1 st global resource center for perfumery and cosmetics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 111 industrial establishments - 7500 salaries - export: 3,7 billions €
Energy	INSA (National Institute of Applied Research Hydrogen laboratory	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 4 nuclear power plant - 14 hydrogen projects - 100% of its energy needs by renewable energy by 2050
Heritage and tourism	MSH (human sciences) ECHOES coordinator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Loire Valley Castle - Loire by bike - Bourges: European Capital of Culture 2028
Materials	CNRS	automotive, defense, aeronautics
Agricultural and forestry transition	INRAE (National Institute for Agricultural Research)	“granary of France”, breeding, 940 000 ha forest



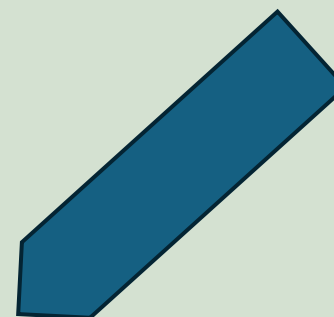
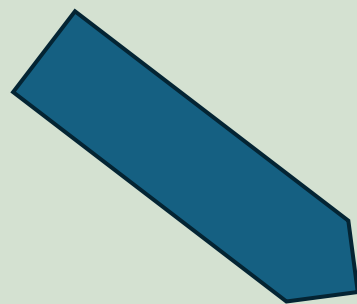
What are the benefits for Europe?

- To make easier links between European regions to **accelerate innovations**
 - To facilitate partnerships
 - To create RIV
 - To facilitate the mobility of researchers
 - To develop skills
- To know exactly where are their strengths
- To increase innovation and **count internationally** in priority areas

• The Regional innovation ecosystems



The Smart Specialization



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Emilia-Romagna's Strategic Integration of
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Aim

Reinforce the integration of European partnership strategies and funds to promote local socio-economic development.

