

Smart specialisation & Less Developed Regions initiative in Romania

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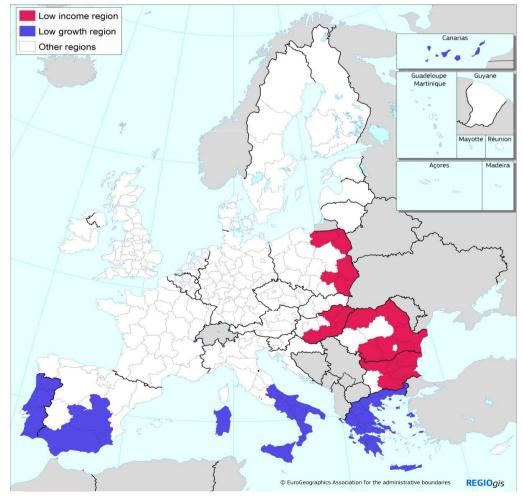




Rationale of the initiative

- "Lagging Regions"
- Objective to help these regions catch up
- Romania and Poland as pilots in 2016-2017

Lagging Regions





- North-East and North-West regions selected as pilot – action plans
- Focus on business ecosystem, excellence, competitive sectors
- Regional smart specialisation
- Education & training and links to business and labour market
- Administrative capacity and national-regional coordination









- Tools for support
 - Joint Research Centre assistance to smart specialisation
 - DG REGIO external experts
 - Regional set-ups: e.g. Regional Innovation Consortia
 - Government's plans and support for SMEs
 - ESI funds under operational programmes





Key to success

= partnership, good collaboration and governance

EU Commission (DG REGIO, DG EMPL), Joint Research Centre (JRC)

Ministry of Regional Development & Publ. Admin.

Regional actors (Regional Development Councils, Regional

Development Agencies, local administrations)

Universities, schools

Employers, entrepreneurs, etc.





Timeline, milestones

Cross-region Kick-off event Steering Committee, validation of the overall approach

June 2016, Bucharest

Entrepreneurial Discovery Focus Groups Working group in each region (NW, NE)

26 May / 1 June & Autumn 2016 Cluj/Napoca & Iasi

Thematic
Working Groups
on RIS3

RIS3 governance, fostering entrepreneurship, mobility and human resources

September - November 2016

Mutual learning workshops

Cross EU exchange between relevant stakeholders

October 2016





Timeline, milestones

Case studies and pilot projects

NE: study on higher education system NW: pilot project on business support

October 2016 - January 2017

Coordination of business support

Overview and testing of support tools; Set up of governance and cordination mechanisms

Autumn 2016 - Spring 2017

Administrative capacity at regional level

Coordination between national and regional level
Regional governance mechanisms

Summer 2016 - Spring 2017





Questions and Answers

