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'Macro-Regional Innovation Week: Focus on Technology Transfer linked to Smart **Specialization and Support to Policies and** uptake in the Western Balkans.'

Prof. Dr. Atanas Kochov

University St Cyril and Mehtodius in Skopje, Macedonia www.ec.europa.eujrc

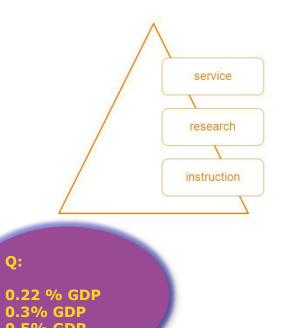
Ispra, Italy

24th-26th January 2018





- Protected places for research and teaching
- "looking for truth"
- Public funding
  - Tuition fees
  - State subventions...



## Challenges and changes in recent decades in wESTERN BALKANS:

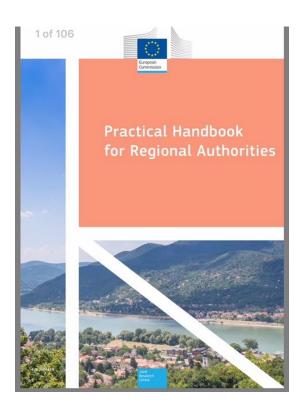
Mass increase ("massification") of higher education institutions

- Wide access to the population
- Growing number of higher education institutes (PUBLIC AND PRIVATE)
- Other sources of income
- Accountability of Public value
  - Economic value



### **Practical Handbook for regional Authorities:**

- I. Smart Specialization
- 01. Smart Specialization Platform (S3P) services
- 02. Higher Education for Smart Specialization (HESS)





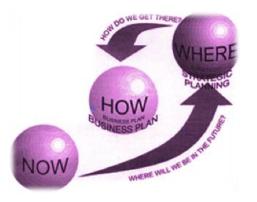
### **ACTION RESEARCH!**



Targeted support to regional authorities on how to engage their local Higher educational Institutions (HEIs) in the process of design and implementation of Smart Specialization Strategies S3



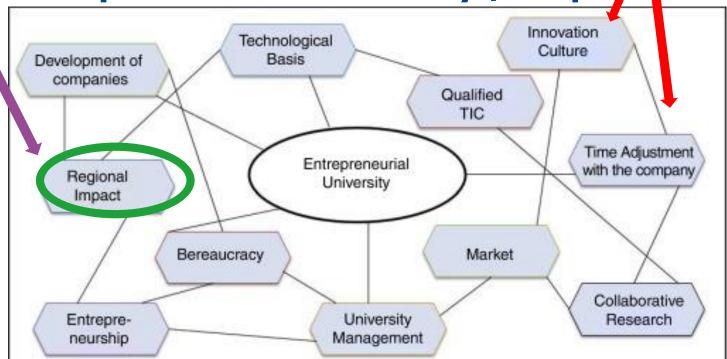




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**Entrepreneurial University / Department of ME** 



https://ars.elscdn.com





The concept of Smart Specialization is 'smart' for two main reasons:

- Firstly, it links research and innovation with economic development in novel ways such as the entrepreneurial process of discovery and the setting of priorities by policy makers in close cooperation with local actors.
- Secondly, this process is carried out with an eye on the outside world, forcing regions to be ambitious but realistic about what can be achieved while linking local assets and capabilities to external sources of knowledge and value chains.

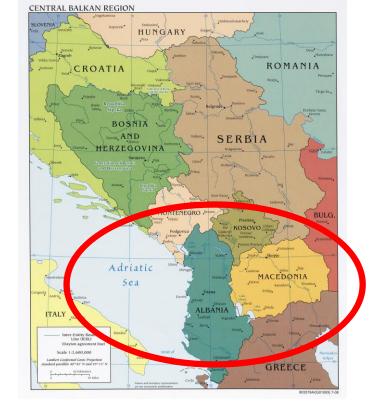


## MAKE A DIFFERENCE, BECOME A CREATIVE SUPPORTER OF



## TIGER

Technology Innovation for Greater Economic Revitalization



## MCDM defining indicators for energy scenarios for WBC's



JRC CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP REPORTS

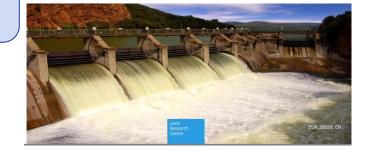
### Energy Scenarios for SE Europe: A close look into the Western Balkans

Proceedings of the Enlargement and Integration Action Workshop, Vienna, 15th of December 2015

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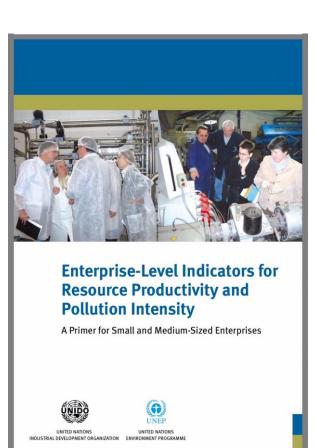
**ANALYSIS:** discovery of the socio-economical and environmental indicators for policy makers in the region

