The Synergies with Research and Innovation Funds: Stairway to Excellence

«Science Parks as innovation drivers»

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# Friuli Venezia Giulia (FVG) in figures





Geographic area (sq. km) Resident population

Employment rate Unemployment rate 7.840,13 1.221.860

63,6% 6,8%

EU Innovation capacity (as much as Emilia Romagna and Piemonte Regions)

Follower-high



GDP pro-capite (Euro)

29.200

# THE FVG KNOWLEDGE ECOSYSTEM



Regional context: many researchers of international level

	USA	Japan	Europe	Italy	Friuli Venezia Giulia	Trieste
Researchers, technicians, staff	14	12,9	9,5	6,2	14,1	49,3
Researchers only	8,1	9,1	5,7	2,9	8,8	37,1
					per 1000 labour for	ce units
	Over !	50 natio	onal ar	d inte	ernational	





AREA Science Park (in brief AREA) was established in 1978 and it is managed by the Consorzio per l'AREA di Ricerca Scientifica e Tecnologica di Trieste, a national public research body. AREA is one of the leading Italian multisector science and technology park for companies and public institution active in research, innovation and qualified services.



AREA Science Park Trieste Padriciano Campus



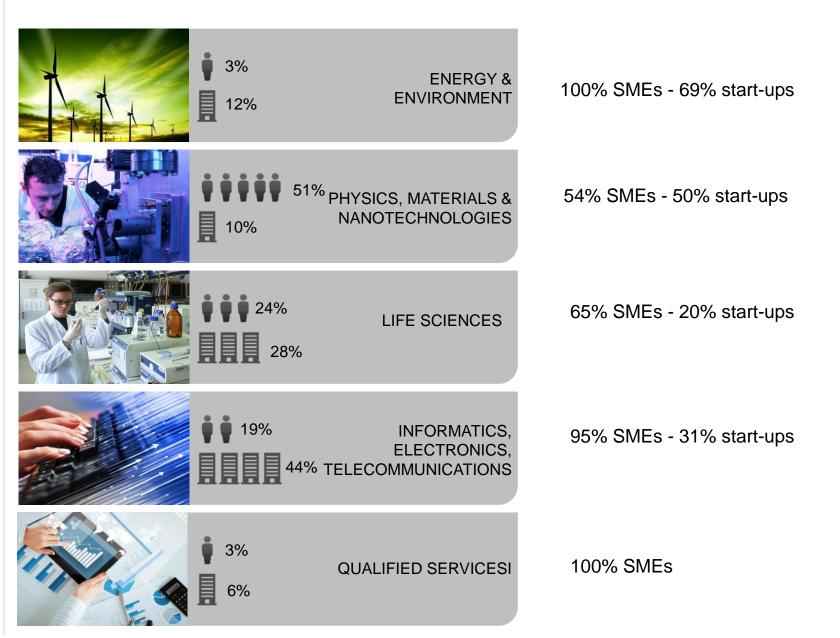
AREA Science Park Trieste Basovizza Campus



