



Smart Specialisation Strategies (RIS3) – State of Play

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Assistance for the development of RIS3

- **Smart Specialisation Platform**: established in 2011 at the JRC/IPTS in Seville produced Guide, organises Peer Review and other events, advises MS/regions on emerging RIS3
- **RTD/REGIO support**: DG REGIO contracted experts available to all MS (ongoing) & DG RTD Expert Groups (two experts per MS) in 2013 for then EU 12 plus Greece, Portugal & Spain
- **RTD Expert groups examined RIS3 impact** on clusters and on universities and research entities
- **RTD 'Assessment' expert group** examined the contribution of RIS3 to the Europe 2020 Growth Strategy in the wider context of research and innovation policies.

Smart Specialisation Strategies (RIS3): A rough typology

- **'Specific' RIS3:** New document prepared to fulfil ex-ante conditionality, generally taking account of RIS3 guide: e.g., NL, ES, FR, IT, PT, most EU13 with support of REGIO/RTD experts.
- **Existing 'Research'/'Innovation' or equivalent strategy**
Single document (DE, BE) or group of existing documents (DK, EE, SE, Wales)
- **Existing strategy + RIS3 summary/update:** (AT, FI, IE)
- **Action plans** annexed to Partnership Agreement or relevant Operational Programme(s) when RIS3 not yet complete. Varying level of detail and deadlines.

State of play on availability of RIS3

- Slow start but most RIS3 now available for EU 15 and more than half of EU 13
- However, action plans still being completed for at least Bulgaria, Croatia, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia plus a few regions in EU 15
- Although regulation allows until end 2016, most remaining RIS3 are likely to be completed much earlier and some before the end of 2015

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Research & Innovation – Synergies with the Structural Funds
<https://ec.europa.eu/research/regions/index.cfm?pg=synergies>

Seal of Excellence initiative
<https://ec.europa.eu/research/regions/index.cfm?pg=soe>

Community of Practice for Seal of Excellence:
Send Expression of Interest to: RTD-SEAL-OF-EXCELLENCE@ec.europa.eu

Horizon 2020 Participant Portal
<http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/opportunities/index.html>

Guide on Synergies
http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/sources/docgener/guides/synergy/synergies_en.pdf

Research & Innovation in Cohesion policy (2014-20)
http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/en/policy/themes/research-innovation/

Smart Specialisation Strategies
<http://s3platform.jrc.ec.europa.eu>