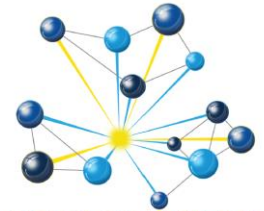


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VANGUARD INITIATIVE
New growth through smart specialisation

PROCESS

- Rapporteur ETC, INTERREG: Pascal Arimont (EPP)
- 3 Dec '18: REGI Committee **unanimously** adopted the report
- 15 Jan '19: Plenary debate: no amendmends regarding C5
- 16 Jan '19: Plenary vote: report **adopted**



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Commission proposal



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Placement and budget

- Component 5 taken out of art. 3 ETC which describes ETC goals
- Wording “component 5” abandoned
- Placement in a separate article in ETC, announcing a “new initiative”
- Direct or indirect management, supported by an expert group
- €970 000 000,- budget remains (no rise, no decrease)
- If not spent before 31 December 2026, budget will be added to Component 1-4
- Third country participation possible

Focus of the “new initiative” (Amd 10, recital)

- Collaboration based on Smart Specialisation
- A persistent systemic failure exists at the testing and validation stage of demonstration of new technologies, especially when innovation is the result of the integration of complementary regional specialisations creating innovative value chains.

“That failure is particularly critical in the phase between piloting and full market uptake. In some strategic technology and industrial areas, SMEs cannot currently count on excellent and open, connected pan-European demonstration infrastructure...”

Focus of the “new initiative” (Amd 89)

➤ Budget earmarked for:

- (a) Commercialisation and scaling up of innovation projects towards European value chains;
- (b) connecting researchers, businesses, civil society organisations, and public administrations involved in smart specialisation and social innovation strategies at national or regional level;
- (c) pilot projects aimed at identifying or testing new development solutions
- (d) sharing innovation experiences with the aim of benefiting from the experience gained in regional or local development.

Focus of the “new initiative” (Amd 89)

➤ European territorial cohesion principle:

An approximate equal share of financial resources for less developed and lead regions

➤ Goal for less developed regions:

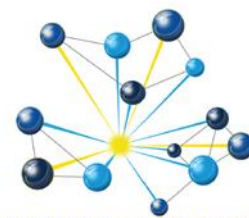
- To increase the capacity of regional innovation ecosystems to integrate in and move up the existing or emerging EU value chains
- To increase the capacity to participate in partnerships with other regions.

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ARIMONT report AMD 10, proposal recital 8a (new)

The new initiative on interregional innovation investments should be based on smart specialisation, and used to support thematic smart specialisation platforms on fields such as energy, industrial modernisation, circular economy, social innovation, the environment or agrifood, and to help those involved in smart specialisation strategies to cluster together, in order to scale up innovation and bring innovative products, processes and ecosystems to the European market. The evidence suggests that a persistent systemic failure remains at the testing and validation stage of demonstration of new technologies (e.g. Key Enabling Technologies), especially when innovation is the result of the integration of complementary regional specialisations creating innovative value chains. That failure is particularly critical in the phase between piloting and full market uptake. In some strategic technology and industrial areas, SMEs cannot currently count on excellent and open, connected pan-European demonstration infrastructure. The programmes under the interregional cooperation initiative should cover the whole European Union and should also be open for the participation of OCTs, third countries, their regions, and regional integration and cooperation organisations, including the outermost neighbouring regions. Synergies between interregional innovation investments and other relevant EU programmes such as those under the European Structural and Investment Funds, Horizon 2020, Digital Market Europe and the single market programme should be encouraged, as they will amplify the impact of investments and provide better value for citizens.

ARIMONT report AMD 74, article 9 – paragraph 5A (new)

5 a. EUR 970 000 000 (8,69 %) of the resources referred to in paragraph 1 shall be allocated to the new initiative on interregional innovation investments as referred to in Article 15 a (new). If by 31 December 2026, the Commission has not committed all of the available resources referred to in paragraph 1 on projects selected under that initiative, the remaining uncommitted balances shall be re-allocated prorata among components 1 to 4.

ARIMONT report AMD 89, proposal for a regulation Article 15 a (new)

Article 15 a Interregional innovation investments 1. The resources referred to in Article 9 (5 a) (new) shall be allocated to a new initiative on interregional innovation investments that is earmarked for: (a) the commercialisation and scaling up of common innovation projects that are likely to encourage the development of European value chains; (b) the bringing together of researchers, businesses, civil society organisations, and public administrations involved in smart specialisation and social innovation strategies at national or regional level; (c) pilot projects aimed at identifying or testing new development solutions at regional and local level which are based on smart specialisation strategies; or (d) sharing innovation experiences with the aim of benefiting from the experience gained in regional or local development. 2. To maintain the European territorial cohesion principle, with an approximate equal share of financial resources, those investments shall focus on creating linkages between less developed regions with those in lead regions by increasing the capacity of regional innovation ecosystems in less developed regions to integrate in and move up the existing or emerging EU value as well as the capacity to participate in partnerships with other regions. 3. The Commission shall implement those investments under direct or indirect management. It shall be supported by an expert group in defining a long-term work programme and related calls. 4. The entire territory of the Union shall be supported by the ERDF for interregional innovation investments. Third countries may participate in those investments, provided that they make a funding contribution in the form of externally allocated revenue.