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Please indicate the place(s) of operation of your business/organisation or the
country(ies) for which your organisation mainly represents or works
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☐ Austria - Wien   ☐ Austria - Kämten
☐ Austria - Steiermark   ☐ Austria - Oberösterreich
☐ Austria - Salzburg   ☐ Austria - Tirol
☐ Austria - Vorarlberg   ☐ **Belgium - All**
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☐ Croatia - Kontinentalna Hrvatska   ☐ **Czech Republic - All**
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☐ Czech Republic - Moravskoslezsko   ☐ Czech Republic - Praha
☐ Czech Republic - Severovýchod   ☐ Czech Republic - Severozápad
☐ Czech Republic - Střední Čechy   ☐ Czech Republic - Střední Morava
☐ **Denmark - All**   ☐ Denmark - Hovedstaden
☐ Denmark - Midtjylland   ☐ Denmark - Nordjylland
☐ Denmark - Sjælland   ☐ Denmark - Syddanmark
☐ **Estonia - No regions**   ☐ **Findland - All**
☐ Findland - Åland   ☐ Findland - Etelä-Suomi
☐ Findland - Helsinki-Uusimaa   ☐ Findland - Länsi-Suomi
☐ Findland - Pohjois- ja Itä-Suomi   ☐ **France - All**
☐ France - Alsace   ☐ France - Aquitaine
☐ France - Auvergne   ☐ France - Basse-Normandie
☐ France - Bourgogne   ☐ France - Bretagne
☐ France - Centre   ☐ France - Champagne-Ardenne
☐ France - Corse   ☐ France - Franche-Comté
☐ France - Guadeloupe   ☐ France - Guyane
☐ France - Haute-Normandie   ☐ France - Île de France
☐ France - La Réunion   ☐ France - Languedoc-Roussillon
☐ France - Limousin   ☐ France - Lorraine
☐ France - Martinique   ☐ France - Midi-Pyrénées
☐ France - Nord - Pas-de-Calais   ☐ France - Pays de la Loire
☐ France - Picardie   ☐ France - Poitou-Charentes
☐ France - Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur   ☐ France - Rhône-Alpes
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☐ Germany - Düsseldorf   ☐ Germany - Freiburg
☐ Germany - Gießen   ☐ Germany - Hamburg
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☐ Germany - Kassel   ☐ Germany - Koblenz
☐ Germany - Köln   ☐ Germany - Leipzig
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☐ Germany - Sachsen-Anhalt   ☐ Germany - Schleswig-Holstein
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☐ Germany - Thüringen   ☐ Germany - Trier
☐ Germany - Tübingen   ☐ Germany - Unterfranken
☐ Germany - Weser-Ems   ☐ **Greece - All**
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☐ Greece - Θεσσαλία (Thessalia)   ☐ Greece - Ιόνια Νησιά (Ionia Nisia)
☐ Greece - Κεντρική Μακεδονία (Kentriki Makedonia)   ☐ Greece - Κρήτη (Kriti)
☐ Greece - Νότιο Αιγαίο (Notio Aigaio)   ☐ Greece - Πελοπόννησος (Peloponnisos)
☐ Greece - Στερεά Ελλάδα (Sterea Ellada)   ☐ **Hungary - All**
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☐ Hungary - Észak-Alföld   ☐ Hungary - Észak-Magyarország
☐ Hungary - Közép-Dunántúl   ☐ Hungary - Közép-Magyarország

