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# Industrial transition and smart specialisation

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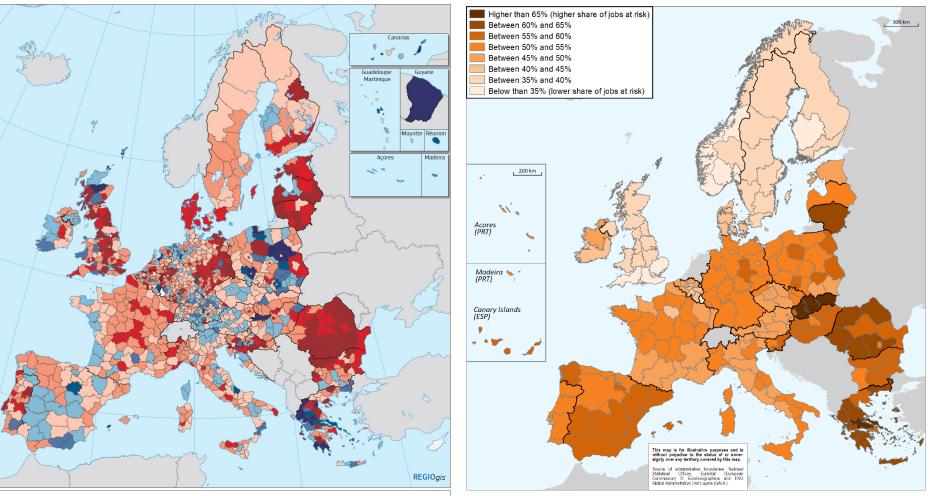
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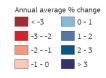
## Europe's industrial transition: past and future

Share of jobs at risk of automation, 2011

Share of regional workers at risk of job automation higher than 50%



Change in industrial employment by NUTS3 region, 1990-2014

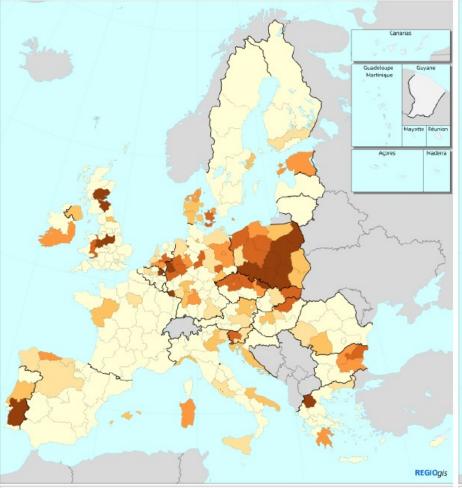


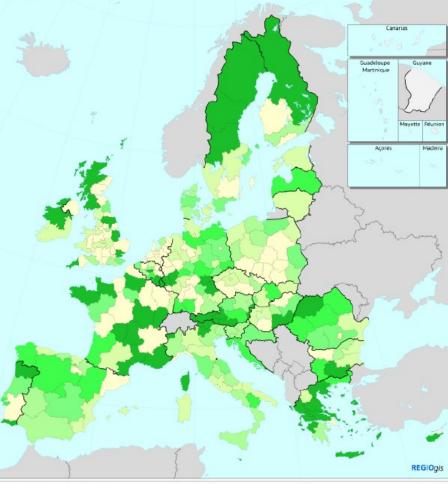
New German Länder: 1991-2014; Croatia: 1995-2014 Source: Cambridge Econometrics

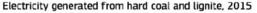


#### **Electricity generated from** hard coal and lignite

#### **Electricity generated** from renewable energies

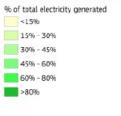








#### Electricity generated from renewable sources, 2015



500 km

Source: JRC

### **Balance geographical policy challenges:**

(Iammarino, Storper, Rodrigues-Pose)

**Competitiveness:** Maintain and enhance the economic dynamism of its most prosperous city-regions

**Development**: Address inequality between most prosperous cities and regions and much of the rest of the EU

• Particularly in the South and East of the Continent

**Capabilities and opportunities:** Temper frustration emerging from inter-regional inequalities throughout EU

- Need to spread opportunity and participation to less successful and/or declining regions
- Focus on capabilities: different from traditional regional policy

+ Ensure sustainability (circular economy, energy transition, climate change, natural capital etc.)

