



**S2E National event Croatia
“Croatian activity for the
implementation of the new EU
funding programmes”**



For the period 2014 - 2020, Croatia has prepared two Operational programs for the implementation of Cohesion Policy:

1. Operational Program "Competitiveness and Cohesion" " (European Regional Development Fund and Cohesion Fund) **6.881 billion euros**
- and
2. Operational program " Effective Human Resources " (European Social Fund) **1.516 billion euros**

ESI funds allocation – 2020 - 2014 (in billion euros)

Cohesion fund(2,6) Regional Development Fund (4.3) and the European Social Fund (1.4) European Territorial Cooperation (0.128) 8,4	Agricultural Fund for Rural Development 2,026	European Maritime and Fisheries Fund 0,280
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Thematic concentration in ESIF

Significant funding from European Regional Development Fund must be **concentrated on 4 of 11** Thematic Objectives:

- research, technological development and innovation **664.792 mln eura**;
- access to, and use and quality of, ICT **318.952 mln eura**;
- competitiveness of SMEs **970.000 mln eura**;
- shift towards a low-carbon economy in all sectors **531.810 mln eura**.

The **level of concentration** in the 4 Thematic Objectives:

- 50% in less developed regions (GDP per capita <75% of EU average);





Effective use of available EU funds in Croatia

Common Strategic
Framework

Partnership
Contract

Operational
Programmes

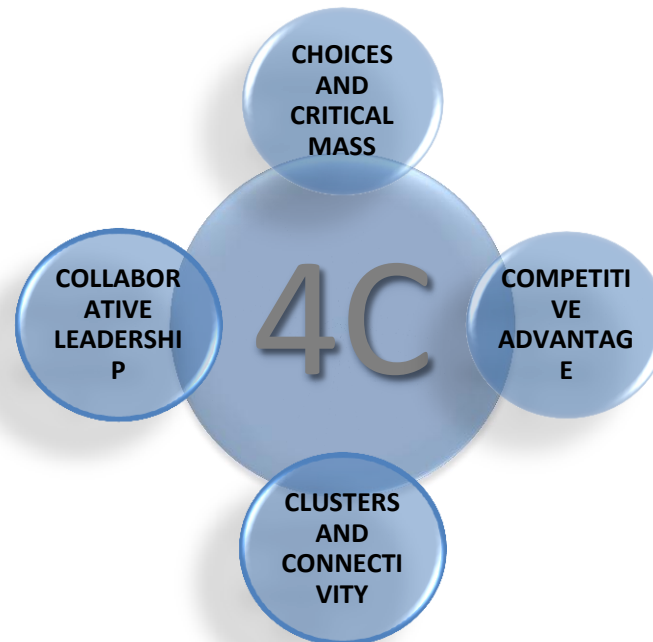
- Comprehensive investment strategy: aligned with Europe 2020 objectives
- Coherence with National Reform Programme
- Coordination: cohesion policy, rural development, maritime & fisheries funds
- Objectives and indicators to measure progress towards Europe 2020 targets
- Effectiveness: introduction of a performance framework
- Efficiency: reinforcement of administrative capacity, cutting red tape
- **Ex ante conditionality: TO 1 Smart Specialization Strategy**





Smart Specialization Strategy

- A tool to set out national or regional priorities for investments in RDI, which take account location specific and build on existing or emerging strengths - **Search for new, more sustainable growth concepts**
- Focus on the systematic shift towards **activities with higher rates of innovation/added value**
- A required element for planning future ESIF investments through role as **'ex ante conditionality'** for RDI funding





The Smart Specialization process bring new opportunities to Croatia

New opportunities:

- ✓ To identify our strengths but also key areas for improvement and investments.
- ✓ To review and update our national policy towards a knowledge-based economy for the economic transformation of the region.
- ✓ To strengthen the private-public technology and knowledge transfer channels:
 - Strengthening researchers and business collaboration.
 - Increasing opportunities for 'self-discovery' activity.
 - Linking research and technological capacities with public support.