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- [ ] Italy - Basilicata
- [ ] Italy - Campania
- [ ] Italy - Friuli-Venezia Giulia
- [ ] Italy - Liguria
- [ ] Italy - Marche
- [ ] Italy - Piemonte
- [ ] Italy - Provincia Autonoma di Trento
- [ ] Italy - Sardegna
- [ ] Italy - Toscana
- [ ] Italy - Valle d'Aosta/Vallée d'Aoste
- [ ] Latvia - No regions
- [ ] Malta - No regions
- [ ] Netherlands - Drenthe
- [ ] Netherlands - Friesland (NL)
- [ ] Netherlands - Groningen
- [ ] Netherlands - Noord-Brabant
- [ ] Netherlands - Overijssel
- [ ] Netherlands - Zeeland
- [ ] Poland - All
- [ ] Poland - Kujawsko-pomorskie
- [ ] Poland - Lubelskie
- [ ] Poland - Małopolskie
- [ ] Poland - Opolskie
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- [ ] Portugal - Área Metropolitana de Lisboa
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- [ ] Spain - Comunidad Foral de Navarra
- [ ] Spain - Extremadura
- [ ] Spain - Illes Balears
- [ ] Spain - País Vasco
- [ ] Spain - Región de Murcia
- [ ] Sweden - Mellersta Norrland
- [ ] Sweden - Östra Mellansverige
- [ ] Sweden - Småland med öama
- [ ] Sweden - Sydsverige
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- [ ] United-Kingdom - Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire
- [ ] United-Kingdom - Dorset and Somerset
- [ ] United-Kingdom - East Wales
- [ ] United-Kingdom - Eastern Scotland
- [ ] United-Kingdom - Gloucestershire, Wiltshire and Bristol/Bath area
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- [ ] United-Kingdom - Highlands and Islands
- [ ] United-Kingdom - Inner London - West
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- [ ] United-Kingdom - Lincolnshire
- [ ] United-Kingdom - North Eastern Scotland
- [ ] United-Kingdom - Northern Ireland
- [ ] United-Kingdom - Outer London - East and North East
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- [ ] United-Kingdom - South Western Scotland

- [ ] Ireland - All
- [ ] Ireland - Southern and Eastern
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- [ ] Italy - Calabria
- [ ] Italy - Emilia-Romagna
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- [ ] Italy - Lombardia
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- [ ] Italy - Provincia Autonoma di Bolzano/Bozen
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- [ ] Lithuania - No regions
- [x] Netherlands - All
- [ ] Netherlands - Flevoland
- [ ] Netherlands - Gelderland
- [ ] Netherlands - Limburg (NL)
- [ ] Netherlands - Noord-Holland
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- [ ] Poland - Łódzkie
- [ ] Poland - Lubuskie
- [ ] Poland - Mazowieckie
- [ ] Poland - Podkarpackie
- [ ] Poland - Pomorskie
- [ ] Poland - Świętokrzyskie
- [ ] Poland - Wielkopolskie
- [ ] Portugal - All
- [ ] Portugal - Algarve
- [ ] Portugal - Centro (PT)
- [ ] Portugal - Região Autónoma da Madeira
- [ ] Romania - All
- [ ] Romania - Centru
- [ ] Romania - Nord-Vest
- [ ] Romania - Sud-Est
- [ ] Romania - Vest
- [ ] Slovakia - Bratislavský kraj
- [ ] Slovakia - Východné Slovensko
- [ ] Slovenia - Vzhodna Slovenija
- [ ] Spain - All
- [ ] Spain - Aragón
- [ ] Spain - Cantabria
- [ ] Spain - Castilla-La Mancha
- [ ] Spain - Ciudad Autónoma de Ceuta
- [ ] Spain - Comunidad de Madrid
- [ ] Spain - Comunidad Valenciana
- [ ] Spain - Galicia
- [ ] Spain - La Rioja
- [ ] Spain - Principado de Asturias
- [ ] Sweden - All
- [ ] Sweden - Norra Mellansverige
- [ ] Sweden - Övre Norrland
- [ ] Sweden - Stockholm
- [ ] Sweden - Västsverige
- [ ] United-Kingdom - Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire
- [ ] United-Kingdom - Cheshire
- [ ] United-Kingdom - Cumbria
- [ ] United-Kingdom - Devon
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- [ ] United-Kingdom - Essex
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- [ ] United-Kingdom - Herefordshire, Worcestershire and Warwickshire
- [ ] United-Kingdom - Inner London - East
- [ ] United-Kingdom - Kent
- [ ] United-Kingdom - Leicestershire, Rutland and Northamptonshire
- [ ] United-Kingdom - Merseyside
- [ ] United-Kingdom - North Yorkshire
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*7. Please indicate your
type of organisation:
- ○ International administration
- ⦿ National administration
- ○ Regional authority
- ○ Non-governmental organisation
- ○ Large business
- ○ Small or micro enterprise
- ○ Medium-sized enterprise
- ○ Research body/academia
- ○ Higher education institution
- ○ Vocational training organisation
- ○ Public business or innovation support body
- ○ Private business or innovation support body
- ○ Financial sector
- ○ Other

