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Smart Specialisation Platform in Agri-Food

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Smart Specialisation in the challenging phase

- **Promising uptake in the policy-making processes**
- **Growing community**
- **Developing interest in the methodology** (policy framework)

But ...

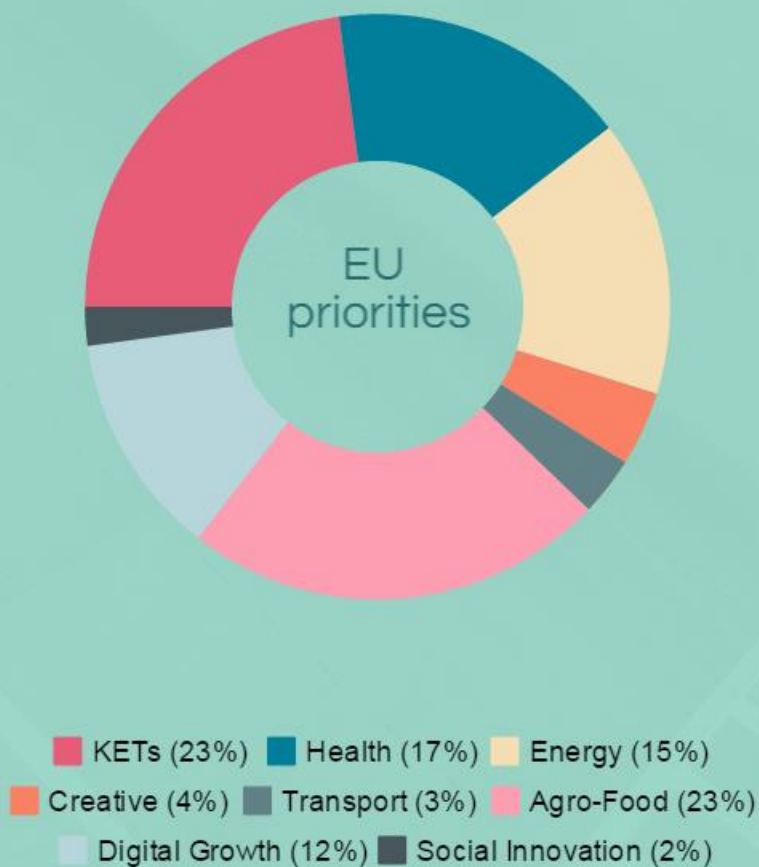
- **Final delivery of changes still questionable** (concrete impact on policy acts: calls, administrative behaviour, etc.)
- **Low trans-regional learning and market opportunities**
- **Lack of coordination among existing resources**, including public and private resources at EU, national, regional and local levels

Eye@RIS3 – current status

1,260+

The number of priorities encoded in the Eye@RIS3 database

Main RIS3 categories (2015)



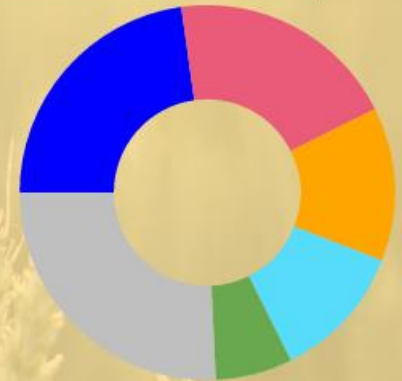
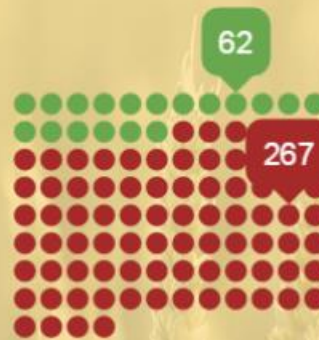
Many RIS3 priorities are linked to several such categories

