

Smart Specialisation Strategy for Anatoliki Makedonia-Thrake: **Setting Priorities** Dr Yannis Tolias Innovatia Systems

What is Smart Specialisation?

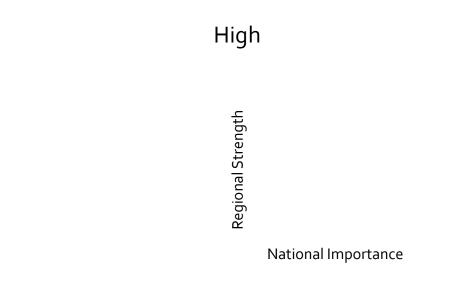
 fact-based: all assets + capabilities + bottlenecks in a region, incl. external perspective, cooperation potential, global value chains

no top-down decision
 but dynamic
 entrepreneurial
 discovery process
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differentiation: focus on competitive advantages, potential for excellence, emerging opportunities, market niches

concentration of resources on priorities, problems and core needs, for critical mass/critical potential

Methodology for prioritisation



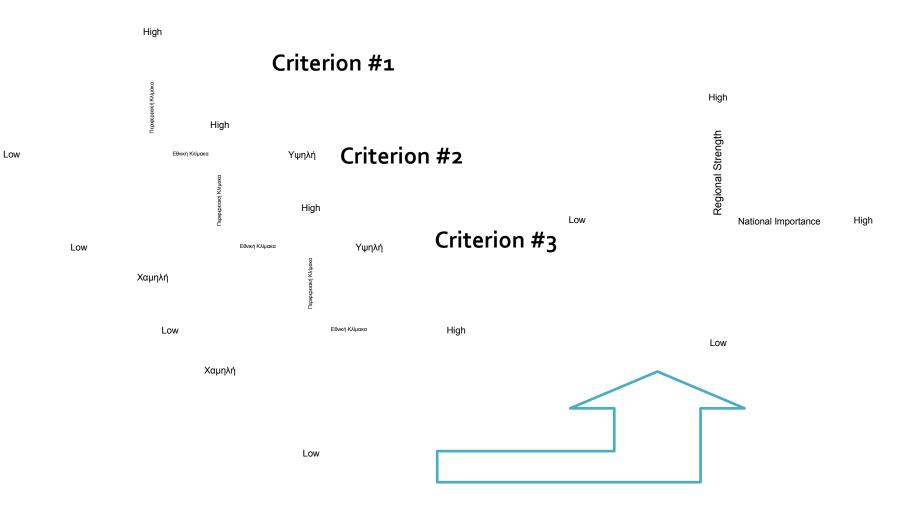
High

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Methodology for prioritisation (2)



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Prioritisation Criteria (All sectors except Agro-food)

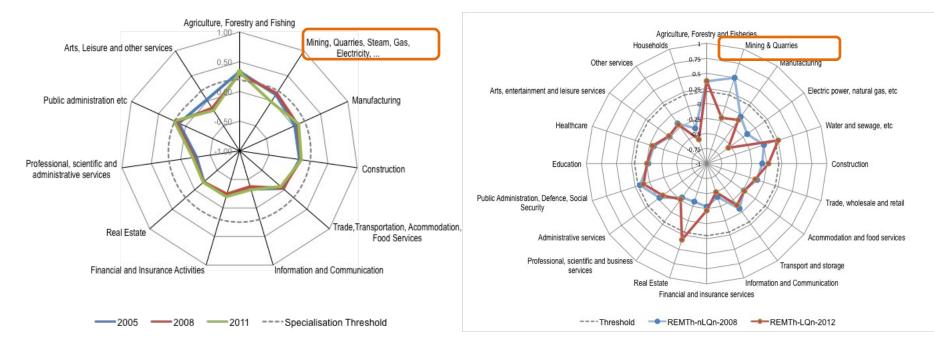
- · Critical mass & Uniqueness
- Evolution of key financial figures
 - GVA
 - Employment
 - Exports
- · Technological readiness
 - R&D expenses

- Generic strategy based on innovation and ^{5 May 2015} EDP on Marble/Zeolite 5 specialisation

Specialisation Patterns (REMTh vs Greece)

Gross Value Added

Employment



Figures show the normalised location quotients of REMTh vs Greece

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REMTh's non-metallic minerals
sector at a glance (2010)
A cluster of 42 companies located around
Drama and Kavala; ~1000 jobs

