

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR A PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON

Smart Specialisation: a fresh approach to European growth and jobs through regional innovation strategies

Fields marked with * are mandatory.

Introduction

You cannot skip questions. If there are questions that you do not feel comfortable responding to, please tick the "no opinion / not applicable" options. You can also pause at any time and continue later. Once you have submitted your answers, you will be able to download a copy of your completed questionnaire and to upload a written contribution.

Note that, whatever option chosen, your answers may be subject to a request for public access to documents under Regulation EC 1049/2001

*My contribution

- can be published with my personal information** (I consent to the publication of all information in my contribution in whole or in part including my name or my organisation's name, and I declare that nothing within my response is unlawful or would infringe the rights of any third party in a manner that would prevent publication.)
- can be published provided that I remain anonymous** (I consent to the publication of any information in my contribution in whole or in part (which may include quotes or opinions I express) provided that it is done anonymously. I declare that nothing within my response is unlawful or would infringe the rights of any third party in a manner that would prevent the publication.)

About you:

* The questions in this section aim at collecting general information about the identity of the respondent.

1. You are welcome to answer the questionnaire in any of the [24 official languages](#) of the EU. The analysis of answers will be done on the basis of machine translations into English. Please let us know in which language you are replying:

English

*2. Please provide your full name:

Paul De Raeve

*3. Please indicate your profession or function in your business / organisation:

Secretary General

*4. Please give your email address in case we have questions about your reply and need to ask for clarifications. If you do not have an email address, please write "Not available".

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*5. I am responding as:

at most 1 choice(s)

- An individual in my personal capacity
 The representative of a business or organisation, including a public authority

*6. Please indicate the place(s) of operation of your business/organisation or the country(ies) for which your organisation mainly represents or works for.

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|---|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Several EU member states/EU-wide | <input type="checkbox"/> Austria - All |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Austria - Burgenland | <input type="checkbox"/> Austria - Niederösterreich |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Austria - Wien | <input type="checkbox"/> Austria - Kärnten |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Austria - Steiermark | <input type="checkbox"/> Austria - Oberösterreich |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Austria - Salzburg | <input type="checkbox"/> Austria - Tirol |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Austria - Vorarlberg | <input type="checkbox"/> Belgium - All |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Belgium - Vlaams Gewest | <input type="checkbox"/> Belgium - Bruxelles Capitale |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Belgium - Wallonie | <input type="checkbox"/> Bulgaria - All |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bulgaria - Северен централен (Severen tsentralen) | <input type="checkbox"/> Bulgaria - Северозападен (Severozapaden) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bulgaria - Североизточен (Severoiztochen) | <input type="checkbox"/> Bulgaria - Югозападен (Yugozapaden) |