*8. Please indicate the
sector in which your business/organisation mainly operates:
- ○ Manufacturing
- ○ IT services
- ○ Agriculture and Food
- ○ Health and Care
- ○ Energy
- ○ Environment Automotive and Transport
- ○ Financial services/banking/insurance
- ○ Retail, electronic commerce
- ○ Electronic communications
- ○ Public sector Research
- ⦿ Other

*Please specify
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Economic Affairs (public administration)

*9. Is your organisation
included in the Transparency Register? If your organisation is not registered,
we invite you to register here (https://ec.europa.eu/transparencyregister/public/ri/registering.do?locale=en), although it is not compulsory to be registered to
reply to this consultation. Why a transparency register? (http://ec.europa.eu/transparencyregister/public/homePage.do)
- ○ Yes
- ○ No
- ⦿ Not applicable

*10.
What type of region are you located in / work for?
- ☐ Urban area (at least 50 000 inhabitants)
- ☐ A university / higher education centre is less than 50 km away
- ☑ Neither of the above
- ☐ Don't know

*11. Which (if any) of
these statements apply to you?
- ☑ I / my organisation has significant knowledge of smart specialisation and other research and innovation policy approaches;
- ☑ I / my organisation has a significant role in the implementation of innovation and business development funding;
- ☑ I / my organisation was involved in the development of the smart specialisation strategy of my country / region
- ☐ The field of activity of me / my organisation falls into one or more of the smart specialisation priorities of my country / region
- ☐ None of the above
- ☐ Don't know

Specific questions

1. A Smart Specialisation Strategy is a national or regional research and innovation strategy which sets priorities. These priorities aim to build competitive advantage by developing and matching in the country or region research and innovation strengths with business needs.

Smart specialisation priorities aim to seize emerging opportunities and market developments. Smart Specialisation Strategies aim to avoid duplication and fragmentation of efforts across the EU that in the past often hampered the attaining of critical mass for research and innovation projects in the EU.

1.a. What are (in your opinion) the main objectives of smart specialisation strategies in your member state/region? (please rank from 5 – most important to 1 – least important)

	1	2	3	4	5
*Creation of jobs and growth through place-based research and innovation investments	O	O	O	O	◉
*Increasing research and development expenditure	O	O	O	O	◉
*Improving capacity of public administration to stimulate research and innovation	◉	O	O	O	O
*Make businesses and researchers have investment projects together	O	O	O	O	◉
*Helping in reducing disparities between the level of development of your Member State/Region and the other EU Regions/Member States	◉	O	O	O	O
*Economic transformation of your region (e.g. towards new sectors)	O	O	◉	O	O
*Attracting innovative entities to the regions through innovation facilities	O	O	◉	O	O
*Other	O	O	◉	O	O

* If you ticked "other", please specify what you referred to:

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Synergies between national and regional policies.

1.b.
What is (in your opinion) the international/European significance of smart specialisation strategies? (please rank from 5 – most important to 1 – least important)

	1	2	3	4	5
*All types of regions can participate (advanced, research intensive regions and lagging regions)	O	O	O	O	◉
*Alignment between complementary efforts in different countries and regions	O	O	O	O	◉
*Bottom-up agenda for European growth and jobs	O	O	◉	O	O
*Leap-frogging opportunities for lagging regions	O	O	◉	O	O
*Implementation of European strategic priorities in focus areas in regions	O	O	O	O	◉
*Other	O	O	O	O	◉

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Potential for cross-border cooperation of innovation ecosystems.

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1.c. How important is it for you that regions (and countries) put in place research and innovation strategies for smart specialisation with clear priorities upon which business, academic and public stakeholders are consulted in advance of allocating funding?

