

### The Stairway to Excellence (S2E)

**Boosting regional growth through innovation** 

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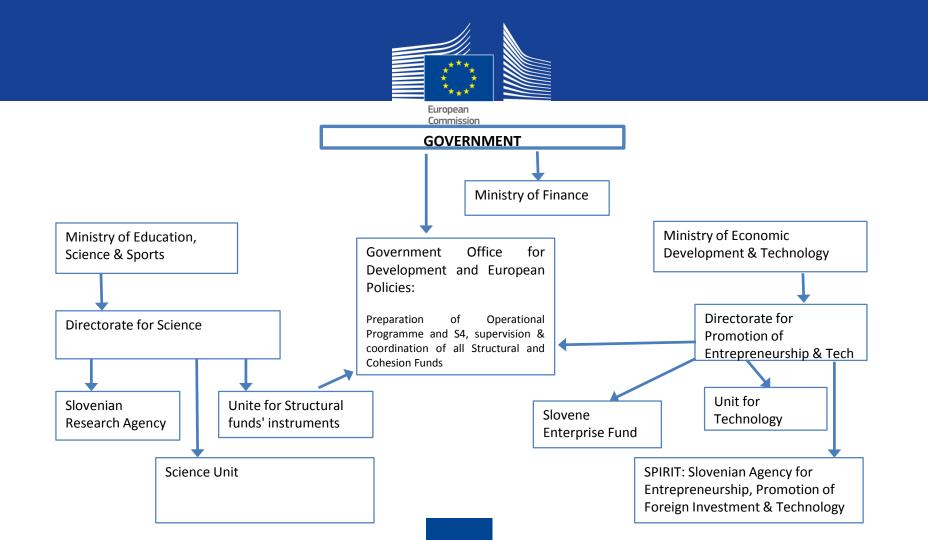
### What do we mean by Synergies:

- Multilevel governance of the European innovation ecosystem
- Synergies between policies and programmes
- Synergies between funding instruments
- Synergies between business sector and public research



# Institutional design for implementation of synergies







## Framework for synergies 2014-2020 in Slovenia

- National Research and Innovation Strategy 2011-2020
- Slovenian Smart Specialization Strategy (S4)
- Operational Programme for Implementing European Cohesion Policy in Slovenia
- Decree on the use of European Cohesion Policy funds in the Republic of Slovenia in the 2014–2020



## Framework for synergies 2014-2020 in Slovenia

#### Broad provisions for synergies in Slovenia for the following instruments:

- ERC → compensation scheme & ERC Fellowship to visit ERC Grantee
- ESFRI → National research infrastructure roadmap
- ERA-NET Cofund → national budget
- JPIs
- Article 185 and 187 of TFEU
- Widening instruments (teaming, ERA chair)
- SME Instrument → Seal of excellence



# **Good practice example: National Institute of Chemistry (NIC)**

- SRA: funding of basic research programme ongoing
- ERDF 2007-2013: Centres of Excellence (research infrastructure)
- FP7: EUROLIS → research project: Li-Sulfur battery project, 5 countries and 11 partners: coordinated by NIC



## **Another good practice example: Mobility of students**

ERASMUS+ scheme and ESF support

Erasmus+ operation/action: funding of mobility of students

ESF 2014-2020 operation: incentives for mobility of students to increase participation of disadvanteged students in mobility programmes



### Most "critical" bottlenecks identified by now

- Funding of R&I activities linked to S4 strategy → shall all research be linked to S4 priorities?
- Relation between basic and applied / (pre)industrial research
- Coordination between institutions (national) and EC / governance model
- State aid rules framework
- European cohesion policy rules



### Posision of Slovenia for the future

- The combination of ESIF and next FP funds shall be strongly promoted in all cases when objectives and and targets are aligned
- The same state aid rules should apply to projects positively evaluated in EU-width competition;
- Mechanisms and schemes shall be developed on the systemic level, already in the programming phase of the next perspective
- Harmonised instruments to address societal challenges



### **Current issues at stake:**

- Teaming project
- SME Instrument "Seal of Excellence" (Ministry of the Economy)
- Marie Curie Cofund Seal of Excellence