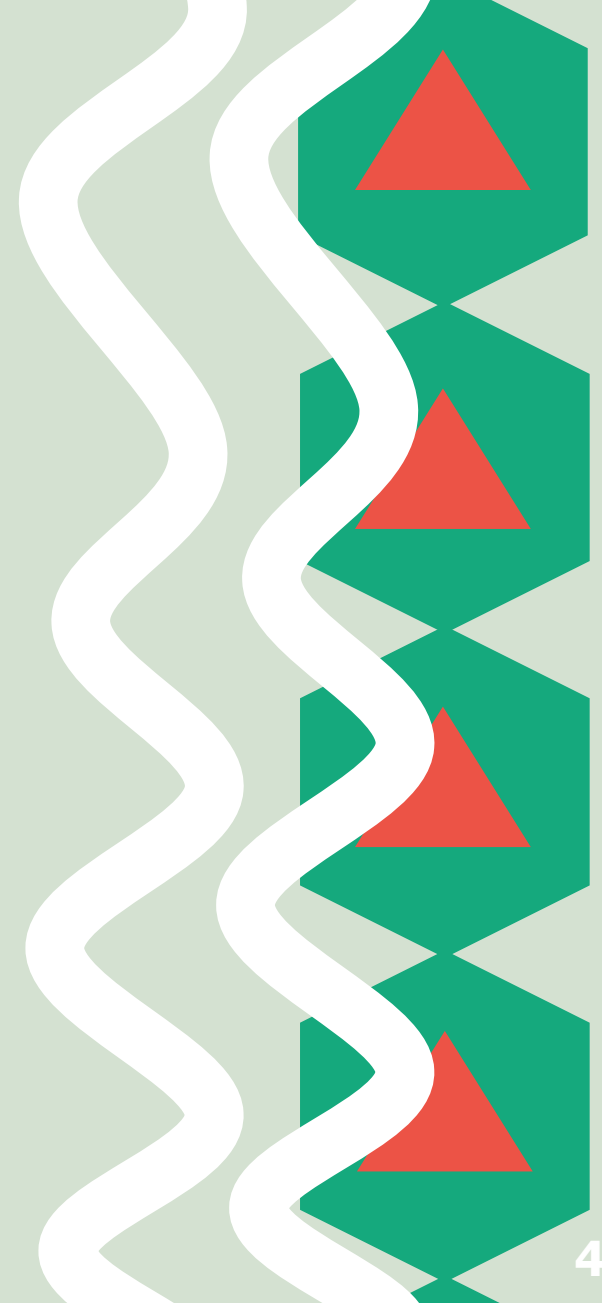


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Why

- 1. Maximising impact
- 2. Promoting competitiveness
- 3. Addressing common challenges
- 4. Strengthening local capacities
- 5. Attracting additional funding



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How

- The integration process has started with a deep analysis on existing networks on which E-R is involved directly or through its agencies, primarily ART-ER, adheres and actively participates. **Almost 90 networks identified**

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How

- 3 networks has been choosen as Test for the implementation of synergies.

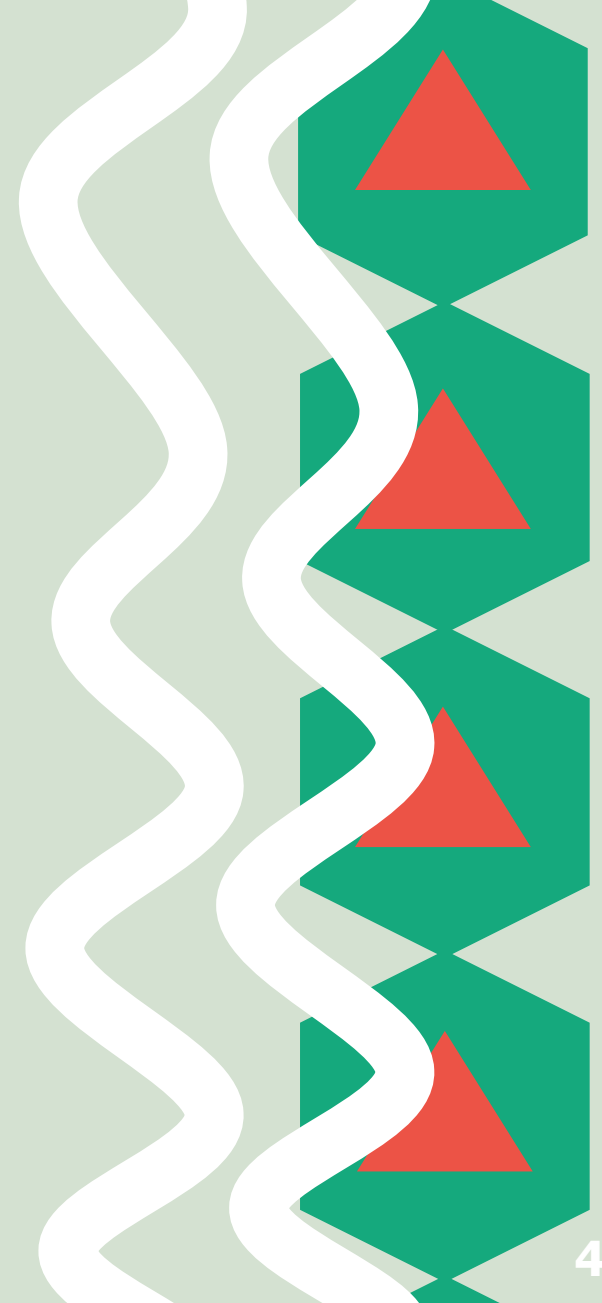
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Blue
Economy
Partnership
(SBEP)

VANGUARD
&VINNOVATE

Regional
Innovation
Valley and
Precise-EU
(RIV)

Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership

- Co-financing: The Emilia-Romagna Region provides resources for the co-financing of the participation of regional entities in the SBEP projects, facilitating access to European funds.
- CALL FINANCED WITH ERDF WHICH GENERATE HORIZON FUNDS



VINNOVATE

- The Emilia-Romagna Region actively participates in the VInnovate program, an interregional initiative that aims to promote industrial research and experimental development through collaborations between different European regions.
- Within VInnovate, the Emilia-Romagna Region supports projects that fall within various strategic sectors, such as bio-economy, advanced manufacturing, artificial intelligence, smart health and hydrogen.