- Bulgaria - Югоизточен (Yugoiztochen)
- Croatia - All**
- Croatia - Kontinentalna Hrvatska
- Czech Republic - Jihovýchod
- Czech Republic - Moravskoslezsko
- Czech Republic - Severovýchod
- Czech Republic - Střední Čechy
- Denmark - All**
- Denmark - Midtjylland
- Denmark - Sjælland
- Estonia - No regions**
- Findland - Åland
- Findland - Helsinki-Uusimaa
- Findland - Pohjois- ja Itä-Suomi
- France - Alsace
- France - Auvergne
- France - Bourgogne
- France - Centre
- France - Corse
- France - Guadeloupe
- France - Haute-Normandie
- France - La Réunion
- France - Limousin
- France - Martinique
- France - Nord - Pas-de-Calais
- France - Picardie
- France - Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur
- Germany - All**
- Germany - Berlin
- Germany - Braunschweig
- Germany - Chemnitz
- Germany - Detmold
- Germany - Düsseldorf
- Germany - Gießen
- Germany - Hannover
- Germany - Kassel
- Germany - Köln
- Germany - Lüneburg
- Germany - Mittelfranken
- Germany - Niederbayern
- Germany - Oberfranken
- Germany - Rheinhessen-Pfalz
- Bulgaria - Южен централен (Yuzhen tsentralen)
- Croatia - Jadranska Hrvatska
- Czech Republic - All**
- Czech Republic - Jihozápad
- Czech Republic - Praha
- Czech Republic - Severozápad
- Czech Republic - Střední Morava
- Denmark - Hovedstaden
- Denmark - Nordjylland
- Denmark - Syddanmark
- Findland - All**
- Findland - Etelä-Suomi
- Findland - Länsi-Suomi
- France - All**
- France - Aquitaine
- France - Basse-Normandie
- France - Bretagne
- France - Champagne-Ardenne
- France - Franche-Comté
- France - Guyane
- France - Île de France
- France - Languedoc-Roussillon
- France - Lorraine
- France - Midi-Pyrénées
- France - Pays de la Loire
- France - Poitou-Charentes
- France - Rhône-Alpes
- Germany - Arnsberg
- Germany - Brandenburg
- Germany - Bremen
- Germany - Darmstadt
- Germany - Dresden
- Germany - Freiburg
- Germany - Hamburg
- Germany - Karlsruhe
- Germany - Koblenz
- Germany - Leipzig
- Germany - Mecklenburg-Vorpommern
- Germany - Münster
- Germany - Oberbayern
- Germany - Oberpfalz
- Germany - Saarland

- Germany - Sachsen-Anhalt
- Germany - Schwaben
- Germany - Thüringen
- Germany - Tübingen
- Germany - Weser-Ems
- Greece - Ανατολική Μακεδονία, Θράκη (Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki)
- Greece - Βόρειο Αιγαίο (Voreio Aigaio)
- Greece - Δυτική Μακεδονία (Dytiki Makedonia)
- Greece - Θεσσαλία (Thessalia)
- Greece - Κεντρική Μακεδονία (Kentriki Makedonia)
- Greece - Νότιο Αιγαίο (Notio Aigaio)
- Greece - Στερεά Ελλάδα (Sterea Ellada)
- Hungary - Dél-Alföld
- Hungary - Észak-Alföld
- Hungary - Közép-Dunántúl
- Hungary - Nyugat-Dunántúl
- Ireland - Border, Midland and Western
- Italy - All**
- 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
- Germany - Schleswig-Holstein
- Germany - Stuttgart
- Germany - Trier
- Germany - Unterfranken
- Greece - All**
- Greece - Αττική (Attiki)
- Greece - Δυτική Ελλάδα (Dytiki Ellada)
- Greece - Ήπειρος (Ipeiros)
- Greece - Ιόνια Νησιά (Ionia Nisia)
- Greece - Κρήτη (Kriti)
- Greece - Πελοπόννησος (Peloponnisos)
- Hungary - All**
- Hungary - Dél-Dunántúl
- Hungary - Észak-Magyarország
- Hungary - Közép-Magyarország
- Ireland - All
- Ireland - Southern and Eastern
- Italy - Abruzzo
- Italy - Calabria
- Italy - Emilia-Romagna
- Italy - Lazio
- Italy - Lombardia
- Italy - Molise
- Italy - Provincia Autonoma di Bolzano/Bozen
- Italy - Puglia
- Italy - Sicilia
- Italy - Umbria
- Italy - Veneto
- Lithuania - No regions**
- Netherlands - All**
- Netherlands - Flevoland
- Netherlands - Gelderland
- Netherlands - Limburg (NL)
- Netherlands - Noord-Holland
- Netherlands - Utrecht
- Netherlands - Zuid-Holland
- Poland - Dolnośląskie
- Poland - Łódzkie
- Poland - Lubuskie
- Poland - Mazowieckie
- Poland - Podkarpackie

