

# New Industrial value Chains for Growth – S3 4 Growth

## Interregional Innovation Investment in the *post 2020 period*

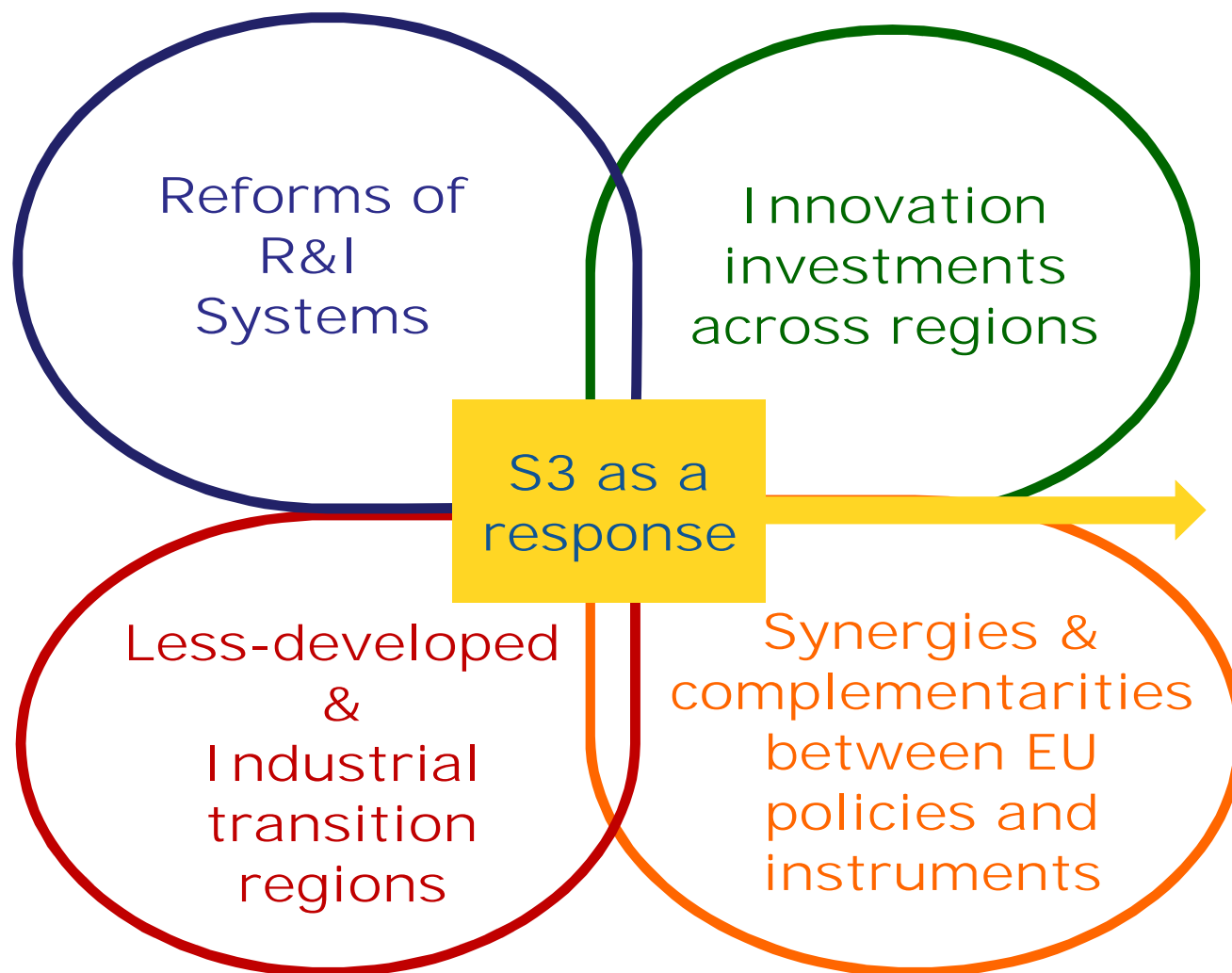
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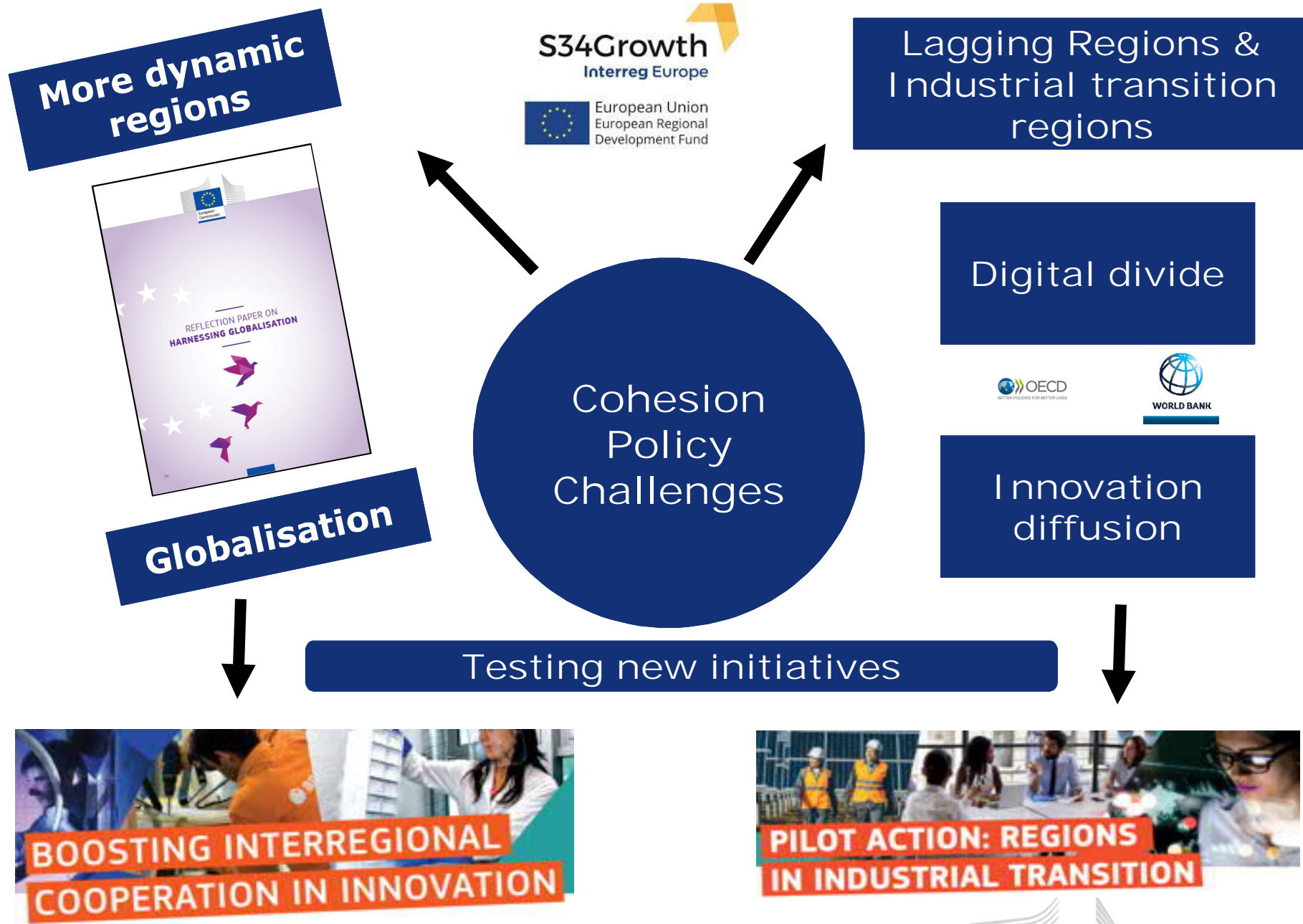


