

# Digital Innovation Hubs & Smart Specialisation

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#### REGIONAL SMART SPECIALIZATION STRATEGY

- Under development in the framework of the pilot action: "RIS3 for lagging regions"
- Framework Document for RIS3 is already in place and potential smart specialization areas, as well as draft strategy identified
- Support actions for its implementation already started

#### DIGITAL INNOVATION HUB

- TRANSILVANIA iHUB 4.0 initiative to be developed
- Application developed for the call for DiHs in 13 MS in a consortium reuniting all relevant stakeholders, as well as:
  - Incipient DiH involved in the present action, i.e. Cluj IT Cluster
  - Planned DiH proposed under FUTURIUM project by Aries Transilvania





## **REGION IN KEY FIGURES**









8 public universities

9 private universities

2.280 researchers



90.418 students in all levels of education

341 patents between 2007-2015



4 regional centres of the State Office for Inventions and Trademarks 68 research organizations



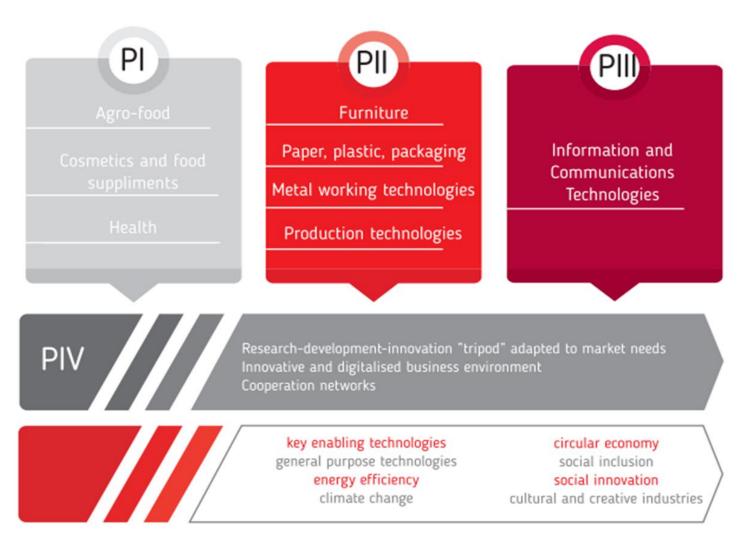


6 accredited technology transfer entities



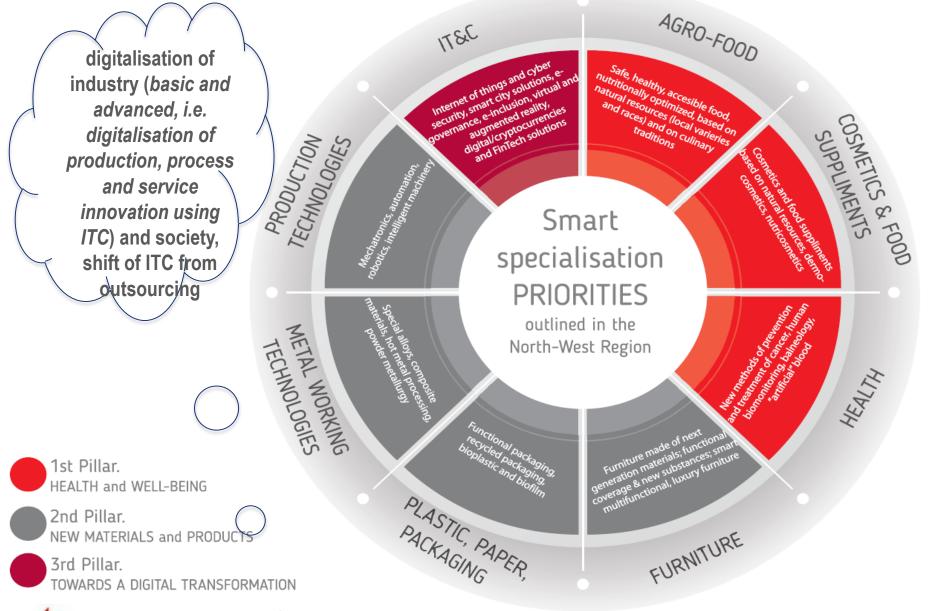


"By 2034 the North-West Development Region will be in the top of the most innovative regions from Central and Eastern Europe capitalizing on research-development-innovation results, with the aim to raise incomes, the number of workplaces and level of living standard."







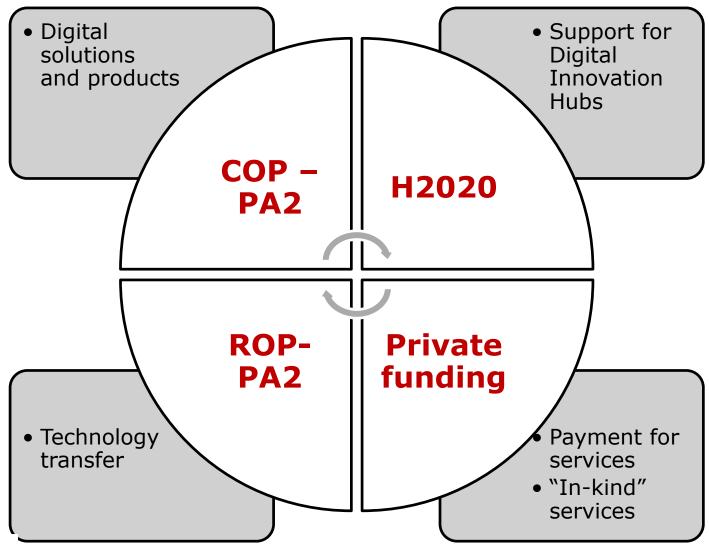








# **Funding sources**









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## Host organisation and partners?

Babes-Bolyai University,
Technical University of Cluj-Napoca,
Universitatea Oradea, Spherik Accelerator
Chamber of Commerce and Industry Bistriţa-Năsăud,

Cluj IT Cluster, ARIES Transilvania, Oradea Hub Association,

Cluj HUB, INIT Association (Cluj Startups), Romanian IT Global Community Association, North-West Regional Development Agency

#### Planned services

 Awareness, Creation around Digital Technologies, Innovation Scouting, Digital Maturity Assessment, Visioning and Strategy Development for Businesses, Brokering/matchmaking, Access to Specialized Expertise and Infrastructure, Mentoring, Training, Access to Funding and Investor Readiness Services, Collaborative Research on Issues of Common Interest







# Challenges and good practices

## **Challenges:**

- Shifting the IT sector from outsourcing towards IP based products and/or services
- Digitalisation of the regional/national economy and society (low level of digitalization)
  - Raising awareness of industry in general about the need to digitalize
  - Integration of digital technologies in non-IT businesses
- Digitalization trends
- Breaking traditional industry boarders
- Servitisation of products

### **Good practice:**

Cooperation of different key actors in order to reach a common objective







# Links and information sources

- Region / Digital Innovation Hub
  - Link to NW development <u>region</u>: <u>www.nord-vest.ro</u>
  - Link to Cluj IT Cluster as incipient DiH:
     http://s3platform.jrc.ec.europa.eu/digital-innovation-hubs-tool
     www.clujit.ro
- Further information about the socio-economic fabric of the region:
  - English language on-line brochure available at: <a href="http://www.nord-vest.ro/regiunea/northern-transylvania/">http://www.nord-vest.ro/regiunea/northern-transylvania/</a>
- Further information about RIS3:
  - •Bilingual (RO + EN) on-line brochure available at: http://www.nord-vest.ro/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/Brosura-S3Coperta.pdf









# Thank you for your attention!

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