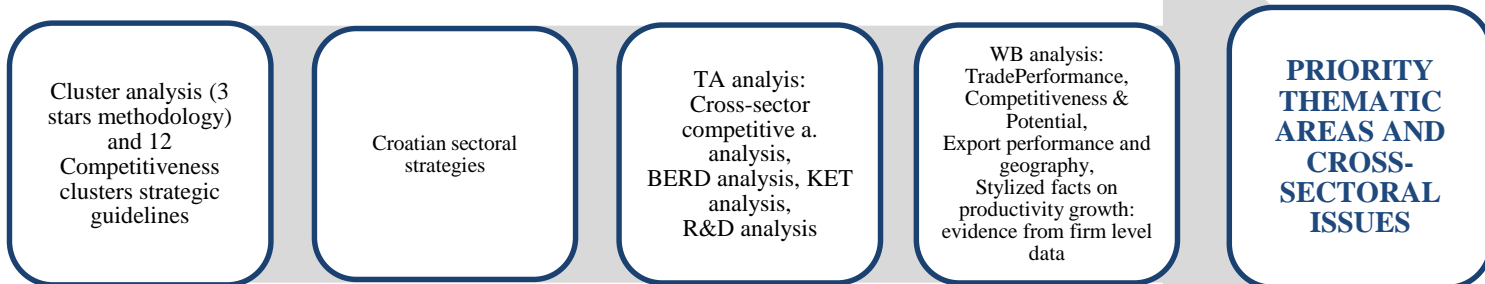
Governance challenges

- ✓ S3 is changing our governance mechanism.
- ✓ S3 is redefining our policy instruments
- ✓ S3 is revealing our areas for improvement (e.g. International R&D linkages).