- Poland - Podlaskie
- Poland - Śląskie
- Poland - Warmińsko-mazurskie
- Poland - Zachodniopomorskie
- Portugal - Alentejo
- Portugal - Área Metropolitana de Lisboa
- Portugal - Norte
- Portugal - Região Autónoma dos Açores
- Romania - București - Ilfov
- Romania - Nord-Est
- Romania - Sud - Muntenia
- Romania - Sud-Vest Oltenia
- Slovakia - All**
- Slovakia - Stredné Slovensko
- Slovakia - Západné Slovensko
- Slovenia - Zahodna Slovenija
- Spain - Andalucía
- Spain - Canarias
- Spain - Castilla y León
- Spain - Cataluña
- Spain - Ciudad Autónoma de Melilla
- 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 öarna
- Sweden - Sydsverige
- United-Kingdom - All**
- United-Kingdom - Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire
- United-Kingdom - Cornwall and Isles of Scilly
- 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
- 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
- United-Kingdom - East Anglia
- United-Kingdom - East Yorkshire and Northern Lincolnshire
- United-Kingdom - Essex
- United-Kingdom - Greater Manchester

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| <input type="checkbox"/> United-Kingdom - Hampshire and Isle of Wight | <input type="checkbox"/> United-Kingdom - Herefordshire, Worcestershire and Warwickshire |
| <input type="checkbox"/> United-Kingdom - Highlands and Islands | <input type="checkbox"/> United-Kingdom - Inner London - East |
| <input type="checkbox"/> United-Kingdom - Inner London - West | <input type="checkbox"/> United-Kingdom - Kent |
| <input type="checkbox"/> United-Kingdom - Lancashire | <input type="checkbox"/> United-Kingdom - Leicestershire, Rutland and Northamptonshire |
| <input type="checkbox"/> United-Kingdom - Lincolnshire | <input type="checkbox"/> United-Kingdom - Merseyside |
| <input type="checkbox"/> United-Kingdom - North Eastern Scotland | <input type="checkbox"/> United-Kingdom - North Yorkshire |
| <input type="checkbox"/> United-Kingdom - Northern Ireland | <input type="checkbox"/> United-Kingdom - Northumberland and Tyne and Wear |
| <input type="checkbox"/> United-Kingdom - Outer London - East and North East | <input type="checkbox"/> United-Kingdom - Outer London - South |
| <input type="checkbox"/> United-Kingdom - Outer London - West and North West | <input type="checkbox"/> United-Kingdom - Shropshire and Staffordshire |
| <input type="checkbox"/> United-Kingdom - South Western Scotland | <input type="checkbox"/> United-Kingdom - South Yorkshire |
| <input type="checkbox"/> United-Kingdom - Surrey, East and West Sussex | <input type="checkbox"/> United-Kingdom - Tees Valley and Durham |
| <input type="checkbox"/> United-Kingdom - West Midlands | <input type="checkbox"/> United-Kingdom - West Wales and The Valleys |
| <input type="checkbox"/> United-Kingdom - West Yorkshire | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

*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

*9. Is your organisation included in the Transparency Register? If your organisation is not registered, we invite you to register [here](#), although it is not compulsory to be registered to reply to this consultation. [Why a transparency register?](#)

- Yes
- No
- Not applicable

* Registration number:

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*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	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
*Increasing research and development expenditure	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*Improving capacity of public administration to stimulate research and innovation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*Make businesses and researchers have investment projects together	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
*Helping in reducing disparities between the level of development of your Member State/Region and the other EU Regions/Member States	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*Economic transformation of your region (e.g. towards new sectors)	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*Attracting innovative entities to the regions through innovation facilities	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*Other	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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

200 character(s) maximum

"other option is obligatory"

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)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
*Alignment between complementary efforts in different countries and regions	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*Bottom-up agenda for European growth and jobs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
*Leap-frogging opportunities for lagging regions	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*Implementation of European strategic priorities in focus areas in regions	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
*Other	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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

200 character(s) maximum

"other option is obligatory"