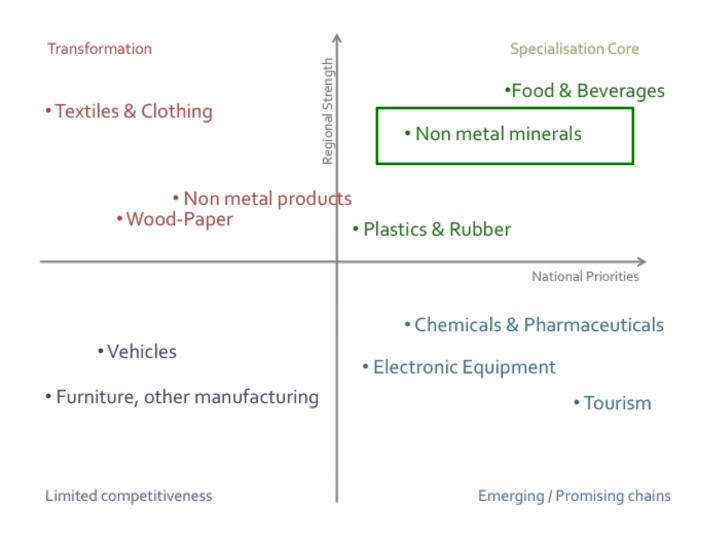
14% of the regional manufacturing turnover,
 2nd place behind Food/Beverages

 Total exports of € 115 mil. in 2013, 17% of the regional export activity

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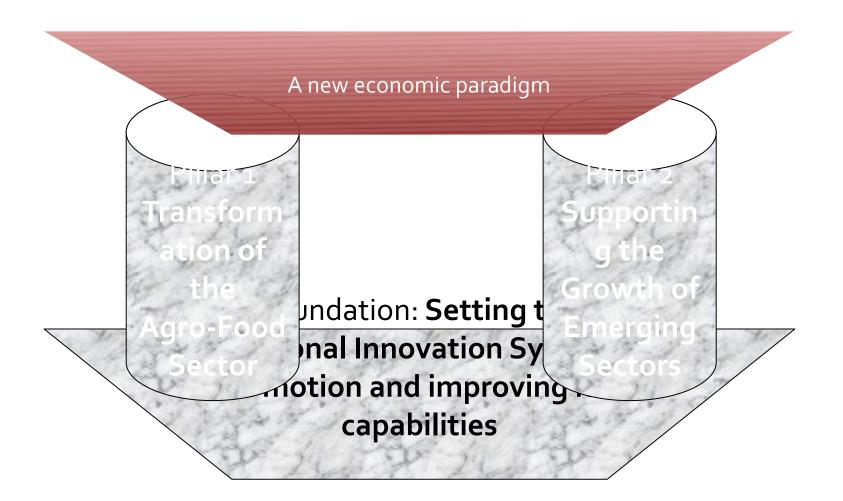
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Priorities Matrix



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The foundation and the two pillars of REMTh's RIS3



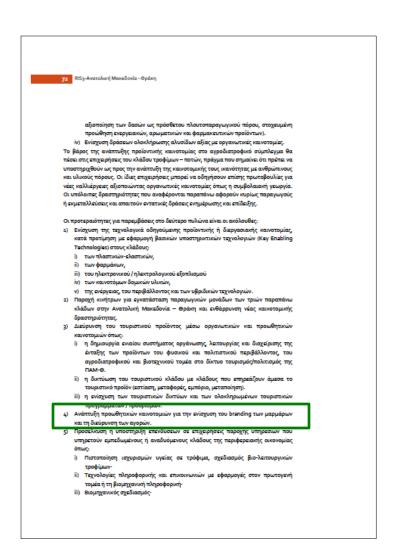
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Priorities: non-metallic minerals

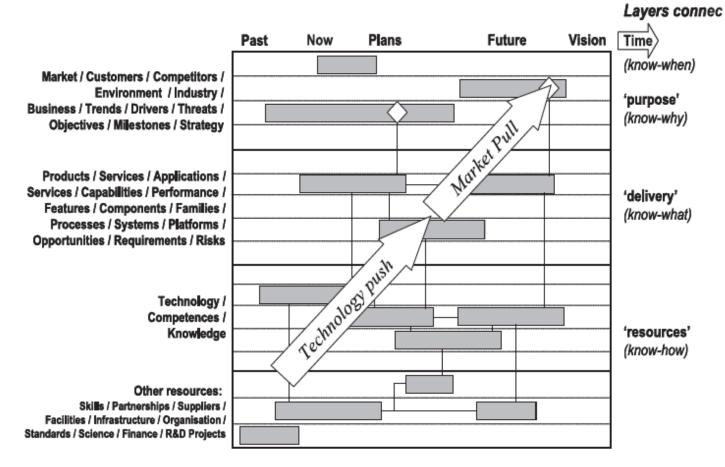
Marketing innovations & branding to increase global market share

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 Process innovations to improve efficiency and productivity
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What's missing?



Source: Phaal et al, 2004

EDP-driven specialisation of the action plan

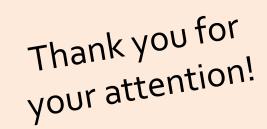
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How to make things work?

Employment of all actors in an innovation system: "knowledge triangle" & "triple / quadruple helix"

- Enterprises including key innovators
- · Research centres, universities
- · Cluster initiatives, business networks ...
- Regional development agencies, innovation support providers, investors, incubators ...
- National authorities and /or regional
 Managing Authorities ...
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