Process of selection the priority thematic areas and cross-cutting issues

GLOBAL TRENDS AND SOCIETAL CHALLENGES



PARTNERSHIP CONSULTATIONS, EXPERT WGs, LEADER MEETING, BILATERAL MEETING, CROSS-BORDER MEETING, QUESTIONNAIRES



The S3 thematic priority areas and cross-cutting themes



**HEALTH
AND
QUALITY
OF LIFE**



**ENERGY AND
SUSTAINABLE
ENVIRONMENT**



**TRANSPORT
AND
MOBILITY**



SECURITY



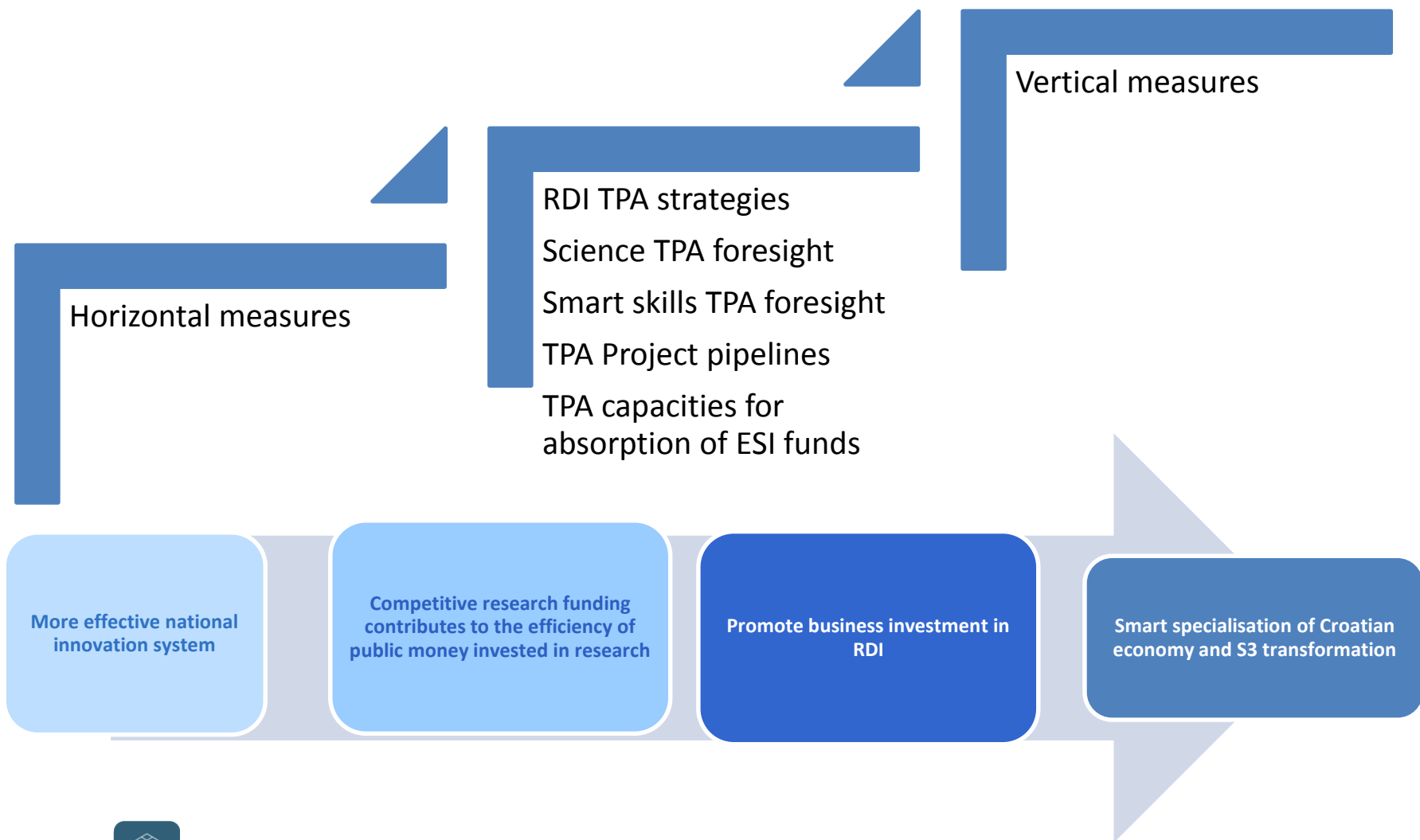
**AGRO-FOOD
AND BIO-