Answer: 4= to a great extent, 3=to some extent, 2=to a minor extent, 1=not at all, no opinion

O 1 O 2 O 3 ◉ 4

*2. Innovation
does not happen by chance or in isolation, but has underlying trigger and drivers. What should smart specialisation strategies focus on to drive innovation in your region or country?
Please indicate, if you answer the following question with focus on

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○ your country
◉ both, region + country

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How important are the following drivers in your view
(1=not at all; 2=to a minor extent, 3=to some extent, 4=to a great extent):

	1	2	3	4	No opinion
*Demand in markets / by customers	○	○	○	◉	○
*Need to stay competitive	○	○	○	◉	○
*Access to technology / research providers and research and innovation infrastructures	○	○	○	◉	○
*Access to innovation management support services (e.g. advice on patenting, licensing, technology needs, market potentials, etc.)	○	○	○	◉	○
*Access to skilled personnel (engineers, marketing / design experts, skilled workers, etc.)	○	○	○	◉	○
*Access to researchers / scientists	○	○	○	◉	○
*Availability of skilled personnel with entrepreneurial spirit	○	○	○	◉	○
*Cooperation between academia/universities and enterprises (inside your country / region)	○	○	○	◉	○
*Cooperation between academia/universities and enterprises (outside your country / region)	○	○	○	◉	○
*Cooperation between different types of enterprises / sectors (inside your country / region)	○	○	○	◉	○
*Cooperation between different types of enterprises / sectors (outside your country / region)	○	○	○	◉	○
*Access to finance (grants)	○	○	◉	○	○
*Access to finance (venture capital, equity)	○	○	◉	○	○
*Access to finance (loans, guarantees)	○	○	◉	○	○
*Innovation friendly regulatory environment	○	○	○	◉	○
*Other	○	○	◉	○	○

* If you ticked
"other", please specify what you referred to:

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*3.
The EU's cohesion and research and innovation policies aim to create framework conditions that favour research and innovation and that allow bringing ideas to market. Support to research and innovation takes various forms. It is provided by public as well as private bodies on regional, national and EU level. The aim of asking to develop and implement smart specialisation strategies over the last 3 years was to improve the type, quantity and quality of research and innovation support at national and regional levels.
Please indicate, if
you answer question 2a) and 2 b) with focus on

○ your region
○ your country
◉ both, region + country

* 3.a) Did
smart specialisation have an impact on research and innovation support to your work in the past 3 years ?

◉ Yes   ○ No

3.b) How has smart
specialisation improved your use of research and innovation infrastructure or services in the past 3 years? (1=declined; 2=no change, 3= increased):

	1	2	3

*Infrastructure - Better access to relevant research and innovation infrastructures and research and innovation service providers (public)	○	●	○
*Infrastructure - Access to technology or science parks	○	○	●
*Infrastructure - Access to FabLabs, LivingLabs or other experimentation support	○	○	●
*Infrastructure - Pilot lines or demonstrators for testing and validation of new or improved products, incl. commercially usable prototypes	○	○	●
*Knowledge & technology - Intellectual Property Rights management support (patenting, licensing etc.)	○	●	○
*Knowledge & technology - Technology transfer	○	●	○
*Knowledge & technology - Digitization of enterprises and processes	○	●	○
*Business development - Support to business plan development or bankability of innovation projects	○	●	○
*Business development - Support for standardisation or conformity certification for new products	○	●	○
*Business development - Support for access to market / marketing	○	○	●
*Business development - Support for finding networking and cooperation partners abroad	○	●	○
*Business development - Support for finding networking and cooperation partners within your country	○	○	●
*Innovation & competitiveness projects - Support for design and creative thinking	○	●	○
*Innovation & competitiveness projects - New forms of innovation (social innovation, co-creation, etc.)	○	○	●
*Innovation & competitiveness projects - Fundamental / blue-sky research activities	○	●	○
*Innovation & competitiveness projects - Industrial research activities	○	○	●
*Innovation & competitiveness projects - Experimental development / prototyping	○	○	●
*Skills & talents - Better access to skilled personnel	○	○	●
*Skills & talents - Better access to researchers	○	○	●
*Skills & talents - Support for skills development inside your organisation (e.g. e-skills training, design thinking, project management training)	○	●	○
*Skills & talents - Better cooperation between stakeholders to identify relevant skills needs	○	●	○
*Public funding - Access to grants and other not-repayable support	○	●	○
*Public funding - Access to financial instruments (loans, venture capital, equity, guarantees) instead of grants	○	●	○
*Public funding - More combination of different funding sources (national, regional, EU, international)	○	●	○
*Public funding - More focussed funding offers (e.g. for specific challenges or technologies or sectors)	○	●	○
*Public funding - More competitive selection of projects for funding	○	○	●
*Public funding - Larger volumes of funding per project	○	●	○
*Public funding - Participation of more partners in a project consortium	○	○	●
*Public funding - More requirements as regards project durability in time	○	●	○
*Public funding - Less reporting and other administrative requirements	○	●	○
*Regulatory Framework - New legislation that favours research and innovation	○	●	○
*Regulatory Framework - Ability to participate in assessing the impact of legislative proposals	○	●	○
*Regulatory Framework - Less administrative burden for research, innovation or business projects	○	●	○
*Regulatory Framework - Easier / cheaper / faster set-up of firms	○	○	●
*Regulatory Framework - Easier / cheaper / faster obtaining of permits and licenses	○	●	○