REGIONAL INNOVATION VALLEY

- The Emilia-Romagna Region, recognized as Regional Innovation Valley by the European Commission, plays a crucial role in the PRECIS-EU project with other regional actors like ART-ER and Clust-er Health.
- Cascade funding ERDF+ HORIZON

Main difficulties and future action

- Administrative complexity
- Alignment of priorities
- Design capacity
- Coordination between actors
- Monitoring and evaluation
- Invest more on Integrated project development
- Technical and financial support to stakeholders
- Alignment of strategies
- Training and capacity building



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Why EU collaboration



Lead to easy access to **leading edge technologies and skills/expertise** at European level



Support and initiate **new business opportunities** to broaden and reinforce innovative m



Exchange exp between regio



Facilitate cross technology an

Joining forces to gain:
sovereignty, competitiveness,
thought leadership,
solving grand challenges



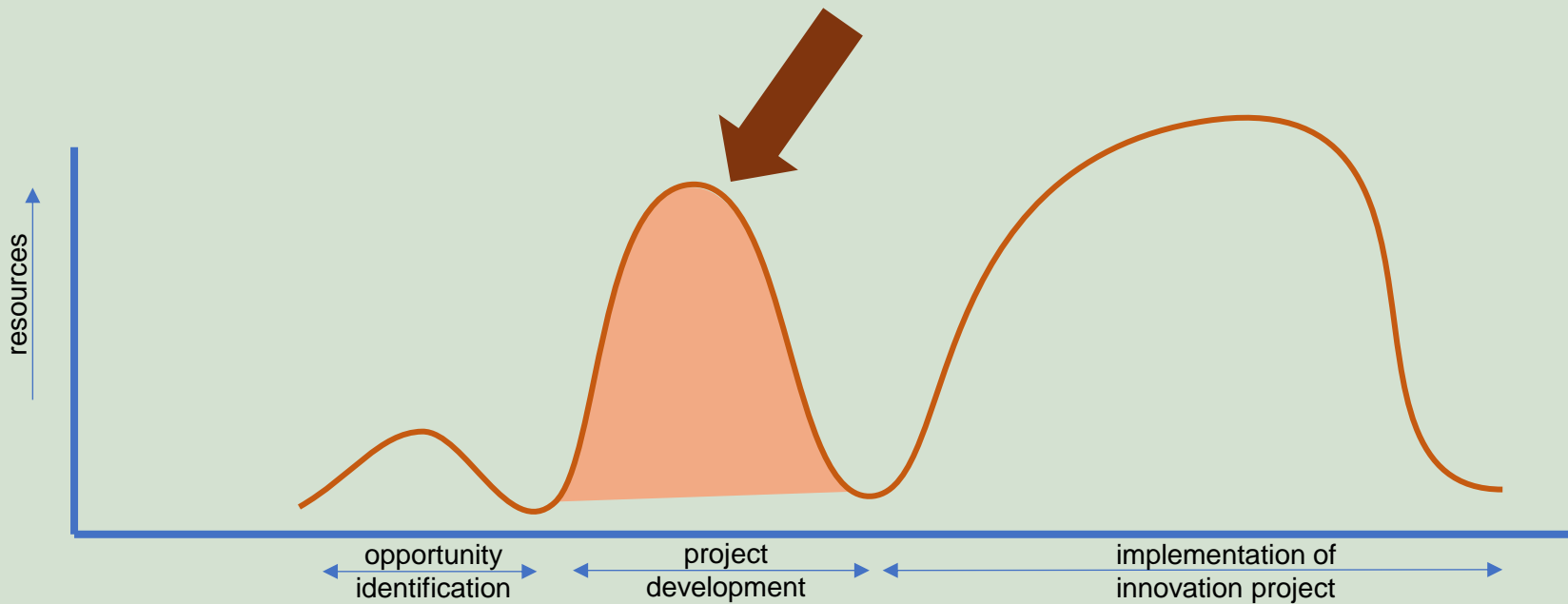
Help to create **pan-EU value chains** to increase the competitiveness and dependency of the EU industry