ECONOMY**

**Cross-cutting themes: Tourism, Creative and culture
industry, KET & ICT**

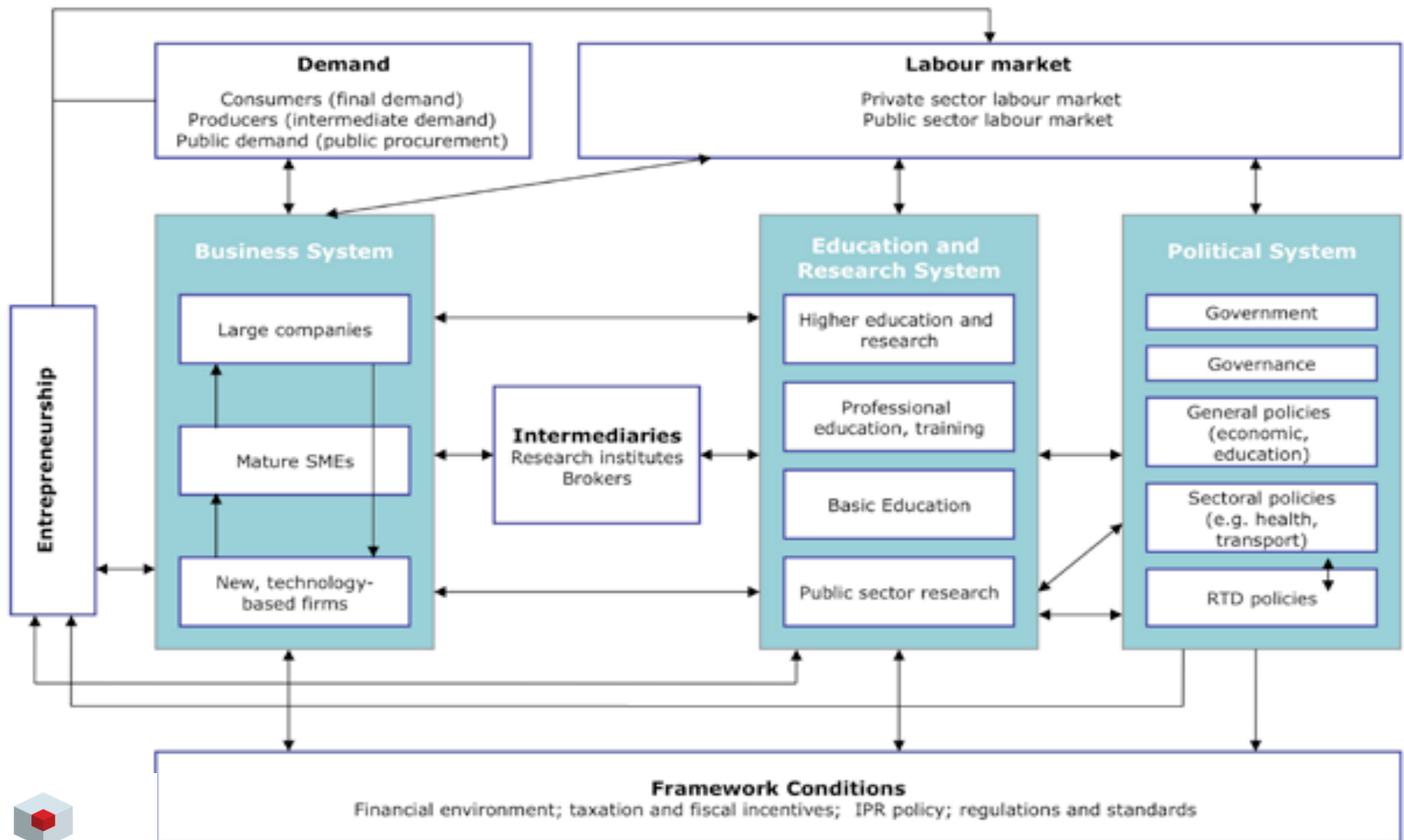




How to improve TPAs competitiveness

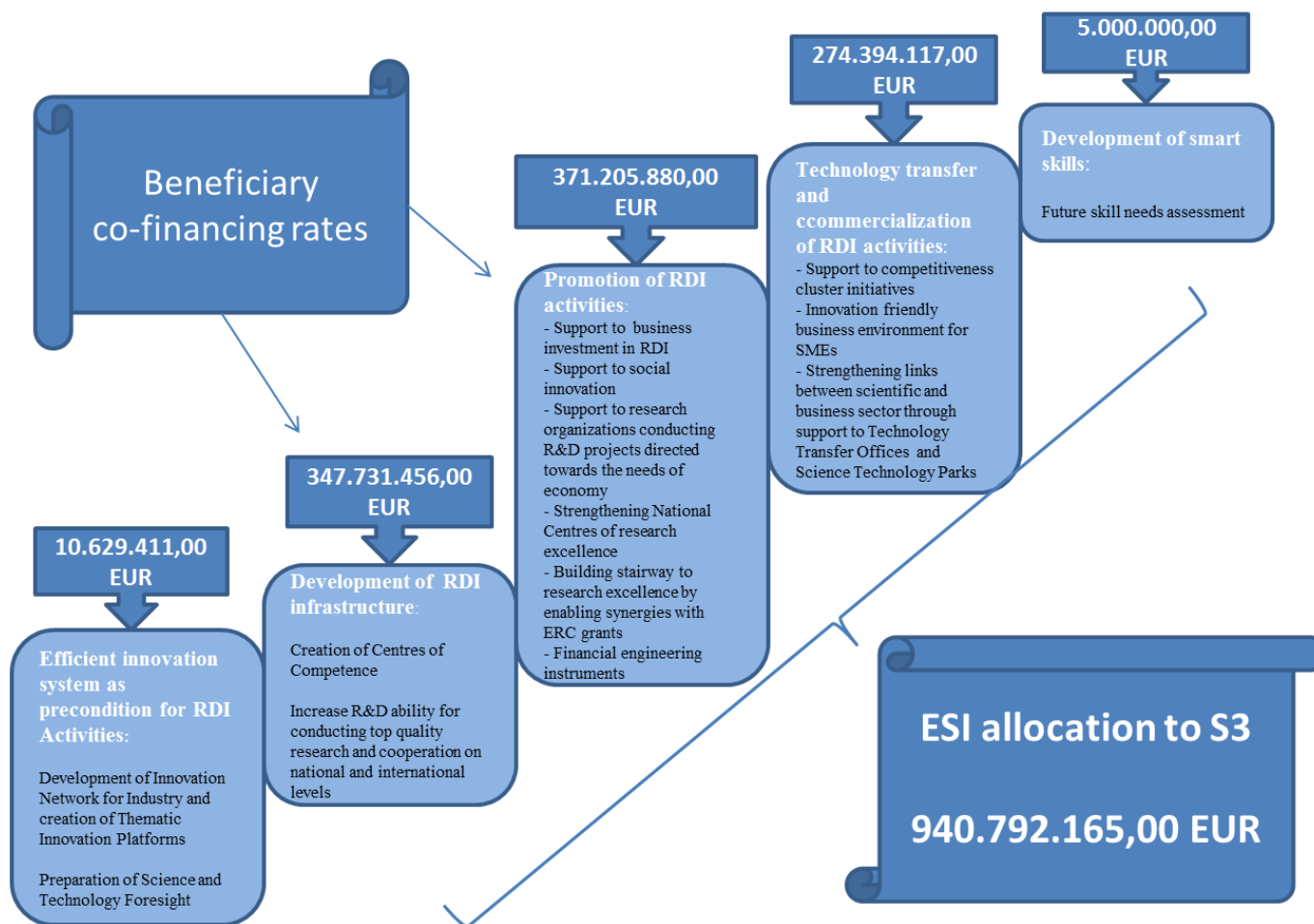


Coverage of delivery instruments in Croatian innovation system





CROATIA WILL BE RECOGNISED AS KNOWLEDGE-BASED COUNTRY EMBRACING CREATIVITY
AND INNOVATION AT ALL LEVELS OF SOCIETY



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