



PRIORITY 1: Cooperating for a smarter central Europe



LOOKING BACK: LINKAGES AMONG ACTORS OF THE INNOVATION SYSTEMS



Industry 4.0 and advanced manufacturing



Agro- and bio-economy, environment and energy



Silver economy and health innovation

Public procurement of innovation (PPI)

Regional observatories on S3 implementation

Urban innovation

Support schemes for start-ups



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Regions in central Europe do not equally benefit from research and innovation results.

Cooperation along value chains, green and digitised economy and cross-sector cooperation remain a critical need, especially for smaller companies.

To change this, we will support our regions to develop and enhance research and innovation capacities and foster the uptake of advanced technologies.

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**Improve access to research & innovation
and enhance technology transfer for small businesses**



**Enhance cooperation among innovation stakeholders
and facilitate business development**





**Support the transition towards a more resilient,
more digitalised and greener economy**

Actions will be supported in the following thematic fields:

GREEN ECONOMY, BIOECONOMY

CULTURAL AND CREATIVE INDUSTRIES AND TOURISM

SILVER ECONOMY

TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION TRANSFER TO SMES

INNOVATIVE SCHEMES FOR FINANCING INNOVATION

INDUSTRY 4.0, ROBOTISATION, MECHATRONICS,
DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES, KEY ENABLING
TECHNOLOGIES

INNOVATION IN HEALTH (CARE)

SOCIAL INNOVATION

INTERREGIONAL PARTNERSHIPS ALONG VALUE CHAINS

RELEVANT
PROJECTS
WILL HELP US
DELIVER

- Sustainable COOPERATIONS across borders
- Jointly developed STRATEGIES and ACTION PLANS
- Jointly developed and implemented PILOT ACTIONS
- Jointly developed SOLUTIONS

More concretely, project outputs are expected to lead to following results:



STRENGTHENED
INNOVATION
CAPACITIES AND
IMPROVED
FRAMEWORK
CONDITIONS FOR
INNOVATION

ENHANCED UPTAKE
OF ADVANCED
AND GREEN
TECHNOLOGIES
BY REGIONS AND
INDUSTRY

POLICY CHANGES
TOWARDS A GREEN
AND DIGITALIZED
ECONOMY

LOOKING BACK: COMPETENCES FOR ADVANCING ECONOMIC & SOCIAL INNOVATION

Entrepreneurial skills
development and support

Qualification programme
for innovation

Health care services

Social entrepreneurship
support, including funding
schemes

Social and labour market
inclusion and migrant
integration



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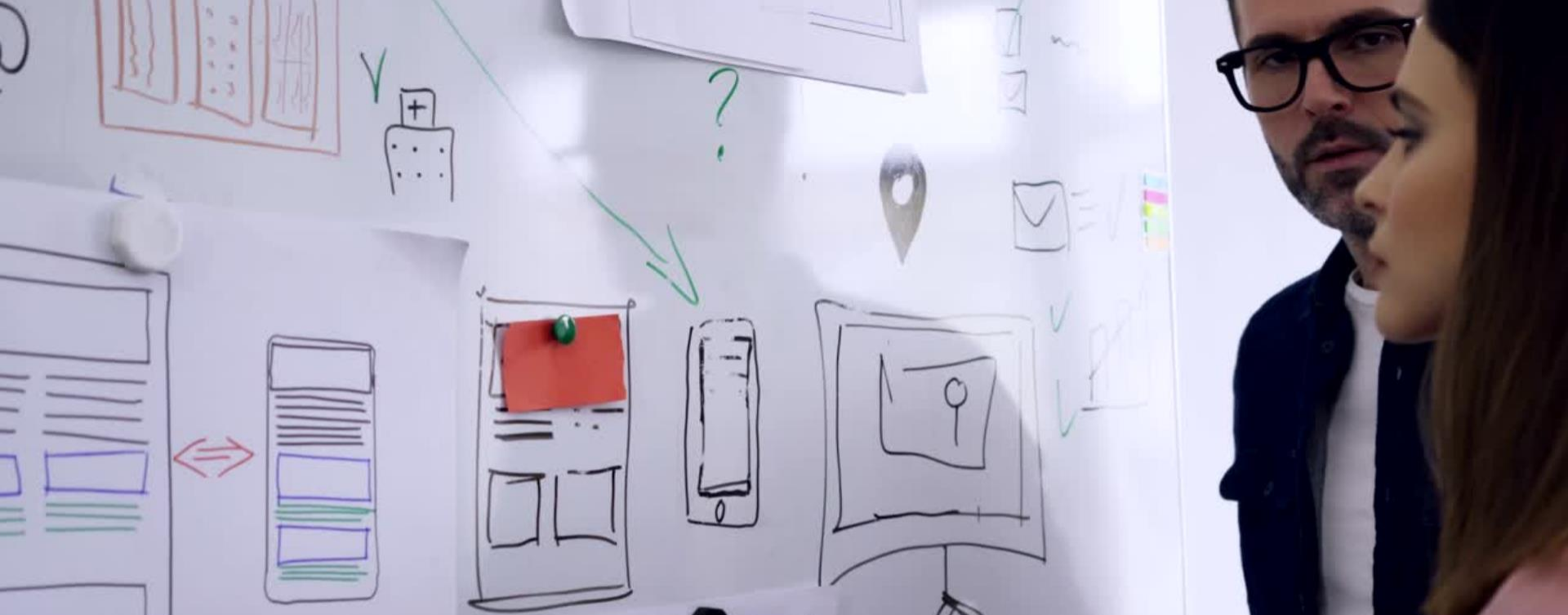
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Central Europe relies on skilled workers for sustaining its strong industrial and economic base. However highly skilled workforce is still unequally distributed.

Up-to-date skills are a pre-requisite for exploiting technological innovation, digitisation, and encourage entrepreneurship.

To change this, we will support place-based development of skills, ensuring a just and socially responsible transition and reducing urban-rural disparities.

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Foster knowledge development and improve skills



Strengthen entrepreneurship and entrepreneurial mind-sets



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SKILLS FOR SECTORS OF RELEVANCE FOR SMART SPECIALISATION, E.G. INDUSTRY 4.0, DIGITALISATION, GREEN ECONOMY, BIO-ECONOMY, SILVER ECONOMY, HEALTH AND LIFE SCIENCES, CULTURAL AND CREATIVE INDUSTRIES, SUSTAINABLE TOURISM

CAPACITY-BUILDING AND INSTITUTIONAL LEARNING FOR SMART SPECIALISATION

MATCHING SKILLS TO LABOUR MARKET NEEDS OF REGIONS IN INDUSTRIAL AND DIGITAL TRANSITION

COMPETENCES FOR INNOVATION MANAGEMENT IN SMES AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP, INCLUDING SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP

COUNTERACTING REGIONAL (URBAN-RURAL) DISPARITIES OF HUMAN CAPITAL AND BRAIN DRAIN

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