Agro-Food and related priorities

Top
Category
2015

270+

The number of
encoded Agro-
Food priorities



3 in 4

regions selected an
Agro-Food related
priority

1 in 5

Agro-Food priorities
focus on new
technologies



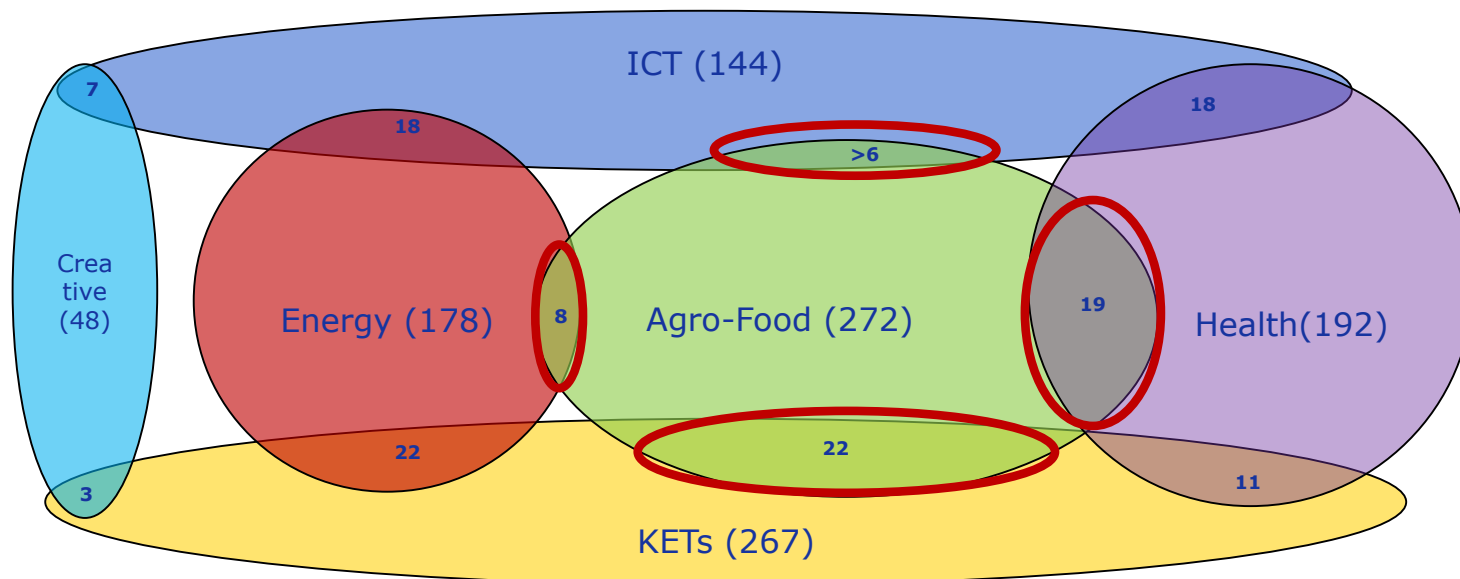
Agro-Food related Priorities

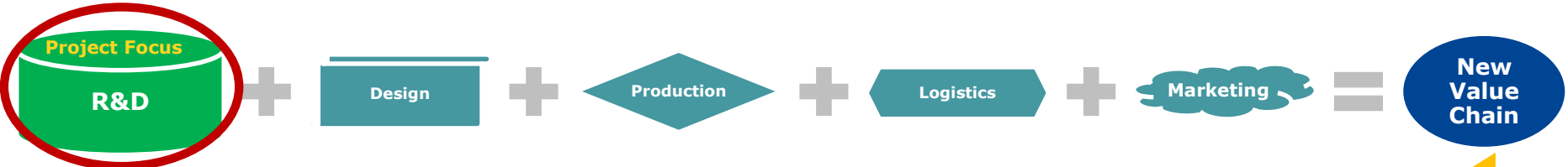
(based on priority descriptions)

	Table : Agro-Food related sub-areas of specialisation (EU28)	Count EU-28, n	Count VI, n
1	Agro-food (new) technologies (incl. KETs and application of ICT in the field of agriculture)	62	5
2	Agro-food and Tourism	54	3
3	(Food) products & Organic food and food with higher added-value (healthy food, quality of life)	36	4
4	Water for Environment and Agriculture (incl. aquaculture, fisheries and maritime)	32	3
5	Food production, manufacturing and distribution	19	
6	Environmentally-friendly agro-food production	18	
7	Food safety and security	11	
8	Research and Education in Food/Agriculture	2	
9	Transport and logistics	2	
*	(Generic) Agriculture as industry (agro-food)	36	
	Total	272	

