

## Good Governance Infrastructures

### The case of Slovenia:

## Strategic Research and Innovation Partnerships for S3 (SRIPs)

Strategic Research and Innovation Partnerships, known as SRIPs, are essential pillars of the Slovenian S3 implementation process and are based **on a stable and participatory governance structure involving quadruple helix stakeholders** across the different levels of government. The partnerships are flexible institutional structures built around individual S3 priority areas that emerged from the entrepreneurial discovery process. Certain SRIPs are horizontal in nature covering several policy domains.

**Key stakeholders** participating in the SRIPs include business, industry and research institutes. Encouraging participation of business in the S3 process through SRIPs has been particularly important as the businesses traditionally lack the time and resources to fully engage in the process.

Strategic partnerships facilitate the promotion of **system-wide and long-term cooperation of stakeholders** within an individual area, namely cooperation between stakeholders, cooperation of stakeholders with other entities, and cooperation with the state. The key functions of strategic partnerships pertain to internationalisation, integration and the development of joint research, development and innovation (RDI) initiatives, including the concentration of research capacities, human resources development and representing common interest with the state (e.g. innovative public procurement initiatives, required amendments of sectoral legislation, economic diplomacy and priority treatment in terms of issuing investment-related permits). SRIPs play **a key role in defining niche areas of intervention, monitor progress, serve as consultants in the preparation of road maps and ensure continuity in networking and collaboration.**

**SRIPs facilitate interaction between stakeholders through networking events, promotional activities and consultations.** More specifically, they are mandated with the task of developing business plans, project proposals and vision documents around value chains with potential. The action plans (roadmaps) are designed to identify focus areas and coordinate the development policies with the state, in addition to outlining monitoring and evaluation processes. The other on-going consultation activities of the SRIPs include a continuous entrepreneurial discovery process, further prioritisation and Strategic Research Agendas (SRAs), joint internationalisation and performance in global value chains, planning of legislative changes (such as standardisation to design efficient innovative procurement and pre-commercial measures), as well as human resource management and capacity building.

#### **Read more:**

Slovenian case in the S3 Implementation Handbook: <http://s3platform.jrc.ec.europa.eu/s3-implementation-handbook> (Gianelle, C., D. Kyriakou, C. Cohen and M. Przeor (eds) (2016), Implementing Smart Specialisation: A Handbook, Brussels: European Commission, EUR 28053 EN, doi:10.2791/53569 )

Slovenia in Smart Stories: <http://s3platform.jrc.ec.europa.eu/-/co-creation-of-global-trends?inheritRedirect=true>

Slovenia's Smart Specialisation Strategy:

[http://www.svrk.gov.si/fileadmin/svrk.gov.si/pageuploads/SPS\\_predstavitev/S4\\_dokument\\_2015\\_oktober\\_eng\\_clean\\_lekt.pdf](http://www.svrk.gov.si/fileadmin/svrk.gov.si/pageuploads/SPS_predstavitev/S4_dokument_2015_oktober_eng_clean_lekt.pdf)