# Four challenges for boosting innovation-led growth



S3 Leading approach  
for the post 2020 period

Strengthening Innovation in Europe's Regions: Strategies for resilient, inclusive and sustainable growth COM (2017) 376 final, July 2017



# New Cohesion Policy Objectives

**Five policy objectives (POs) are proposed :**

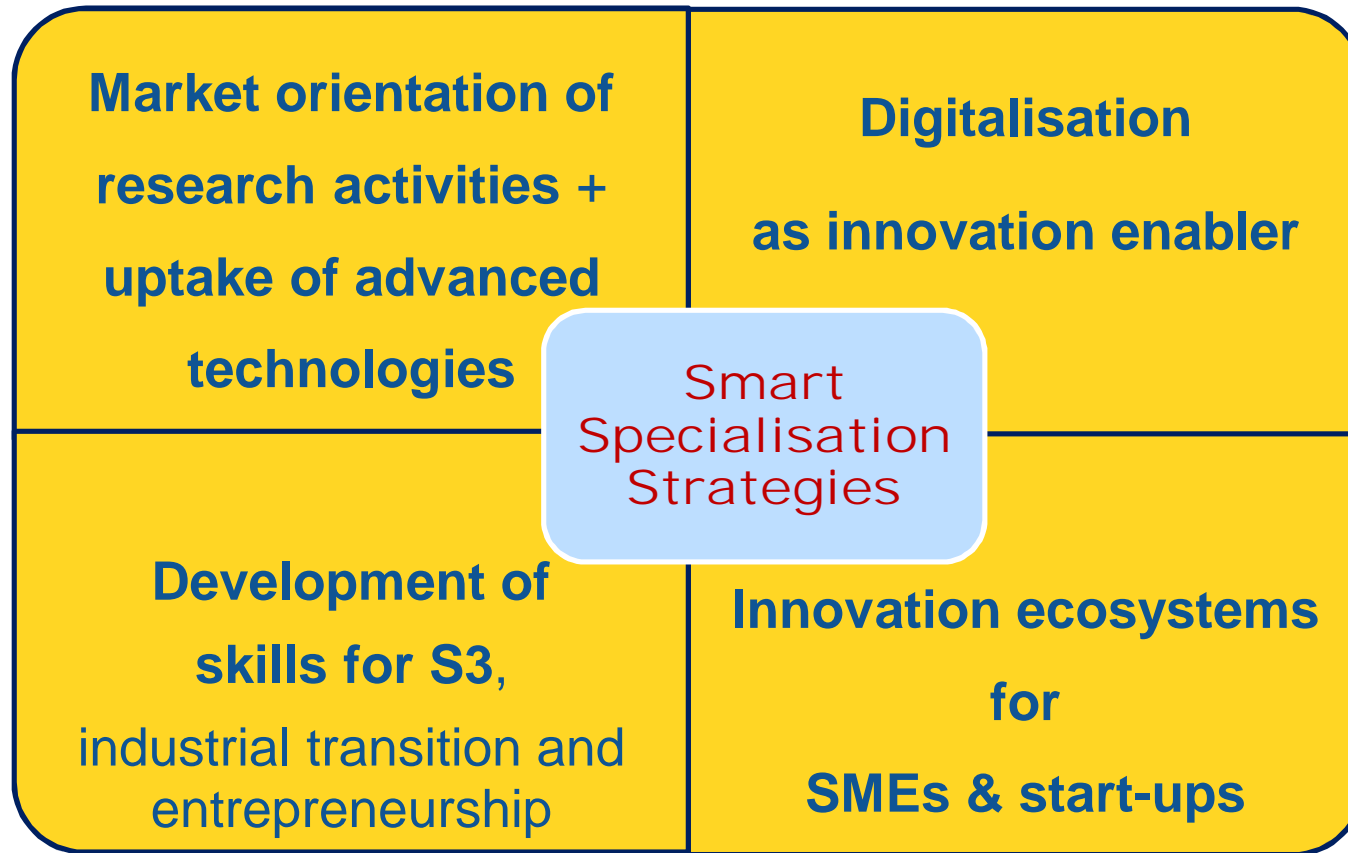
- 1. A smarter Europe**  
(innovative & smart economic transformation)
- 2. A greener, low-carbon Europe**  
(including energy transition, the circular economy, climate adaptation and risk management)
- 3. A more connected Europe**  
(mobility and ICT connectivity)
- 4. A more social Europe**  
(the European Pillar of Social Rights)
- 5. A Europe closer to citizens**  
(sustainable development of urban, rural and coastal areas and local initiatives)