Other
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4.
Innovation - in the sense of successfully bringing a new or significantly
improved goods / services to the market - rarely happens in isolation. In
general, innovation "eco-systems" make innovation happen in a region / country.
Such innovation eco-systems work thanks to the combination of public support and
private initiative and depend crucially on the interaction and openness to

cooperate among the different enterprises, citizens, educational, research
public etc. bodies. Public policy and funding cannot create top-down such
innovation eco-systems, but can increase the likelihood for such an
innovation-friendly setting to emerge and evolve. Fostering the emergence or
improvement of such innovation eco-systems and sharpening their unique features
was part of the smart specialisation approach.

- ☐ If you implement innovation yourself / in your enterprise or organisation: Did you/your organisation in the past 3 years work together with any of the following types of bodies / enterprises to improve your innovation capacity or implement innovation projects?
- ☑ If you / your organisation supports innovation in other enterprises or bodies: Did you observe in the past 3 years that there is MORE participation of the following type of enterprises / bodies in the innovation eco-system in your country or region?

	yes	no	Not relevant
*Consultancy firm	O	◉	O
*Manufacturing firm (from your country / region)	◉	O	O
*Manufacturing firm (foreign firm)	◉	O	O
*Multi-national firm	◉	O	O
*Marketing or design firm	◉	O	O
*Private investor (e.g. business angel)	◉	O	O
*Technology broker	◉	O	O
*Cluster or business association (chamber of commerce etc)	◉	O	O
*Research service provider (from your country / region)	◉	O	O
*Research service provider (from abroad)	◉	O	O
*Higher Education Institution	◉	O	O
*Patent lawyer / advisor	◉	O	O
*Provider of high-tech or research equipment	◉	O	O
*Soft or hardware firm / IT developer	◉	O	O
*Training provider (managerial skills, technical skills, digital skills, etc.)	◉	O	O
*Civil society organisation	◉	O	O
*Clients (feed-back, co-design, etc.)	◉	O	O
*Suppliers	◉	O	O

*Other

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*5.

The core of smart specialisation is the inter-active and inclusive development
process involving businesses, researchers and education institutions, civil
society and public bodies. This "entrepreneurial discovery process" was required
to identify a limited set of smart specialisation priorities for a country /
region. This process aimed to find new, creative fields for cooperation between
different sectors and technologies. It often resulted in identifying new or
emerging niches in markets or value chains. The entrepreneurial discovery
process is expected to be continued during the implementation of the smart
specialisation strategies, both to refine the definition of projects, the
monitoring and possibly adjustments of the strategies.

5.a. Do you think that you/your organisation or other organisations
should be more involved in the design and/or implementation of research and
innovation support, including smart specialisation strategies in your country /
region?