## Smart Specialisation 1.0 - 2014-2020

- Place-based transformation embedded in local economy
- Dynamic entrepreneurial discovery process uniting key stakeholders around shared vision
- Evidence-based
- Mobilisation across different departments and governance levels – triple/quadruple helix
- Concentration of resources
  on priorities

Integrated into Cohesion Policy (2014-2020) as ex-ante conditionality:

- EUR 40 billion from ERDF to finance R&I projects (EUR 65 billion including co-financing)
- Over 120 smart specialisation strategies supported by the S3-Platform

It helped regions and MS in:

- developing a strategic approach to innovation
- prioritising R&I investments
- breaking down silos

## PO1: a smarter Europe by promoting innovative and smart economic transformation

- 1. Enhancing research and innovation **capacities** and **the uptake of advanced technologies**;
- 2. Reaping the benefits of **digitisation** for citizens, companies and governments;
- 3. Enhancing growth and competitiveness of SMEs;
- 4. Developing skills for smart specialisation, industrial transition and entrepreneurship;

## **Enabling condition for smart specialisation**

| Policy objective  | Specific objective            | Name of enabling condition  |
|---|-------------------------------|---|
| 1. A smarter Europe<br>by promoting<br>innovative and smart<br>economic<br>transformation | All specific objectives under | Good governance of national<br>or regional smart specialisation<br>strategy |

Fulfilment criteria for the enabling condition

Smart specialisation strategy(ies) shall be supported by:

- 1. Up-to-date analysis of bottlenecks for innovation diffusion, including digitalisation
- 2. Existence of competent regional / national institution or body, responsible for the management of the smart specialisation strategy
- 3. Monitoring and evaluation tools to measure performance towards the objectives of the strategy
- 4. Effective functioning of entrepreneurial discovery process
- 5. Actions necessary to improve national or regional research and innovation systems
- 6. Actions to manage industrial transition
- 7. Measures for international collaboration



## Interregional innovation investments

#### 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 Art 3.5)

#### **HOW MUCH**

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



## **Testing new approaches I**



Development of a comprehensive strategy for economic transformation

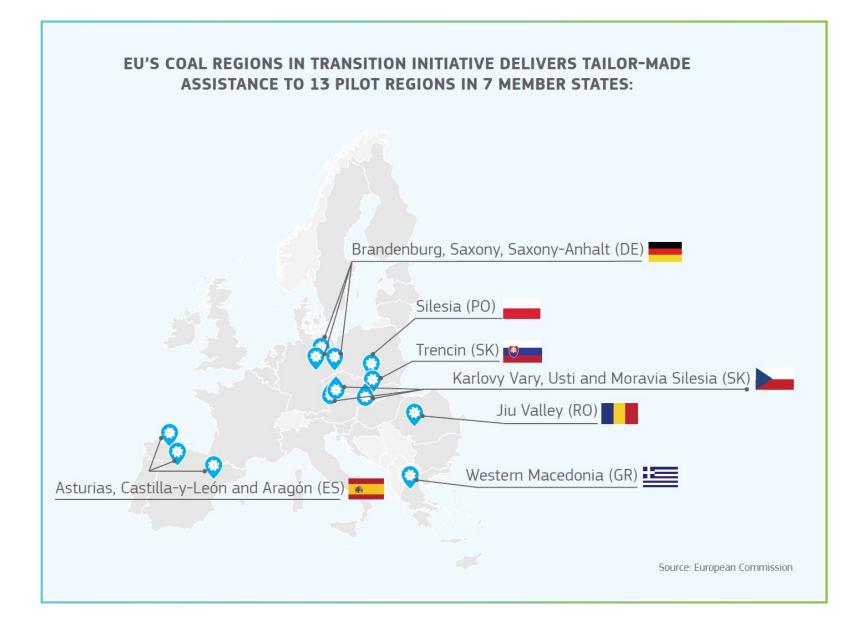
- Broad innovation and inclusive growth building on smart specialisation strategy
- Multi-sectoral focusing on jobs, industrial sectors, business models, economy and society as a whole
- Addressing globalisation, automation, decarbonisation, emerging and digital technologies, skills and investment



## **High impact actions**

- Address a concrete challenge in the context of industrial transition with first results by end of 2019
- Novel, experimental, risk-taking, additional
- Transferable contributing to learning at EU level
- Direct grant negociated with EC
- Examples of topics proposed to date:
  - Improvement of traditional firm performance
  - Development of firms in the circular/low carbon economy
  - Promotion of socially inclusive innovation in agri-food sector
  - Cluster performance
  - Improving HR capacity of SMEs
  - Creating regional value chains
  - Managing transition to low carbon economy in car industry
  - Encouraging socially inclusive employment in cities

## **Testing new approaches II**



## **Preliminary takeaways**

- Make innovation work for territorial inclusion
- Spend as much time thinking about technology upgrading as patenting
- Develop collective intelligence to address societal challenges
- Strengthen the complementary role of workers in techological change
- Build skills systems around companies rather than the labour market
- Look for the double dividends green jobs, new services that match the territory
- Focus on value chains rather than industries

## Thank you!



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