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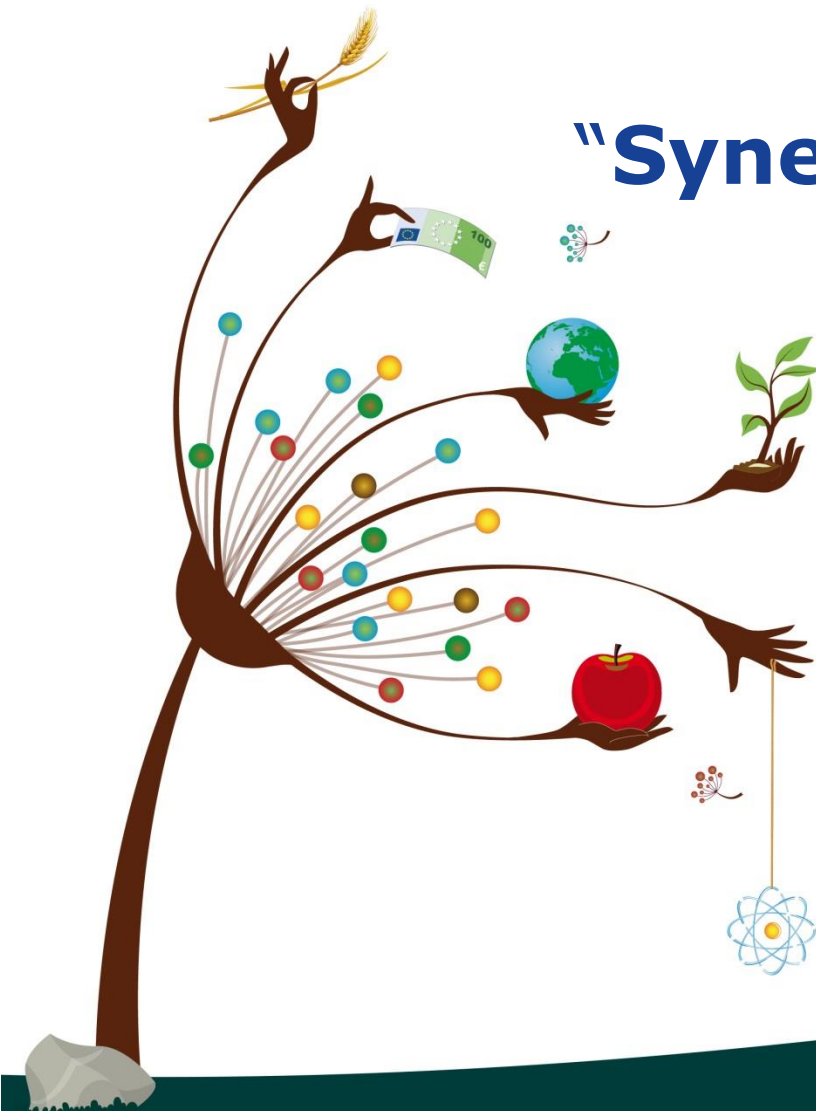
## "Synergy of instruments and competences...."

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# DELIVERY INSTRUMENTS AND HORIZONTAL APPROACHES



- **Customers are what innovative firms need most in order to be successful**
- **Public sector demand for innovative, affordable and high-quality solutions as a starting point**
- **Public procurement of innovative solutions**
- **Using public procurement as an element of a national/regional research and innovation strategy for smart specialisation offers multiple advantages**

- **Some issues to be tackled: Sustainability (energy, environment, connectivity)**



Figure 11. Energy intensity of economy in Danube region countries, 2015<sup>28</sup>

- **Alignment (local, national, macro—regional): research and innovation as well as technology transfer should focus on the most precious topics.**

# Political cross-sectoral and cross-border commitment



## MINISTERIAL DECLARATION ON THE OCCASION OF THE 2ND HIGH-LEVEL PANEL ON ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE ACTION IN THE WESTERN BALKANS

DECLARATION/DECISION | 17 NOV 2017

The participants of the 2nd High-level Panel on Environment and Climate Action in the Western Balkans, organised by the RCC and the Ministry of Environmental Protection of Serbia, on 17 November 2017 in Bonn, endorsed the Declaration on Environment and Climate Action in the Western Balkans agreeing on the growing need in the region to improve the coordination of existing regional initiatives and projects as well as those which would be developed to serve the SEE 2020 Strategy goals. They also recognised strong interlinkages between energy, and environment and climate change policies, looking for ways to strengthen inter-sectoral cooperation at the highest political level

Meeting of Mr Goran Trivan, Minister of Environmental Protection Republic of Serbia with European Commissioner for Environment, Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, Mr Karmenu Vella  
December 20, 2017.



# Thank you!

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