**2 horizontal objectives:**

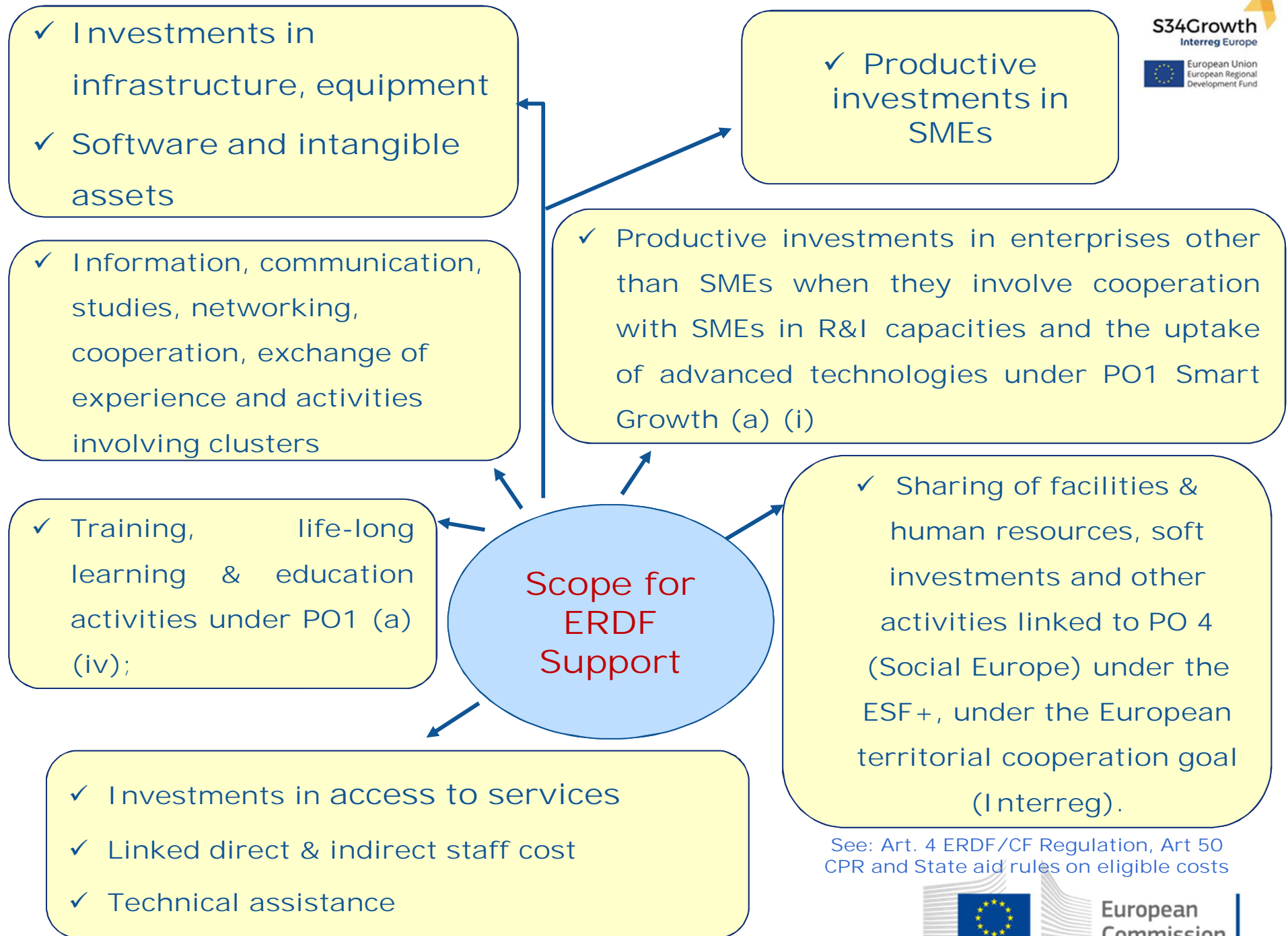
- **Administrative capacity building**
- **Co-operation between regions and across borders** (embeds co-operation in mainstream)

# PO1 - Innovative & Smart Economic Transformation

Comprehensive approach  
new generation of S3



Interregional cooperation in value chains



# Interregional Innovation Investment Instrument

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## WHAT

Interregional innovation investments through the commercialisation and scaling up of interregional innovation projects having the potential to encourage the development of European value chains (component 5) (ETC Art3.5)

