



The Stairway to excellence (S2E)

Boosting regional growth through innovation

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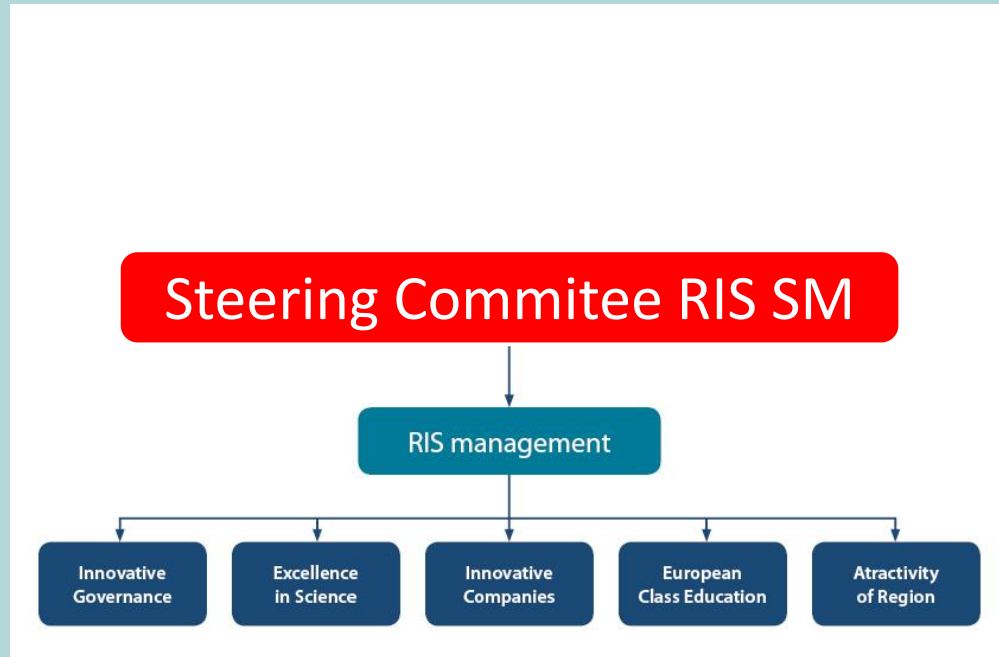




Empowering people to create and grow companies that
change the world



Governance Structure of RIS in South Moravia





Examples of results and synergies

1,700 jobs created in more than **100+ tech start ups**



Over **10 million € invested** in start ups from venture capital in the last **five years**

70 distinguished researchers funded through SoMoPro programme (COFUND – FP7, H2020)



SME Instrument Brno – funding for SMEs that gained the Seal of Excellence but no funding from H2020



New R&D infrastructures through ERDF (700 million €)



Most developed educational system for highly **talented students** in the country





Lessons learnt / success factors

- Strong, stable political commitment (*a must!*)
- Keeping strategic focus and result-orientation (→ *know what we want first, money comes next: SF, FP7...*)
- Even small amounts of money can make a difference
- Best people on board, stability of intermediaries and their people (→ *trust, flexibility, network connectivity*)
- Being constantly in the field (→ *openness to new ideas from new actors*)
- Robust governance structures (→ *„protected“ space*)
- Being close to policy research (→ *CRA, S3 Platform, SmartSpec, etc.*)
- **Not document or process but a state of mind**