3 PhD thesis in Macedonia, Kosovo and Albania



## Defining indicators for regional cement industry TITAN in WBC's (GR, MKD, AL, MNE, SR-K)

# Defining indicators for innovativeness of the SME's in WBC's (GIZ & World Bank)



#### **OUTCOMES:**

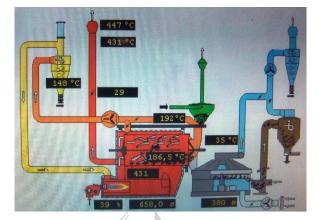
- ANALYSIS: defining indicators for innovation engines of competitive advantages & weaknesses for
- 2. MAKING CHOICES: identify the set of priorities for concentrate investment in new technologies
- 1. BROAD VIEW OF INNOVATION: support technological as well as practice-based and social innovation
- 2. MONITORING AND EVALUATION of the competitiveness of the companies













# Resource Efficient and Cleaner Production regional network for strengthening cooperation, fostering transfer and adaptation of resource efficient and cleaner production (RECP) in the South-Eastern European countries





BUILD RESILIENT INFRASTRUCTURE, PROMOTE INCLUSIVE AND SUSTAINABLE INDUSTRIALIZATION AND FOSTER INNOVATION

www.unido.org

Number of Assessments: 22 companies in the food processing agro-industry sector assessed

Options identified: 130 RECP options

Investment of € 13 million and a payback period of 4 years

Reduction in:

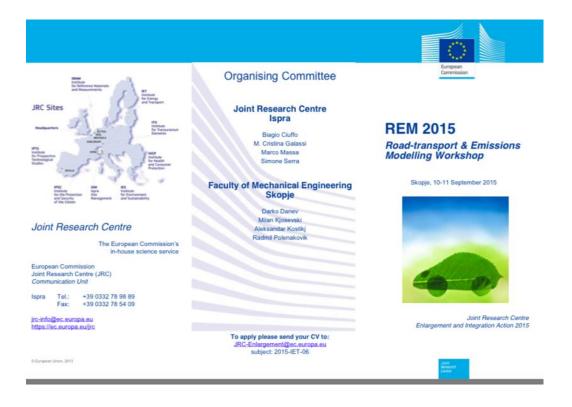




Organic waste: 69.295 [t/y]

<u>Water:</u> 4,000,000 [m³/a]

CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by 9,000 t/year





Attitude of European car drivers towards electric vehicles: a survey!

Sustainable transportation the reduction of fuel/energy consumption, CO<sub>2</sub> and pollutant emission from road transport in WBC's

Stabilizing Greenhouse Gas Emissions Global Fuel Economy GFEI – GEF project

https://www.globalfueleconomy.org/blo g?author=Global+Fuel+Economy+Initiat ive REGIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER





### **Concept:**

 Promote inclusive and sustainable growth and environmental friendly sustainable transportation

PhD research realized by team of students at the University St. Cyril and Methodius in Skopje, Macedonia

## MCDC for defining indicators for implementing e-vehicles in WBC's for sustainable transportation and energy efficiency

## **Enable Governments and Local communities to develop the strategy for:**

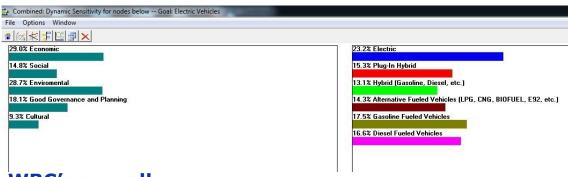
- National or regional agenda for adopting set of economic, social or environmental policies;
- Coordinate financial resources to support the selected activities toward promotion and implementation of evehicles in WBC's
- To define good governance and monitoring mechanisms for sustainable transportation and environmental protection

Public authority (Governments and Local communities) in WBC's would be able to prioritise those activities that:

- (i) Have critical mass of resources and capabilities for supporting evenicles buyers
- (ii) Are suitable to realize the strategic goals/meet the needs and challenges of the local economy, society, environment and culture for sustainable transportation and evenicles promotion

  European

Commission



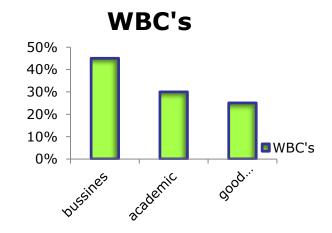
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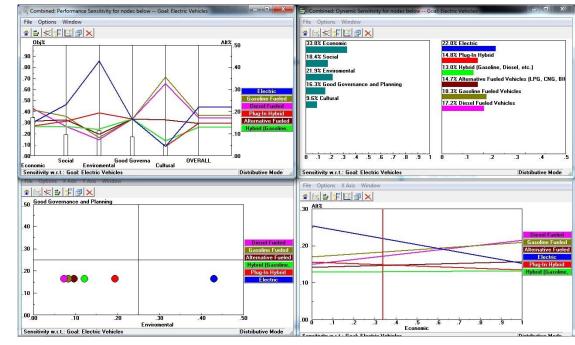
WBC's overall

**MAKE CHOICES:** identify the priorities for

sustainable transportation and where to

concentrate investment





### STAKEHOLDER INVOLVEMENT: Business group









http://www.testlab.mf.edu.mk/EN/regulative.html

## Laboratory for testing mechanical properties, machines and vehicles

Most commonly regulations are the technical specifications of the Republic of Macedonia, respectively to the regulative from the EU, the regulations of the Economic commission for Europe in the UN in Geneva, as well as the harmonized (EU) and other (ISO) standards.