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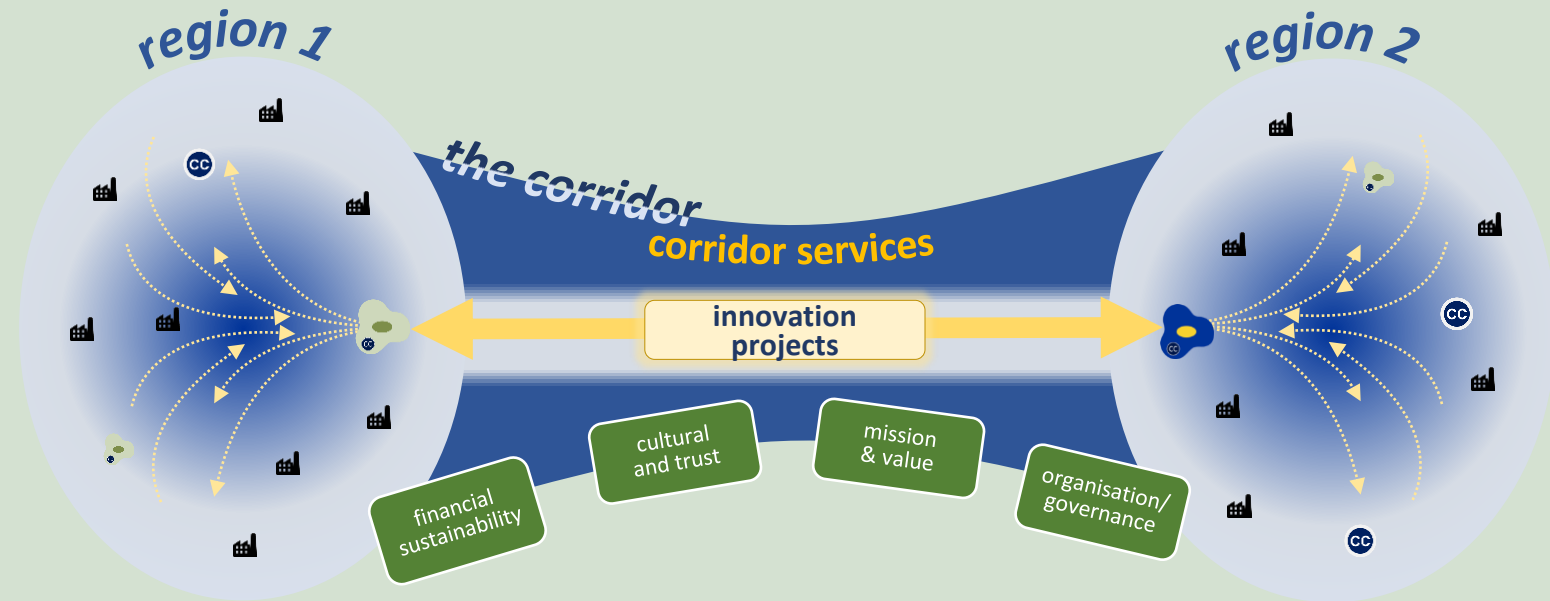
Increased **impact of public funding**, avoiding unnecessary duplication infrastructures/investments and accessing EU funds

But EU-collaboration is costly....

