

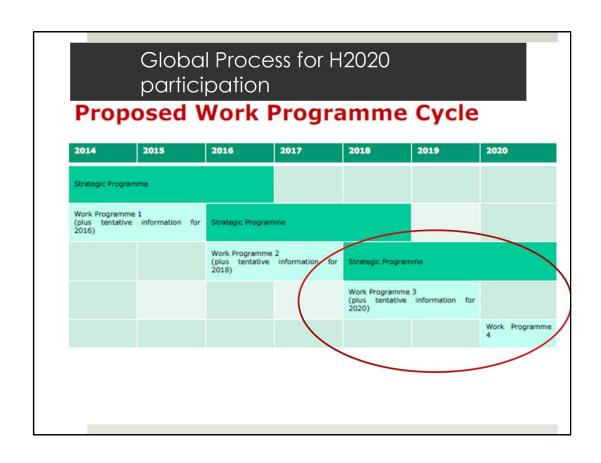
SMART SPECIALISATION 1st Technical Meeting of the S3P Agri FOOd Thematic Partnership on "Traceability and Big Data"



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Funding opportunities at EU level . Developing synergies

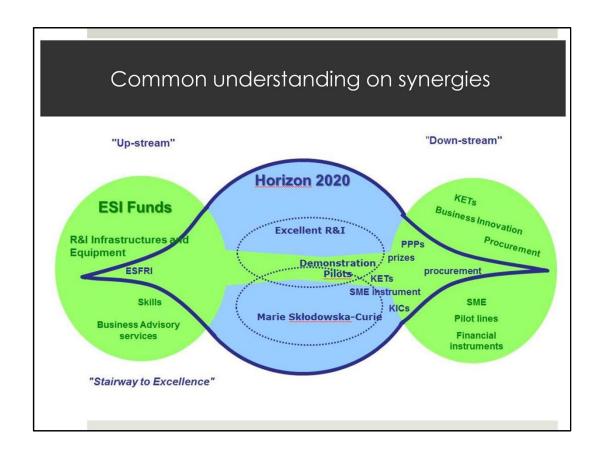
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Priorities H2020-SC2 2018-2020

SC2 WP 2018-20 priorities respond to EU political drivers set out for the whole of Horizon 2020 including

- (i) increased investment in sustainable development and climate
- (ii) integrating digitisation
- (iii) strengthening international cooperation
- (iv) market creating innovation



Context

- **85 EU regions** indicated "agri-food" as one of their key investment areas under smart specialisation
- Opportunities in the Agri-food sector:
 - □ better connect and align the regional investment and innovation dynamic with EU priorities, policies and instruments
 - scale up and scale out successful regional approaches to interregional or EU level
 - □ to promote interregional collaboration
- ▶ DG REGIO, DG JRC, DG AGRI and DG RTD & **EU Regions and Stakeholders** are committed for the development of the 'European Smart Specialisation platform for agri-food'

Opportunities

There exist a need to better connect the different initiatives, projects, infrastructures, platforms, to create synergies that will allow to:

- □ Increase efficiency and better use of different funding instruments
- Create better conditions to allow Impact happen
- Strengthen the EU competitiveness with a participatory approach based on the needs from local/regional level up to EU level
- Develop pilot actions contributing to build the process beyond 2020

HOW?

- H2020 CSA proposal in 2018 call (lobbying action needed!)
- Interreg Europe
- Other: suggestions are welcome ©

Opportunities

