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Better Policy Instruments for High Innovation Projects in the European Regions

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Welcome to the first HIGHER newsletter!

Since you are working in or showed interest in the innovation policies, we thought you might want to know more about our project. Below you can find information about the mission, activities and the partners of the project.

HIGHER promotes the implementation of smart specialization policy instruments by the interregional cooperation

Within the Europe 2020 Strategy, it is defined the agenda of economic change which will support the regions by investing in priorities and development needs based on knowledge. In this regard, national and regional authorities across Europe have designed smart specialization strategies in entrepreneurial discovery process, so that the European Structural Investment Funds (ESIF) can be used more efficiently and synergies between different EU, national and regional policies, as well as public and private investments can be increased.

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To contribute to the improvement of the implementation of these regional strategies, the European Commission has financed through the Interreg Europe Program, the HIGHER Project.

The HIGHER project is addressed to **achieve innovative models of public private partnerships suitable to mobilize investment in related smart specialization areas and fostering an entrepreneurial discovery process in driving innovation process of the policy instruments**.

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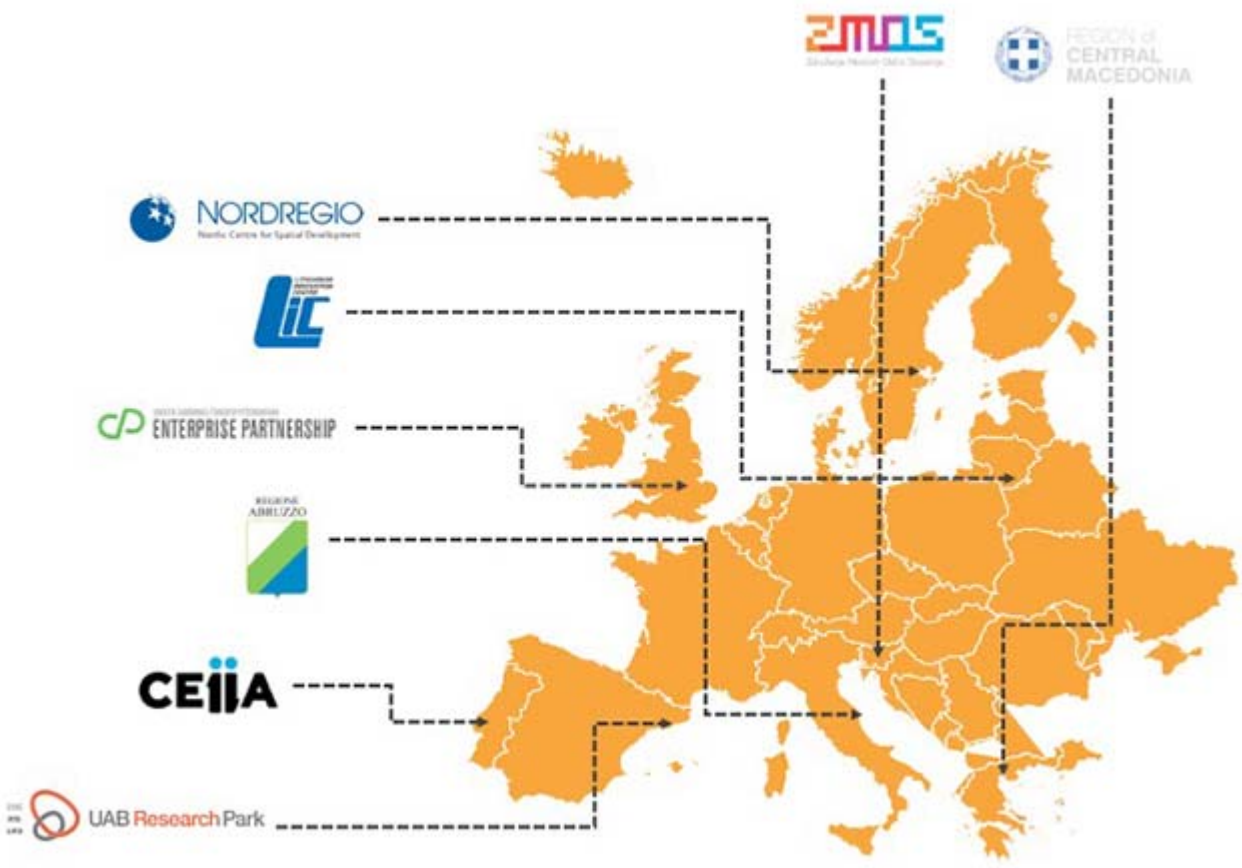
Eight EU regions collaborating to improve the innovation

The partnership of HIGHER is shaped by UAB Research Park, from Spain, as a leading partner, Abruzzo Region, from Italy; Nordregio, from Sweden; Centre of Engineering and Product Development, from Portugal; Lithuanian Innovation Centre; Association of Urban Municipalities of Slovenia; Region of Central Macedonia, from Greece, and the Greater Cambridge Greater Peterborough Enterprise Partnership, from United Kingdom.



Analyzing innovation policy instruments

The HIGHER partners are analysing nine policy instruments from the regions involved in the project to promote the innovation projects under public private partnerships.The partners are evaluating these instruments and try to identify which are their main weaknesses, strengths and threats, developing a learning process to overcome the main obstacles around them and enhancing a better and more efficient implementation.

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Launched the 2n call for the RIS3CAT Communities

The Government of Catalonia opens a new call of RIS3CAT Communities, one of the main instruments to implement the Catalonia's Smart Specialisation Strategy. Potential participant to the communities are public and private stakeholders in the research and innovation system and companies with operational bases in Catalonia. The communities must be formed by at least eight members, including stakeholders from the private and the research and innovation system. The action plans are to be co-financed through private and public funds, including those coming from the ERDF.

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