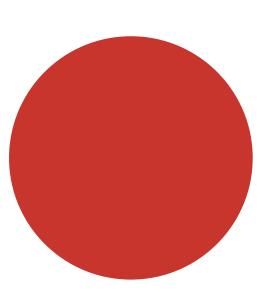




## HESS in the N-NLS





JRC TECHNICAL REPORT

Higher Education for Smart Specialisation:

The Case of the Northern Netherlands

Paul Benneworth

Arregui-Pabollet, Eskarne

- Innovation in N-NLs: key role for universities
  - University of Groningen
  - 3 universities of Applied Sciences
  - University Medical Center Groningen

How to optimize the role the universities play in valorizing the knowledge they develop?

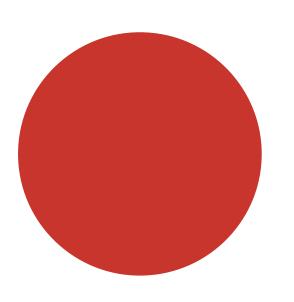
How for other actors, in particular SME's to make the most out of this knowledge?

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about connections about workings of innovation eco-system



### HESS -> RIS3 2021-2027



HESS → working towards a more innovative region is not just about supporting SME's or supporting universities, but is really about improving the workings of the innovation ecosystem



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#### RIS3 2021-2027:

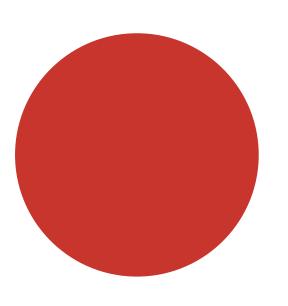
- About priority areas = "what?"
- About implementation = "how?"



How to improve the workings of the ecosystem? How to create more dynamics? More openness? Better linkages between actors? How to foster experimental behaviour? How to stimulate peer exchange and peer learning?



### HESS --- RIS3 2021-2027



#### How to improve the workings of the ecosystem?



#### **Joint Effort**

- Involvement of stakeholders
- Not only during design phase, but as well during implementation

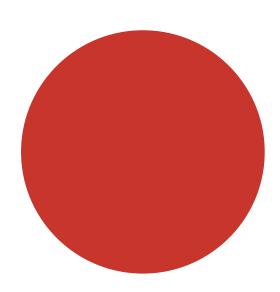


**Changing mindset** 





## RIS3 implementation

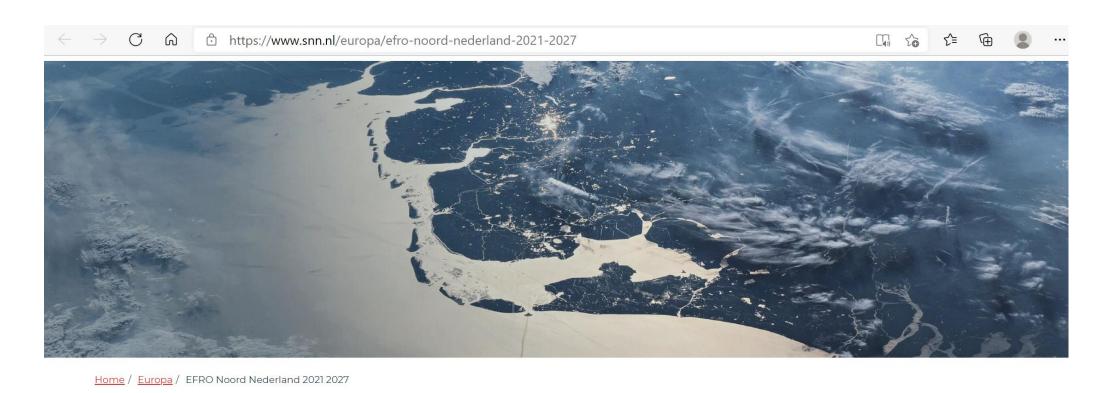


#### ERDF 2021-2027:

How to use programme - "way of doing things" - to contribute to change in mindset?



E.g. involvement of stakeholders in design of support instruments, involvement of stakeholders in programming of instruments during implementation, positioning of support schemes close to networks...

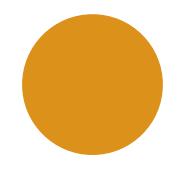


#### **Experimenting:**

built a tender around specifically defined objectives → 'if objectives of tender and project match, you in essence have a good project'

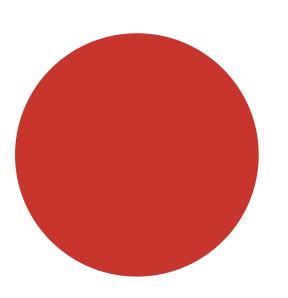
#### EFRO NOORD-NEDERLAND 2021-2027

Hoe is in Noord-Nederland de Regionale Innovatie Strategie (RIS3) tot stand gekomen en hoe wordt deze vertaald naar het nieuwe Europese subsidieprogramma (EFRO) voor Noord-Nederland 2021-2027? Dat lees je hier.





## Experimenting



#### **REACT EU 2020-2023**

Covid 19 → besides business sector other actors in innovation ecosystem experiencing difficulties: universities, health cluster

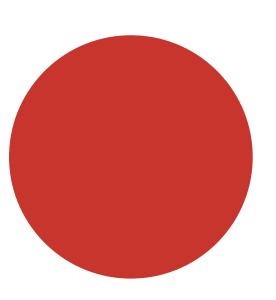
#### A challenge:

- get together
- identify issue most urgent to be addressed with REACT EU
- very few directions in advance: innovation, their role in innovation ecosystem, issue which hamper them in doing what they normally do, link to RIS3 objectives (HESS conclusions)
- agree on issue and solution and translate into draft proposal





## Experimenting



#### Our offer:

- prospect for funding, without complicated criteria or procedures (hardly at all)
- a support instrument to be defined parallel to design project proposal to facilitate this initiative
- but.. only if all relevant institutions agree .. → overall acceptance & support
- Logic: "if universities all higher educational institutes in the region agree on issue and proposal, then 'we' can be pretty confident that proposal is the one to go for "

Safeguard: role assessment for independent committee of experts

"A way to get our stakeholders closer to what we are doing, but as well closer to each other " → reducing distances in innovation ecosystem, integrated solutions



Want to know more?

# Thank you