- ☐ No
- ☑ Yes (if yes, in which issues would you like to see you/your organisation or other organisations more involved in order to disseminate good practice and facilitate effective collaboration in order to accelerate smart growth investments?)
- ☐ Development of the smart specialisation policy concept
- ☐ Design of a smart specialisation strategy in your member state/region and possible up-dates / adjustments
- ☐ Design of support forms (advice, funding, public infrastructure etc.) at local level

☐ Design of work programmes and support conditions of EU level funding programmes
☑ Strategic use of SME intermediaries, such as cluster organisations, in order to reach out businesses, notably SMEs
☑ Interaction with business, researchers, civil society and public administration
☐ Technological or sectorial choices in terms of research and innovation support
☑ Modification of the regulatory and administrative framework conditions for research and innovation (e.g. rules on health, safety and environmental requirements of new products or production methods)
☑ Impact assessments for new legislation that can influence research and innovation
☑ Analysis of demand for innovative solutions (including public procurement needs)
☑ Development of partnerships with innovators and firms in other countries / regions
☑ Development of strategic interregional cooperation
☑ Creation of experimental cross-border legislation that facilitates cross-border innovative projects between regions
☐ Monitoring of the progress of the smart specialisation strategy implementation
☐ Monitoring of the implementation of the relevant European Structural and Investment Fund programmes
☐ Rules or development of university-industry cooperation
☐ Rules on career development of academics (e.g. secondment to private sector)
☑ Exchange/learning from lessons/ good practices of other Member States / regions
☑ Identification and development of relevant skills
☑ Design and development of pilot lines for upscaling

*Other
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5.b.

Which other organisation should be more / better involved in the design or implementation of research and innovation support in your country / region?

(it is possible to choose several options)

	Involve better in the design of research and innovation support	Involve better in the implementation of research and innovation support	No opinion
*Research bodies	◉	○	○
*Higher Education Institutions and/or vocational training bodies	◉	○	○
*Civil Society	○	◉	○
*Small and micro-enterprises	○	◉	○
*Medium-sized enterprises	○	◉	○
*Large enterprises	○	◉	○
*Enterprises or other research and innovation players from abroad	○	◉	○
*Enterprises or researchers from other sectors / technological domains	◉	○	○
*SME intermediaries, such as cluster organisations	○	◉	○
*Research and Technology Organisations	◉	○	○
*Other	○	○	◉

*Other
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*6.

Could you describe a very good research and/or innovation specific project that was implemented in the course of the past 3 years in your country / region, was linked to a smart specialisation strategy, and that could inspire others to launch similar projects?

○ Yes
◉ No

7. The EU provides around 10% of all the public research and innovation support, , including smart specialisation strategies in the European Union member states. This works either via directly managed funds where you apply directly to the Commission (e.g. Horizon 2020, COSME, Joint Undertakings, etc.) or the European Investment Fund or via shared managed funds (e.g. European Regional

Development Fund, European Social Fund) where the definition of the support conditions and the selection of the projects is done by national or regional bodies or intermediaries.

* 7.a) Did you
get in the past 3 years support for research and innovation from a European Union fund or European body?

◉ Yes   ○ No

* 7.b): Was
the funding linked to a smart specialisation strategy?

○ Yes   ◉ No   ○ Don't know

7.c) Did you receive
funding?

