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Smart Specialisation and Partnerships for Regional Innovation - synergies and opportunities

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Smart Specialisation design framework for the EU Enlargement and Neigbourhood Region



Smart Specialisation priority domain identification - example

Quantitative mapping

Qualitative mapping

Stakeholder dialogue Policy action

Agricultural economy

Food and beverage production and processing

FOOD FOR FUTURE

Agriculture and food industry R&D incentives (contracts)

Agricultural machinery

High-tech agriculture

Pilot project of connecting fastgrowing companies in the food industry with creative industries and ICT

Food products

Value-added food products

Co-financing of cooperation R&D and businesses in agrifood

Sustainable food production chain

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Smart Specialisation implementation framework for the EU Enlargement and Neigbourhood Region

- Setting up the mechanism
- Capacity
- Processes

Governance

Refinement of policy mix and new instruments

- Revision of instruments
- Gap analysis
- Revision of missions and rules
- Open calls

- Main roles
- Success factors
- Indicators
- Evaluation plan

Monitoring and evaluation

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S3 Framework for EU Enlargement and Neighbourhood Region

WHERE WE ARE NOW

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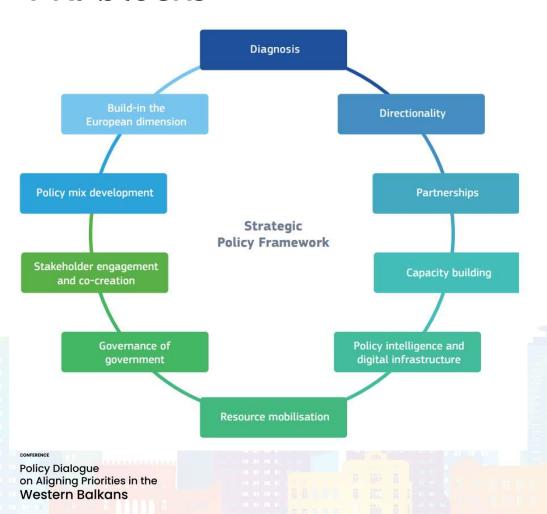


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Partnerships for Regional Innovation (PRI)



PRI blocks







PRI - next steps

Pilot phase - 74 entities

PRI Playbook (available at https://publications.jrc.ec.europa.eu/repository/handle/JRC129327)

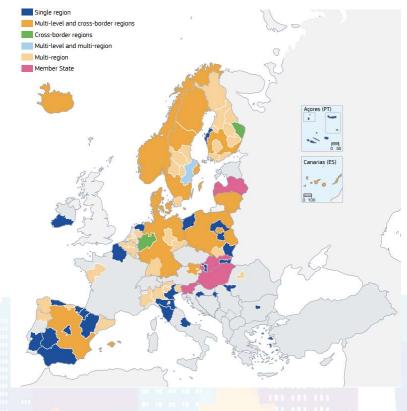




- Revised PRI Playbook (in process)
- Possibilities for the Western Balkan economies?

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