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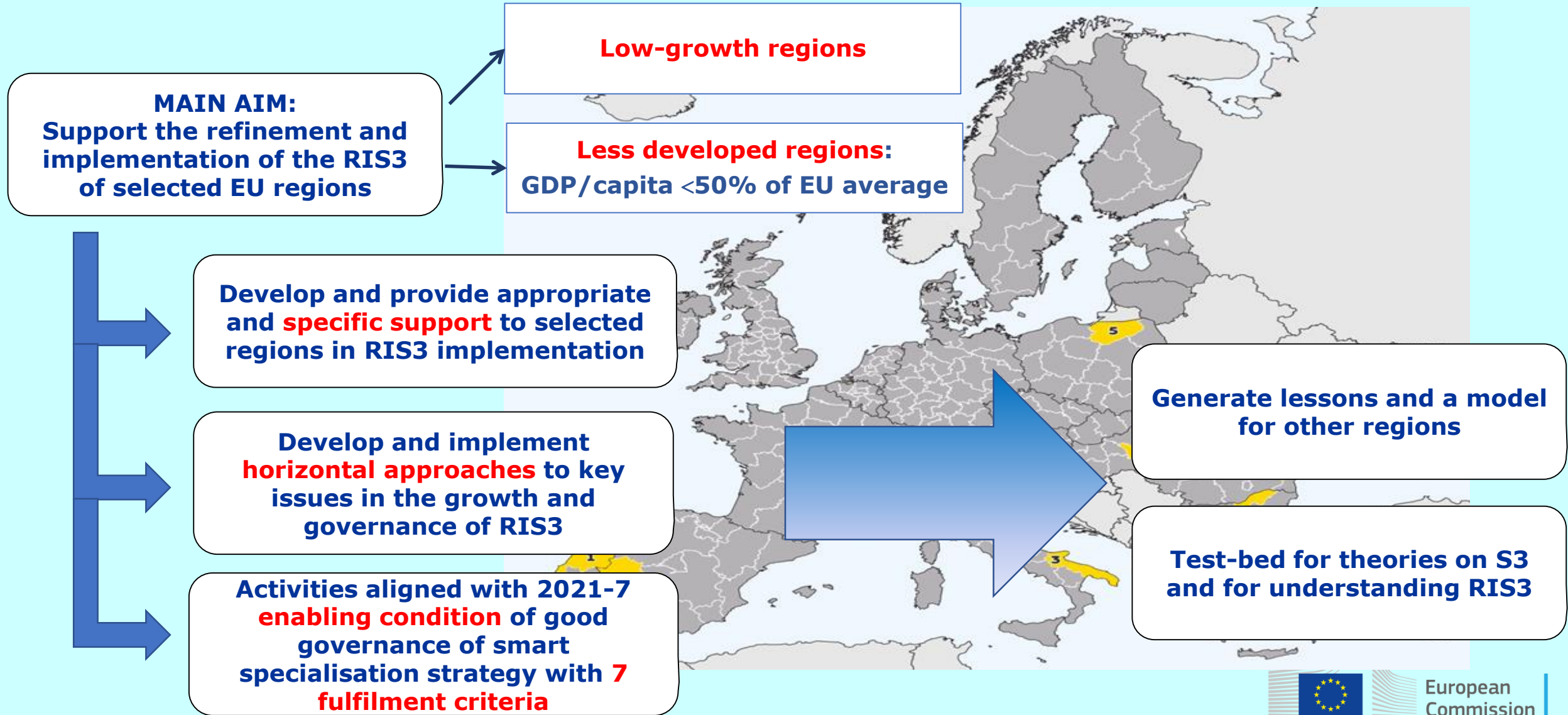
Introduction to the Workshop: Preparing for 2021-27: Strengthening RIS3 Governance and EDP

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Main objectives

MAIN AIM:
Support the refinement and implementation of the RIS3 of selected EU regions

Low-growth regions

Less developed regions:
GDP/capita <50% of EU average

Develop and provide appropriate and **specific support** to selected regions in RIS3 implementation