Overlapping RIS3 niches

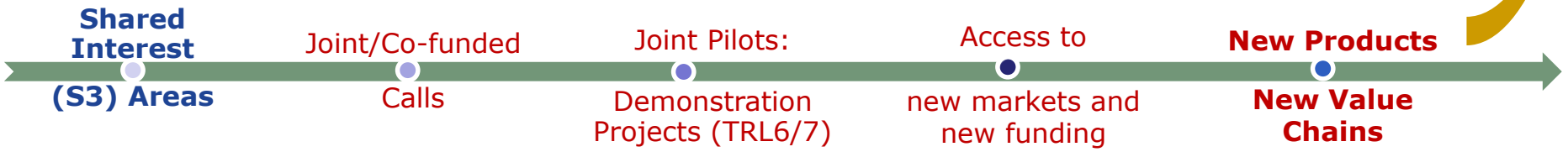
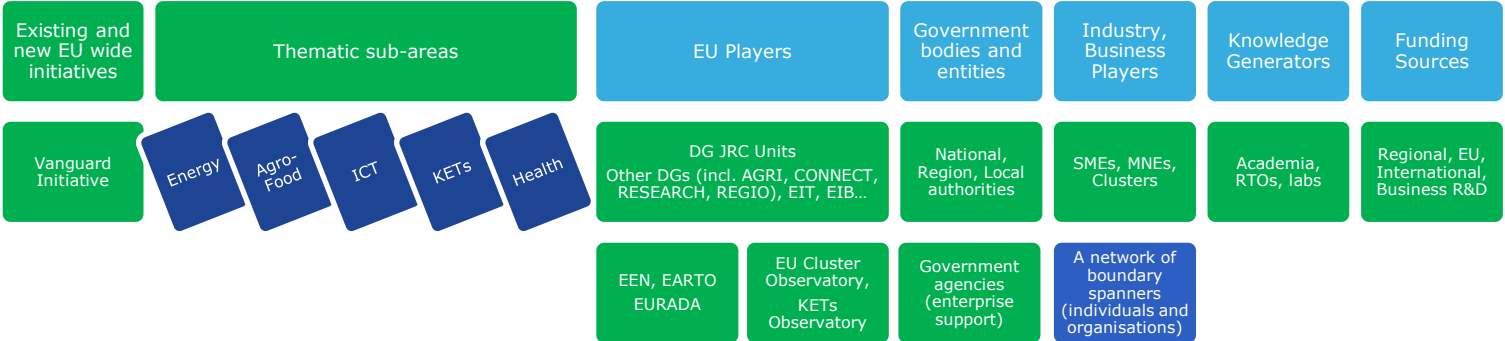
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Mapping priority areas

Eye@RIS3 Multi-level Mapping (innovation eco-systems)



Objectives of our support to the new Platform

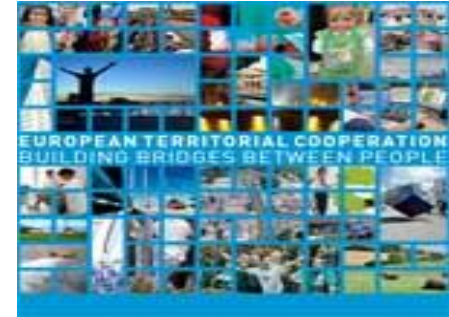
- **Support** the development and enhancement of *European eco-systems for interregional collaboration based on areas of **smart specialisation***.
- **Facilitate** the exchange of experience, *mutual learning and cooperation to achieve better matching of business entities with research*, as well as innovation actors with their business counterparts.
- **Prepare** *guidance material on the role of regional authorities in co-creating and developing European value chains* in key smart specialisation niches.

Role of the EU Commission

1. **Initiate the platform, facilitate an annual event and provide methodological support** to structure the subsequent process (mapping and other intelligence methods/tools)
2. Facilitate **access to finance for investment projects** that result from the platform (ESIF, Horizon 2020, etc.)
3. Better **align and integrate its EU framework for innovation and investment policies to regional development**, using a value chain approach

Regions and Member States → to take the leadership

Aligning relevant EU instruments and platforms



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Food4Future - Sustainable Supply Chain from Resources to Consumers

ERA-NETs and ERA-NETs PLUS





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