

BRIDGES project 7th IPL Feasibility study review

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- **Name:** Feasibility analysis for the Agri-food sector businesses in W. Macedonia in terms of their technological & commercial performance and innovation potential.
- **Purpose:** To improve the innovation absorptiveness potential of Agro-food SMEs towards higher benefits from the ESIF 2014-2020 calls relating to the technological and commercial performance of such businesses.
- **Optimisation question:** New technological solutions applied by Agro-food SMEs.
- **Findings:** No findings yet, findings aim to innovation capacity, technological needs and proposed improvement
- **Period of execution of the feasibility study:** June – July 2018
- **Good practice (-s) reference:** AUTODIAGNOSTIC TOOL

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- **Action plan take up:**

The methodology of BRIDGES is illustrated in this diagram that is included in the 4th PR.

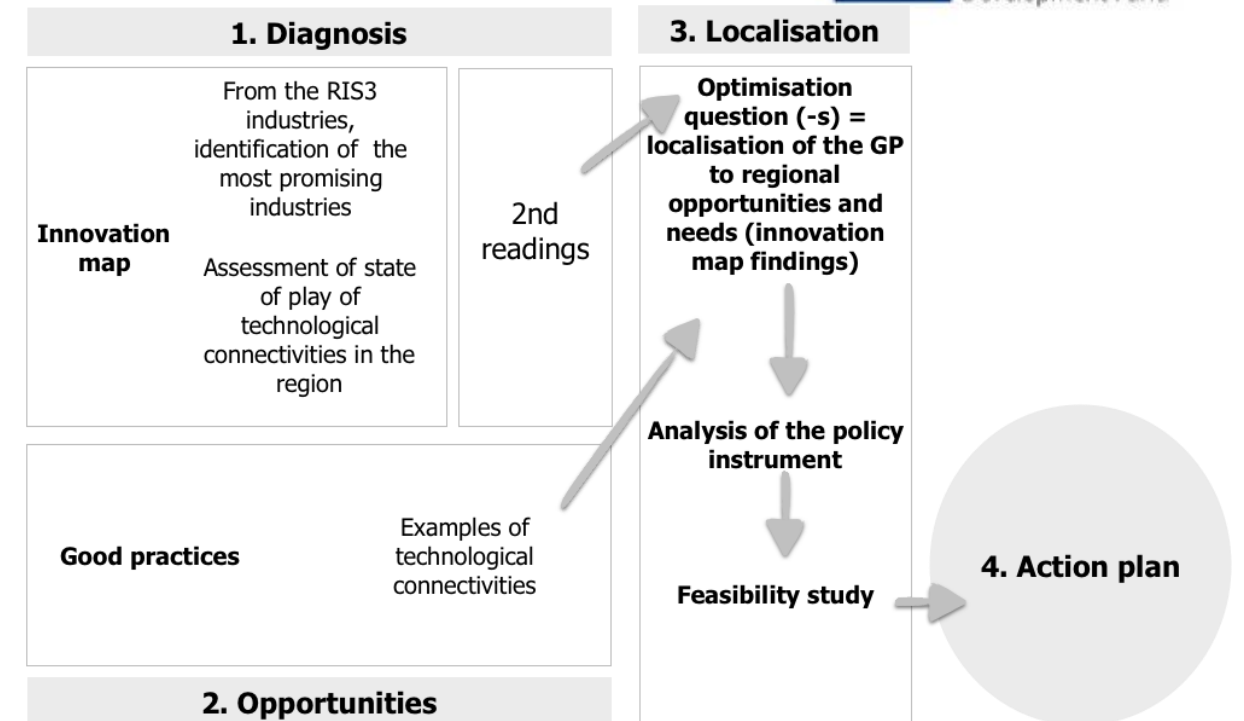
In this framework PP5 explored: i) GP ensuring SME absorptiveness, as a tool towards improving innovation & SME competitiveness through investments addressed by the ROP;

ii) GPs as RIS3 interactive tool; iii) interregional innovation partnerships (with PP4), & iv) opened up ROP options for joint projects. ACs addressed: AC 2 & 4, partially 3.

- **Acceptance of the feasibility study (RSK session):** Is planned for the next RSK meeting at the end of August 2018.

- **Insights** (new things that you found out, new understandings, difficulties, solutions, unexpected stuff): Difficulties come due to complicated procedures (**i.e. registration of ANKO to Hellenic Single Public Procurement Authority – HSPPA is pending and will be finalized in the next few days**) of new public procurement Law.

New findings will arise by new technological solutions proposed by the feasibility study.



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- **Preparation for the peer review in September 2018**

1. Action plan delivery: Draft for the external peer review: end of August 2018; version 2, Sept-Nov 2018, December 2018 endorsement.

2. Funds to be committed (approximate): needs to be clarified with the MA

3. Involvement of the Managing Authority or Intermediate Body:

MA will approve both the Feasibility Study and the Action Plan at forthcoming RSK meetings. During BRIDGES implementation PP5 is in close co-operation with MA (i.e. endorsement of HURC platform that will be included in the forthcoming ROP open call for supporting SMEs under Thematic Objective 3 "Improvement of competitiveness of SMEs", interregional partnership as PP5 and PP4 are working on establishing a partnership between Voion Products Land company and VTT Technical Research Centre, focused on faba bean treatment for protein enrichment and reduction of antinutrients, to be proposed for funding under the Open Call of the Investment Priority 1.b that MA launched)

- **Any other issues:** There is no commitment of the MA, only negotiation and proposals.