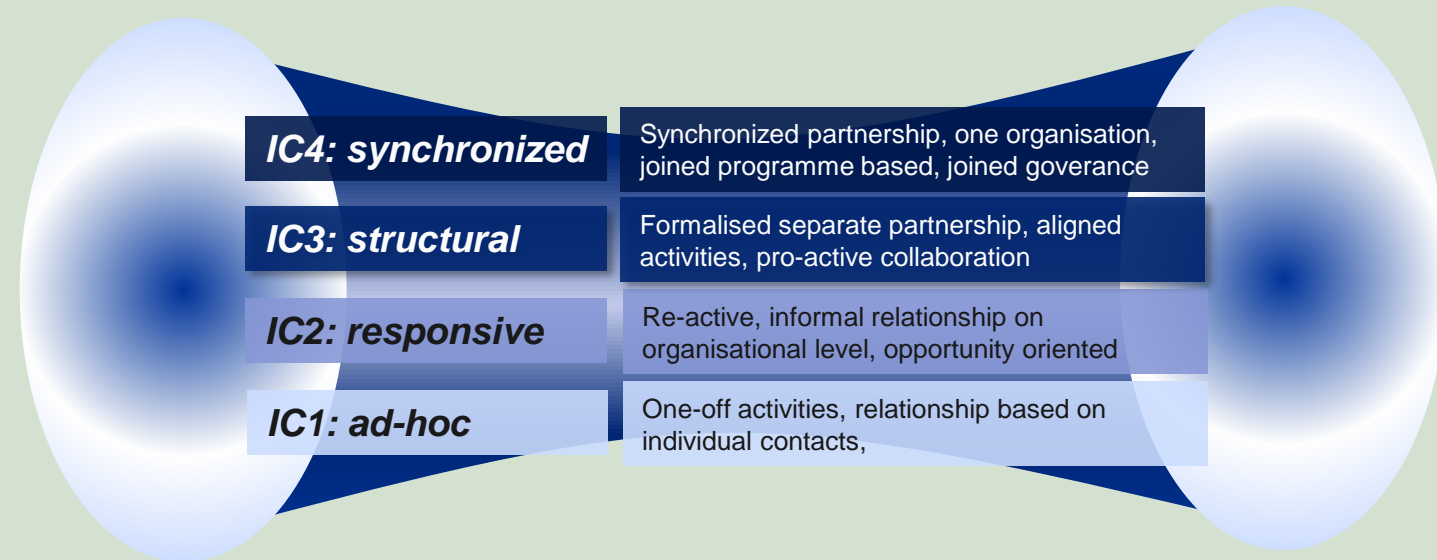
Corridors can help



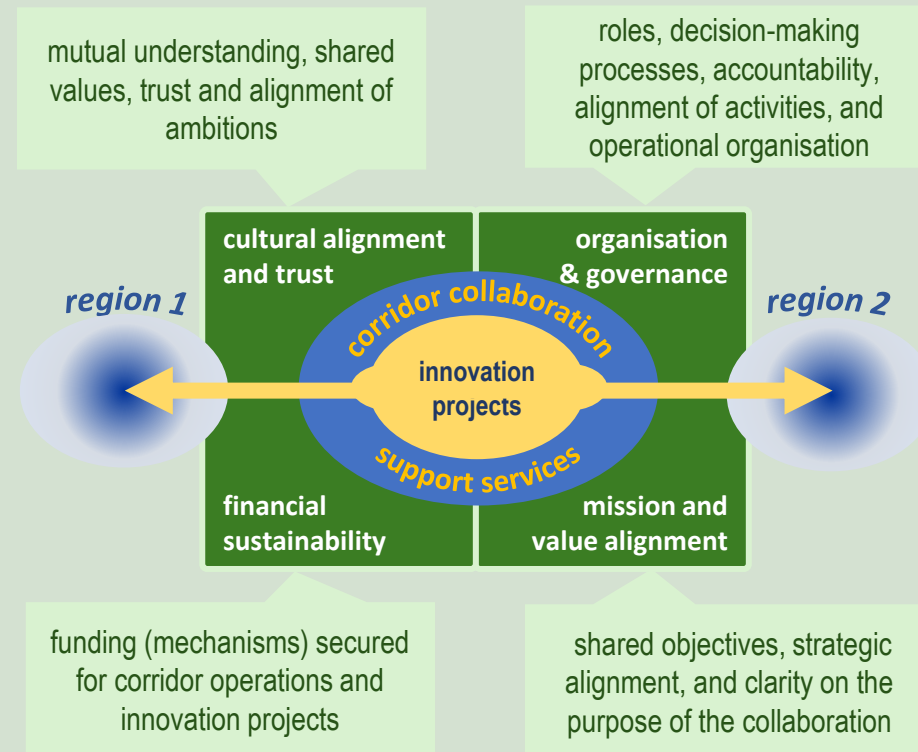
So what are corridors



Four institutional levels of collaboration

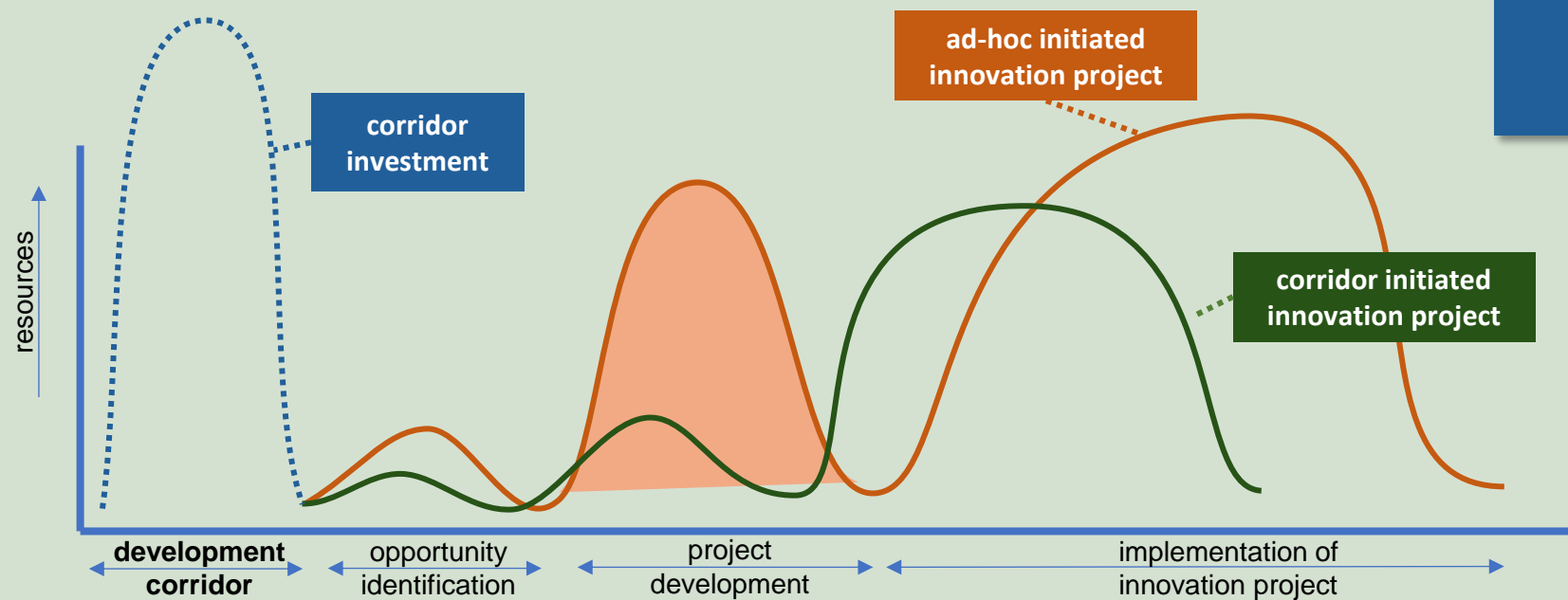


The corridor building blocks



So, why interregional corridors

Corridors lower the barrier to initiate EU-collaboration



Concluding

- Successful interregional collaboration benefits from a structural approach
- And this is not just “doing projects”
- But the level depends on the return on investments
- Ensure that all “ad-hoc” innovation projects, strengthen your corridor

Epilogue

If you would like to participate,
show your interest



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- Working on an intensive mentoring programme for the EDIH SNL
- Already planning to apply this also to the Dutch EDIHs
- And planning to offer it to the European community
- DIHNET Academy offers trainings to any interested in interregional collaboration