## HOW MUCH

11.5 % of ETC Resources (i.e., a total of EUR 970m) for interregional innovation investments (Interreg Component 5) (ETC Art. 9.2)

## HOW

It shall be implemented under direct or indirect management. (ETC Art 16.1)

## FOR WHOM

At the initiative of the Commission, the ERDF may support interregional innovation investments, as set out in point 5 of Article 3, bringing together researchers, businesses, civil society and public administrations involved in smart specialisation strategies established at national or regional levels (ETC Art 61)



## Strategic Level

Strategic planning process links Cohesion Policy to EU Semester:

Country Specific Recommendations

Partnership Agreements for CPR programmes

have to reflect CSR priorities

PAs and programmes to set out complementarities with Horizon Europe, Digital Europe, Single Market Programme, Connecting Europe Facilities, etc.

More Synergies &  
Complementarities

## Management level:

Use of same bodies to  
implement different funds to  
facilitate synchronisation and  
links at governance level  
Convergence of objectives  
& indicators

(users, final beneficiaries)

## Financial level:

More links & bridges between  
different programmes

(Seal of Excellence, cumulative  
funding, transfers of ERDF / ESF+  
into other programmes)

More Simplified Cost Options:

Unit costs, fixed rates, lump sums,  
including replicating those in  
directly managed programmes for  
similar types of projects

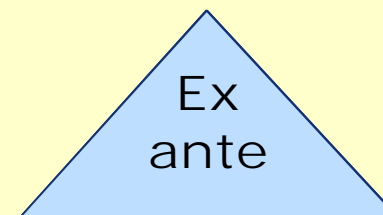


# Synergies:

5%

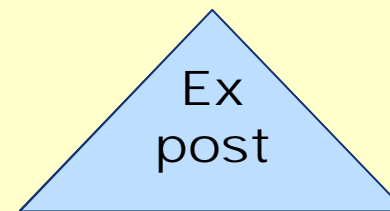
- **NEW!** Synergies at programme level:

On a voluntary basis, and **up to 5%**, Member States can TRANSFER Cohesion Policy resources to another **EU instrument** to fund a **project**;  
=> **the rules of the other instrument apply.**



- **NEW!** Synergies at project level:

Member States can choose to use Cohesion Policy resources to FINANCE a **project** selected under another **EU budget tool**;  
=> **Cohesion Policy rules apply.**



Transfers between shared management Funds or to any instrument under direct/indirect management



## Flexibility to define delivery tools (Article 10 and 21, CPR)

- **NEW!** Transfers between shared management Funds or to any instrument under direct/indirect management
  - Implementation in accordance with the rules of a Fund or instrument to which resources are transferred
  - Up to **5%** of a programme budget
  - Transfers '**for the benefit of a Member State**'
  - Any time during implementation
- **NEW!** Delivery through InvestEU
  - Up to **5%** of the allocation of a Fund
  - In the Partnership agreement or any time during implementation
  - Not subject to de commitment

# Synergies

5%

- **NEW!** Delivery through InvestEU



On a voluntary basis, Member States can choose to **TRANSFER** up to 5% of their Cohesion Policy resources to the new **InvestEU** fund.



In the Partnership agreement or any time during implementation  
Not subject to de commitment

The “**Seal of Excellence**” allows projects successfully evaluated under **Horizon Europe** to be funded by **Cohesion Policy** without having to pass another selection process, if consistent with **S3 Strategy**.



# Summary

## Post 2020 ERDF synergies

### Main novelties

More synergies & better  
defined complementarities  
with other EU funding  
programmes, incl. Horizon  
Europe, CEF & Digital  
Europe Programme

Comprehensive "Smarter Europe"  
policy objective, allowing to combine  
innovation, digitalisation, SME,  
entrepreneurship and S3 relevant skills  
actions

Digital transformation  
as horizontal issue in  
the next generation of  
Smart Specialisation  
Strategies  
either based  
on specific strength or  
on needs for economic  
transformation

Interregional cooperation becomes "mainstream" + NEW

"interregional innovation investment instrument"

for project portfolios along value chains



# Questions and Answers