Develop and implement **horizontal approaches** to key issues in the growth and governance of RIS3

Activities aligned with 2021-7 **enabling condition** of good governance of smart specialisation strategy with **7 fulfilment criteria**

Generate lessons and a model for other regions

Test-bed for theories on S3 and for understanding RIS3

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Geographical Coverage

1. Low-growth regions

- Greece
- Italy
- Portugal
- Spain

2. Less developed regions (GDP/capita <50% of EU average)

- Bulgaria
- Hungary
- Poland
- Romania
- Croatia (stage 2)

	Lagging Regions I (2016-18)	Lagging Regions II (2018-20)
BG	Severen Tsentralen	national level
HR		national level
EL	Eastern Macedonia & Thrace (since 2014), national roll-out	Central Macedonia, Western Greece, national level
HU	Észak-Alföld (Hajdú Bihar county)	national level
IT	Puglia	Puglia & Campania
PL	Warminsko Mazurskie	Kujawsko-Pomorskie, Lubuskie, Podlaskie
PT	Centro	Centro, national level (HESS)
ES	Extremadura	Extremadura, national/regional linkages
RO	Nord-Est, Nord-Vest	Rollout to all 8 regions, national level

Specific (Vertical) vs. General (Horizontal) Support

Specific (Vertical) Support:
- Specifically tailored to the needs of the territory (region/member state)
- Centred on stakeholder engagement - defined in collaboration with the local government authorities and REGIO

General (Horizontal):
- Peer- and mutual-learning
- Workshops involving representatives from all the regions of the project
- WG on Industrial Transitions; WG on Interregional Cooperation

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Enabling condition Policy Objective 1: Good governance of S3 – 7 fulfilment criteria

1. **Up-to-date analysis of bottlenecks for innovation diffusion, including digitalisation**
2. **Existence of competent regional/national institution or body, responsible for the management of the smart specialisation strategy**
3. **Monitoring and evaluation tools to measure performance towards the objectives of the strategy**
4. **Effective functioning of entrepreneurial discovery process**
5. **Actions necessary to improve national or regional research and innovation systems**
6. **Actions to manage industrial transition**
7. **Measures for international collaboration**

+ **Crosscutting concern: enhancing administrative capacity building and cooperation**

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LR1&LR2: Pan-European Lessons

- EDP is a continuous process: needs sustained and systematic interaction among stakeholders and effective coordination between national and regional authorities

- RIS3 governance is a key challenge in all regions: crucial to identify and acknowledge clearly the responsibilities of RIS3 governance bodies vs OP Managing Authorities.

- Monitoring and evaluation require significant capacity-building in pursuing both the development of region-specific indicators and (inter)national benchmarking. The role of Open Data and Open-Gov initiatives is to be further exploited.

- There is clear demand for support to prepare for the next programming period.

- EU Regions, and especially Lagging Regions benefit from longitudinal and international peer-learning opportunities and support.

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Specific Support to Greece

Support to RIS3 implementation by way of intelligence gathering and interregional learning workshops

- *Surveys of RIS3 progress in Greece; 2018 and 2019 editions*
- *Workshops in Chania (2/2018), Thessaloniki (2/2019), Chios (today/tomorrow)*

Support to the preparation of Greek national and regional authorities for the next programming period:

- *Monitoring pilot study (12/2019)*
- *Governance study (03/2020)*
- *Review of Industrial Transition of Greece (04/2020)*

See revamped website (download our reports, links to workshops):

https://s3platform.jrc.ec.europa.eu/en/web/guest/greece

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The Workshop

Day 1:

- RIS3 Governance: How to simplify and accelerate implementation?
- Research centre on Masticha: From idea to reality
- RIS3 Implementation tools: Finance, Monitoring, Evaluation
- Panel on RIS3 Governance: Promising ways forward

Day 2:

- EDP in 2014-2020: learning from positive experiences, peer review
- EDP in 2021-2027: continuous, internationalised/ambitious, multi-level

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Project website – major update in progress!

http://s3platform.jrc.ec.europa.eu/ris3-in-lagging-regions

Thank you!

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