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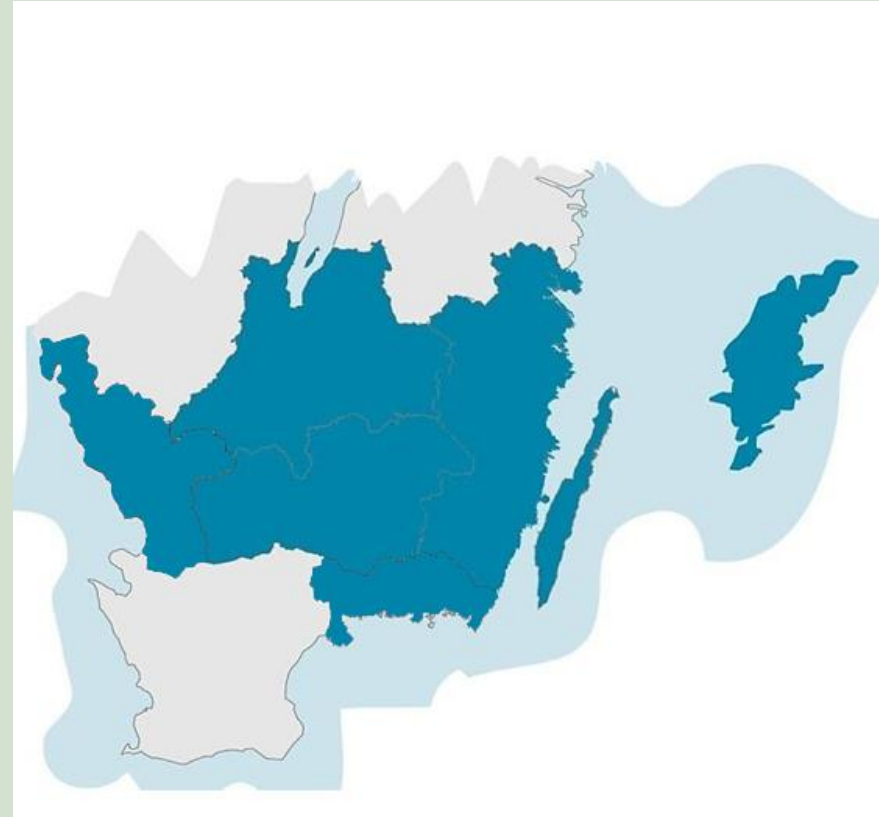


**The importance of
collaboration in small
regions for building
strength seen through the
joint S3 platform in
Småland and Gotland**

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Partnership for innovation

- Six Regions
- 47 municipalities
- Five Universities
- 1 400 000 inhabitants
- 41 000 km²
- 170 000 companies
- 4 World Heritage sites