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### **AREA clusters**





## AREA in a nutshell

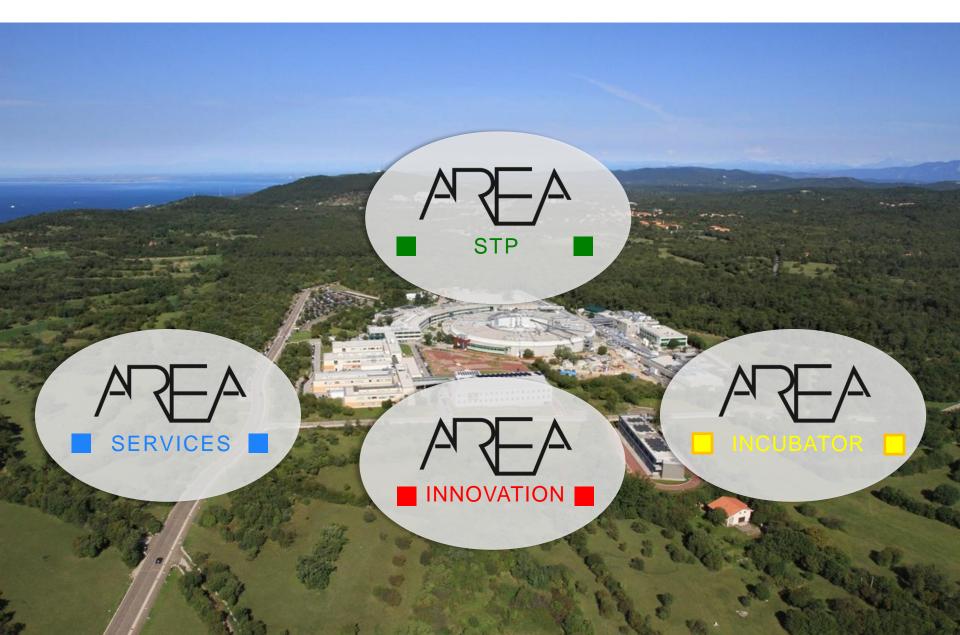


94.000	Sqm total surface area
3	Campuses
94	Research centres and hi-tech companies located in AREA Science Park
+190	M. Euro total annual revenue
+2.500	Employees (134 the Consortium)

Data as of date 31.12.2013

## AREA SYSTEM





## AREA NATIONAL SYSTEM









- Consolidation, development and attraction in AREA Science Park of innovative and fast growing business (i.e. spin off, start up)
- Inception and development of European projects focused on innovative materials (inorganic, organic and bio-nano)
- Enlargement, enrichment and improvement of technology services (i.e. Technology and Business Foresight);
- Creation of a HUB for excellence scientific collaboration with European and Non EU Neighboring Organizations
- Development of Technical Assistance programme to ease capacity building process for EU funds fast absorption



## RAFVG S3 Strategy\* - 4 Pillars

P1 - Excellence in R&D (FESR: approx 30 MEURO)

P2 - Innnovation growth and business support (FESR: approx 75 MEURO)

P3 - Niche market exploitation and new business support (FESR: approx 20 MEURO)

P4 - Business consolidation and crisis area resolutions (FESR: approx 25 MEURO)

## **AREA's** initiatives



#### Open Lab Support Structure (OL) / P1 & P2

> Why

Limited capability of SMEs to invest in qualified personnel for R&D and in expensive dedicated laboratories

Low capacity to compete and win H2020 calls for proposals

#### > What

equipped spaces reserved for individual projects, which can be used by the project leader, with access to research services, for the duration of the project direct access to the expertise of the research groups and the site's excellent technicalscientific instrumentation and related assistance services consolidated coaching services to support industrial competitiveness (fund raising, project management, transnational networking, technology commercialisation)

#### Partners

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AREA (Co-ordinator), ELETTRA Synchrotron radiation source Laboratory, IOM-CNR

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### Proof of Concept Network (POCN) / P1 & P2

### > Why

Often the inventions discovered by the universities are in a stage of development that still requires the direct involvement of the inventors/university researchers that need an industrial partner for the subsequent phases of testing

### What

Support the activities of validation and industrial development in collaboration with industry (TLR3-TLR7)

### Partners

AREA (Co-ordinator), a network of Research Public Bodies, Universities, NETVAL, School of Management, Industrialist Association

Project website: www.pocn.it



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### Model for Technical Assistance (MAT) / P2 & P3

### Why

to accelerate European integration / EU accession by supporting the Balkan areas policy makers and economic actors in implementing the systematic reforms needed to meet the Copenhagen criteria.

### What

capacity building actions in the following macro-areas: a) technology development and transfer to marketable product/services; b) financial and economic development, new enterprise & micro-loans deals.

### Partners

AREA (Co-ordinator), National Agency of Micro-Credit with the support of the Autonomous Region Friuli Venezia Giulia.

# THANK YOU!



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