	Yes	No
*European Structural and Investment Funds - European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) (http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/en/atlas/programmes/?search=1&keywords=&countryCode=ALL&regionId=ALL&themeId=ALL&programType=ALL&objectiveId=ALL&periodId=3) – national/regional operational programmes	○	◉
*European Structural and Investment Funds - European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) (http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/en/atlas/programmes/?search=1&keywords=&countryCode=ALL&regionId=ALL&themeId=ALL&programType=ALL&objectiveId=ALL&periodId=3) - Interreg	○	◉
*European Structural and Investment Funds - European Social Fund (ESF) (http://ec.europa.eu/esf/main.jsp?catId=62&langId=en)	○	◉
*European Structural and Investment Funds - European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EARFD) (http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/rural-development-2014-2020_en)	○	◉
*European Structural and Investment Funds - European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF) (https://ec.europa.eu/fisheries/cfp/emff_en)	○	◉
*European Structural and Investment Funds - Cohesion Fund (http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/en/funding/cohesion-fund/)	○	◉
*EIB Group - European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI (http://www.eib.org/efsi/); implemented by the EIB Group)	○	◉
*EIB Group - European Investment Fund (EIF) (http://www.eif.org/)	○	◉
*EIB Group - European Investment Bank (http://www.eib.org/)	○	◉
*Horizon 2020 (https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/horizon2020/) – collaborative research and innovation project	○	◉
*Horizon 2020 – SME instrument	○	◉
*Horizon 2020 – ERC grant	○	◉
*Horizon 2020 – Marie Skłodowska-Curie	○	◉
*Horizon 2020 – InnovFin	○	◉
*Horizon 2020 - European Institute for Innovation and Technology	○	◉
*Horizon 2020 - IPR helpdesk	○	◉
*Horizon 2020 - National Contact Points	◉	○
*Horizon 2020 – other	◉	○
*COSME (http://ec.europa.eu/growth/smes/cosme_en) – financial instruments	○	◉
*COSME – cluster development support	○	◉
*COSME – Erasmus for young entrepreneurs	○	◉
*COSME – Enterprise Europe Network	○	◉
*COSME – other	○	◉
*Other directly managed EU programmes - Creative Europe (https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/creative-europe/) (EU framework programme for support to the culture and audiovisual sectors)	○	◉
*Other directly managed EU programmes - Connecting Europe Facility – telecom / digital service infrastructures (https://ec.europa.eu/digital-single-market/en/news/connecting-europe-facility-cef-telecom-eu387-million-improve-european-digital-services-0)	○	◉
*Other directly managed EU programmes - Connecting Europe Facility - energy (http://ec.europa.eu/inea/en/connecting-europe-facility/cef-energy)	○	◉
*Other directly managed EU programmes - Connecting Europe Facility - transport (http://ec.europa.eu/inea/en/connecting-europe-facility/cef-transport)	○	◉

*Other directly managed EU programmes - Erasmus+ (https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/node_en) (programme to support education, youth and sport/Vocational Education Programme)	○	◉
*Other directly managed EU programmes - EU Programme for Employment and Social Innovation (EaSI (http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catid=1081))	○	◉
*Other directly managed EU programmes - LIFE (http://ec.europa.eu/environment/life/) (environmental, nature conservation and climate action projects)	○	◉
*Other directly managed EU programmes - Other	○	◉

*Please indicate which EU

programme you referred to when indicating "other"

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*7.d):

Did you receive in the past 3 years funding or other support from more than one EU fund or programme?

○ Yes ◉ No

*8.

What other / additional types of research, innovation and competitiveness support in the framework of smart specialisation strategies would you / your organisation need?

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*9.a)

Have you been involved or observed concrete, strategic interregional cooperation between your region and other regions with similar or related smart specialisation strategies?

◉ Yes
○ No

*9.b)

Should EU develop interregional cooperation regarding smart specialisation?

◉ Yes ○ No

*if

yes, tick three the most important benefits for you

at most 3 choice(s)

☑ Reducing innovation gap between less and more developed Member States/Regions
☑ New business and/or research partners from abroad
☐ New business and/or research partners from other regions/municipalities within your country
☐ Increase of trade between EU regions and outside EU
☐ Exchange of good practices for public administration and business models
☐ Increase cross-border cooperation between business and higher education institutions
☐ Critical mass for the research and innovation investments
☑ Alignment of research and innovation policy and implementation programmes across borders
☐ Alignment of research and innovation investments along European value chains
☐ Avoidance of duplication of public investments in research and innovation infrastructures
☐ Improvement of mutual access to public research and innovation infrastructures
☐ Using the existing research and innovation facilities of another region

*If you have other

suggestions regarding interregional cooperation, please specify

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*10.

Please give further suggestions or comments regarding the development and implementation of smart specialisation strategies, including in the context of

the wider EU policies on research, innovation, competitiveness, digitisation, education, etc. e.g. on how to reinforce political commitment, disseminate good practices and facilitate strategic interregional collaboration?

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Policy coherence with EU strategic objectives related to Industrial leadership and global challenges. Synergies between EU instruments regarding research and innovation e.a. framework program EFSI.

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