* **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

1 2 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

- your region
- your country
- both, region + country

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	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*Need to stay competitive	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*Access to technology / research providers and research and innovation infrastructures	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*Access to innovation management support services (e.g. advice on patenting, licensing, technology needs, market potentials, etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*Access to skilled personnel (engineers, marketing / design experts, skilled workers, etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*Access to researchers / scientists	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*Availability of skilled personnel with entrepreneurial spirit	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*Cooperation between academia/universities and enterprises (inside your country / region)	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*Cooperation between academia/universities and enterprises (outside your country / region)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*Cooperation between different types of enterprises / sectors (inside your country / region)	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*Cooperation between different types of enterprises / sectors (outside your country / region)	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*Access to finance (grants)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*Access to finance (venture capital, equity)	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*Access to finance (loans, guarantees)	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*Innovation friendly regulatory environment	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*Other	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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

300 character(s) maximum

"other option is obligatory"

***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)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
*Infrastructure - Access to technology or science parks	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
*Infrastructure - Access to FabLabs, LivingLabs or other experimentation support	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*Infrastructure - Pilot lines or demonstrators for testing and validation of new or improved products, incl. commercially usable prototypes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>

*Knowledge & technology - Intellectual Property Rights management support (patenting, licensing etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
*Knowledge & technology - Technology transfer	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
*Knowledge & technology - Digitization of enterprises and processes	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*Business development - Support to business plan development or bankability of innovation projects	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*Business development - Support for standardisation or conformity certification for new products	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*Business development - Support for access to market / marketing	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*Business development - Support for finding networking and cooperation partners abroad	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
*Business development - Support for finding networking and cooperation partners within your country	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
*Innovation & competitiveness projects - Support for design and creative thinking	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
*Innovation & competitiveness projects - New forms of innovation (social innovation, co-creation, etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
*Innovation & competitiveness projects - Fundamental / blue-sky research activities	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*Innovation & competitiveness projects - Industrial research activities	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*Innovation & competitiveness projects - Experimental development / prototyping	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*Skills & talents - Better access to skilled personnel	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
*Skills & talents - Better access to researchers	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
*Skills & talents - Support for skills development inside your organisation (e.g. e-skills training, design thinking, project management training)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>

*Skills & talents - Better cooperation between stakeholders to identify relevant skills needs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
*Public funding - Access to grants and other not-repayable support	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*Public funding - Access to financial instruments (loans, venture capital, equity, guarantees) instead of grants	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*Public funding - More combination of different funding sources (national, regional, EU, international)	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*Public funding - More focussed funding offers (e.g. for specific challenges or technologies or sectors)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
*Public funding - More competitive selection of projects for funding	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
*Public funding - Larger volumes of funding per project	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*Public funding - Participation of more partners in a project consortium	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
*Public funding - More requirements as regards project durability in time	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*Public funding - Less reporting and other administrative requirements	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*Regulatory Framework - New legislation that favours research and innovation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
*Regulatory Framework - Ability to participate in assessing the impact of legislative proposals	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
*Regulatory Framework - Less administrative burden for research, innovation or business projects	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*Regulatory Framework - Easier / cheaper / faster set-up of firms	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*Regulatory Framework - Easier / cheaper / faster obtaining of permits and licenses	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other

400 character(s) maximum

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	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*Manufacturing firm (from your country / region)	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*Manufacturing firm (foreign firm)	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*Multi-national firm	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*Marketing or design firm	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*Private investor (e.g. business angel)	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*Technology broker	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*Cluster or business association (chamber of commerce etc)	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*Research service provider (from your country / region)	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*Research service provider (from abroad)	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*Higher Education Institution	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*Patent lawyer / advisor	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*Provider of high-tech or research equipment	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*Soft or hardware firm / IT developer	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*Training provider (managerial skills, technical skills, digital skills, etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*Civil society organisation	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*Clients (feed-back, co-design, etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*Suppliers	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

*Other

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We see that all those actors participate, but it is important to include civil society more, which is often put aside. Without the right input, it is not possible to develop innovative technologies that are fit for purpose. Designer and end-user need to work very closely, especially in the health sector.