One platform with five coordinating stakeholders

Forestry and
wood processing



Smart Industry



Digital services

SCIENCE PARK

Tourism and
attracitvity

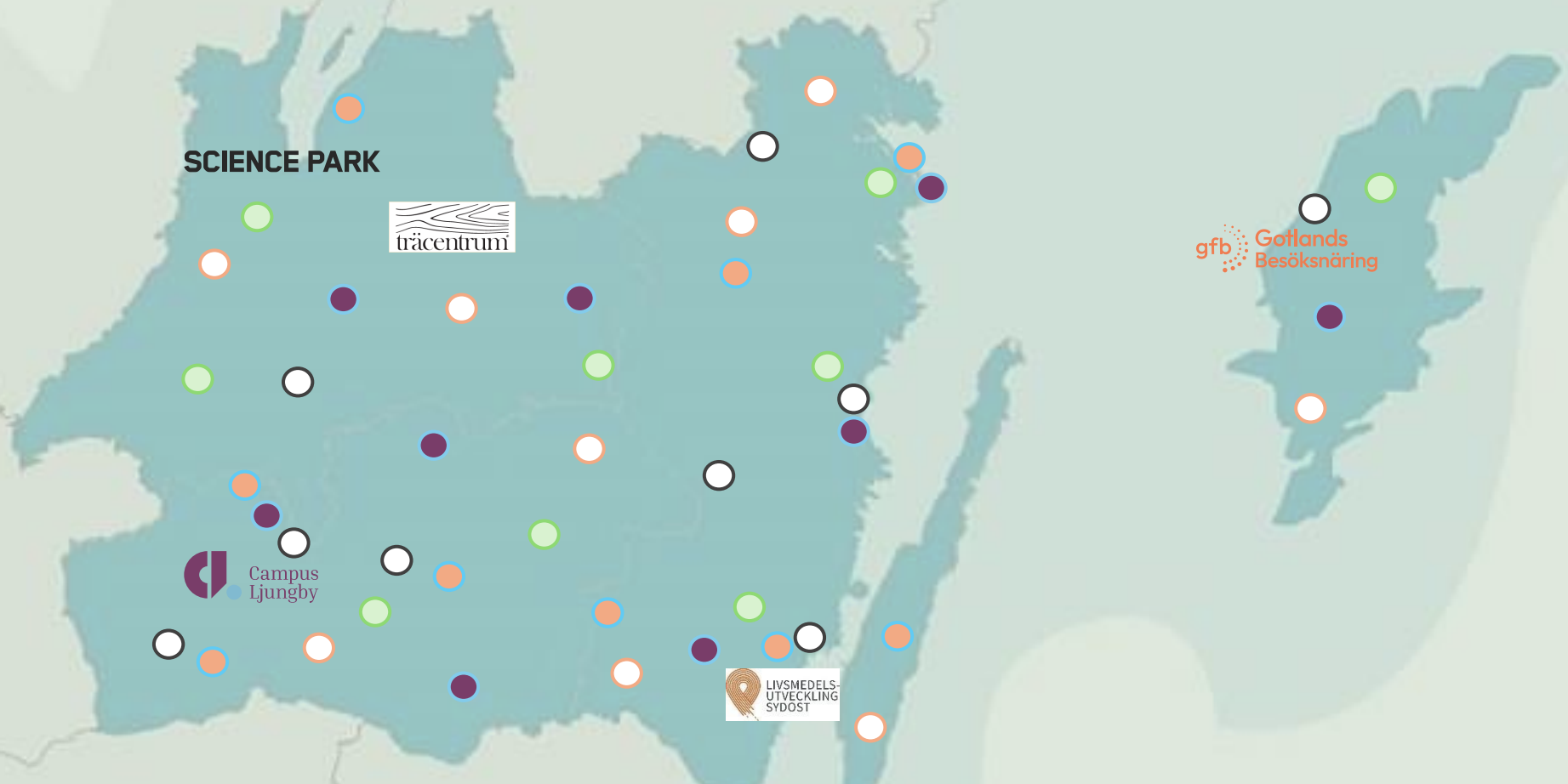


Agri-Food



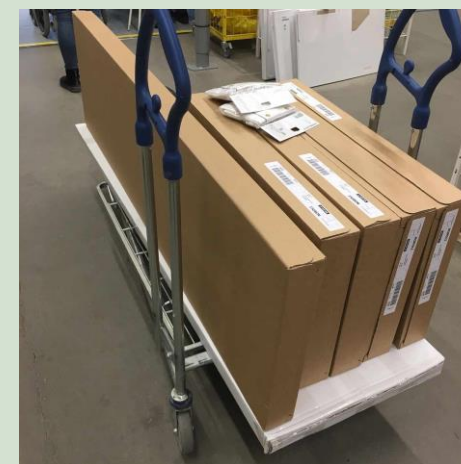
S3-Platform Småland and Gotland

In five clusters spanning the area



With knowledge about the local business

Legacy of world changing innovations



Summary

- Collaboration as the Key to Sustainability
- From Historical Innovations to Future Solutions.
- Local Strengths in a Global Context.
- An Open Invitation to Collaborate.



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