***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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skills design is essential.

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	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*Higher Education Institutions and/or vocational training bodies	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*Civil Society	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*Small and micro-enterprises	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*Medium-sized enterprises	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*Large enterprises	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*Enterprises or other research and innovation players from abroad	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*Enterprises or researchers from other sectors / technological domains	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*SME intermediaries, such as cluster organisations	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*Research and Technology Organisations	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*Other	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>

*Other

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"other option is obligatory"

***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

***If yes: Please describe the project and what made it a success**

Please consider mentioning, if relevant:

- the field or type of research and innovation

- involved partners / type of partners

- involved budget and its different sources

- any public support received / or public infrastructure used

- any results achieved

- web address with further information

- Lesson learnt / crucial issue for the success of the project

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Due to austerity measures in the health sector, nurses have to be innovative to keep on delivering high quality and safe care. Teams are cut and more tasks need to be done. As such e-health services in nursing and social care are essential. The thematic network ENS4care brought together 24 partners, unique stakeholders to design 5 EU guidelines, one on ehealth services in prevention, one for clinical practice, one for advanced roles, one for continuity of care and one for nurse prescribing. All are available at: <http://www.ens4care.eu/guidelines/> and <http://www.ens4care.eu/partners/>

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) – national/regional operational programmes	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
*European Structural and Investment Funds - European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) - Interreg	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
*European Structural and Investment Funds - European Social Fund (ESF)	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
*European Structural and Investment Funds - European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EARFD)	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
*European Structural and Investment Funds - European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF)	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
*European Structural and Investment Funds - Cohesion Fund	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
*EIB Group - European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI); implemented by the EIB Group)	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
*EIB Group - European Investment Fund (EIF)	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
*EIB Group - European Investment Bank	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
* Horizon 2020 – collaborative research and innovation project	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
* Horizon 2020 – SME instrument	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
* Horizon 2020 – ERC grant	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
* Horizon 2020 – Marie Skłodowska-Curie	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>

*Horizon 2020 – InnovFin	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
*Horizon 2020 - European Institute for Innovation and Technology	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
*Horizon 2020 - IPR helpdesk	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
*Horizon 2020 - National Contact Points	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
*Horizon 2020 – other	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* COSME – financial instruments	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
*COSME – cluster development support	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
*COSME – Erasmus for young entrepreneurs	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
*COSME – Enterprise Europe Network	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
*COSME – other	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
*Other directly managed EU programmes - Creative Europe (EU framework programme for support to the culture and audiovisual sectors)	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
*Other directly managed EU programmes - Connecting Europe Facility – telecom / digital service infrastructures	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
*Other directly managed EU programmes - Connecting Europe Facility - energy	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
*Other directly managed EU programmes - Connecting Europe Facility - transport	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
*Other directly managed EU programmes - Erasmus+ (programme to support education, youth and sport/Vocational Education Programme)	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
*Other directly managed EU programmes - EU Programme for Employment and Social Innovation (EaSI)	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
*Other directly managed EU programmes - LIFE (environmental, nature conservation and climate action projects)	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
*Other directly managed EU programmes - Other	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

*Please indicate which EU programme you referred to when indicating "other"

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ICT PSP work programme 2013

*7.d): Did you receive in the past 3 years funding or other support from more than one EU fund or programme?

Yes No

*If yes, the different EU support / funding:

- was mutually supportive and improved / expanded the impact of the activity
- provided more funding for the same activity
- was not linked, but complementary (e.g. purchase of equipment via ERDF support, that was subsequently used in the participation in a Horizon 2020 project)
- was not linked and not complementary as very different actions were funded
- Other

*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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H2020
European Social Fund (ESF)
Cohesion Fund
Horizon 2020 - collaborative research and innovation project
EU Programme for Employment and Social Innovation (EaSI)

*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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peer reviews are crucial to advance developments.

***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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no further suggestions

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