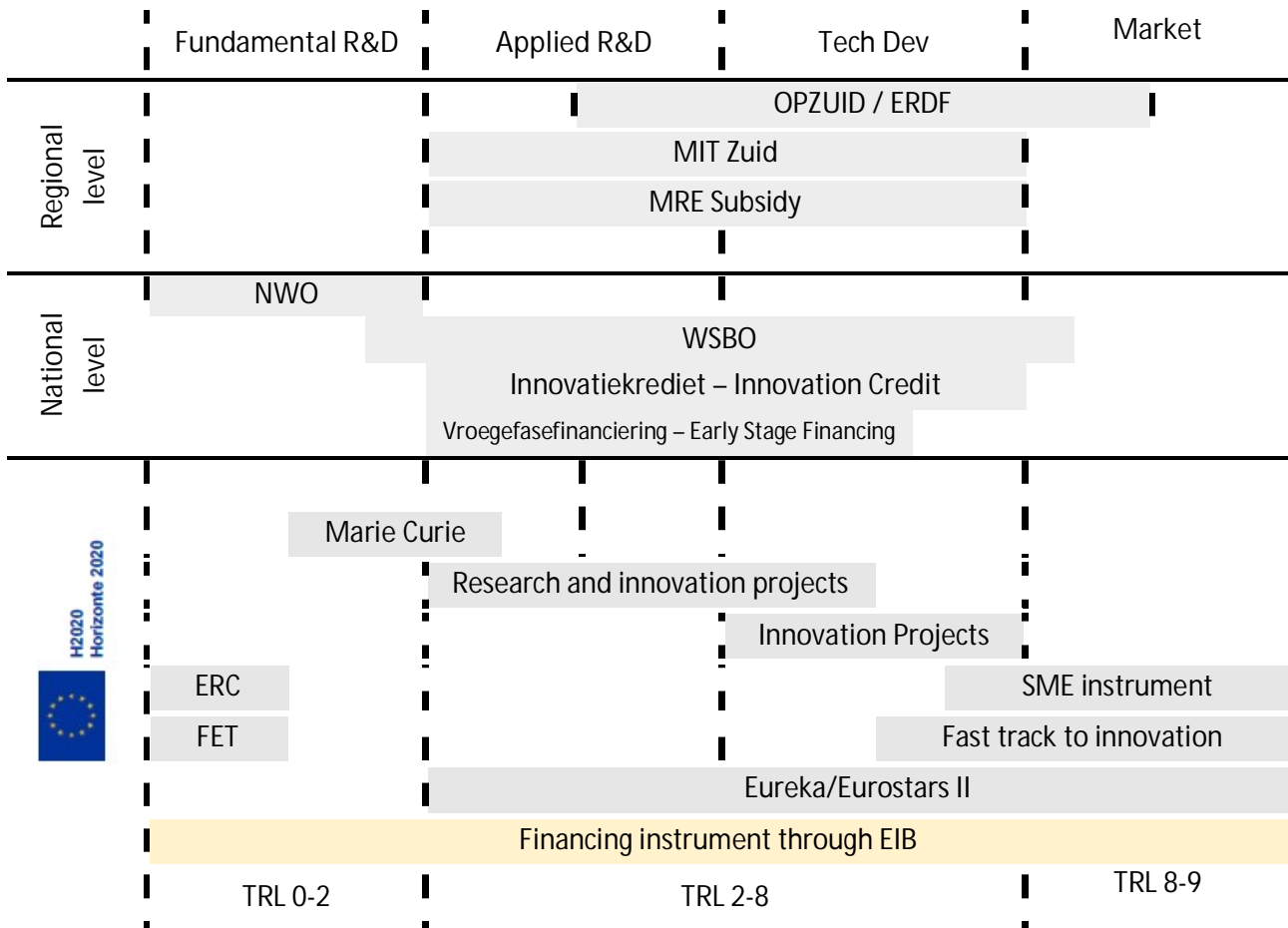


Policy Brief – South Netherlands OSDD

South Netherlands funding instruments scheme



The On Site Deep Dive in the South Netherlands region took place from the 12th to 14th of September 2017 in Eindhoven. Seven partner regions participated to this OSDD.

The programme was devoted the presentation of the region, regional Operational Programme, Brainport Industries cluster, CrossCare – an interregional collaboration project with the 'sharing' of infrastructure funded through ERDF -, and the status of Vanguard Initiative projects at local level. Moreover, partners were invited to site visits to Shapeways, a 3D Printing facility and to a walk around the premises of the High Tech Campus.

Policy acceleration and co-creation sessions were finalised to continue the discussion on Joint Programming and Article 70 with a specific reference to the activities carried out at regional level to transfer the outcome of S34Growth to regional stakeholders group.

Based on the presentations, discussions and policy acceleration sessions of the OSDD, as well as on post-elaboration of information performed by Regions after the meeting, the following main critical

conclusions can be derived in terms of advantages of cooperation, barriers, and recommendations that can be input for the Action Plan.

Advantages and opportunities of inter-regional cooperation deriving from the extension to other Regions of the instruments/tools/practices presented

- Explore the possibility of opening Operational Programmes to interregional collaboration through Article 70. South Netherlands demonstrate this implementation with other Dutch regions, but it could be extended to other partner regions.
- Learn from the cooperative model of suppliers developed by Brainport Industries to encourage collaboration and innovation among industrial stakeholders in the region.
- Exploit the synergies in the societal challenges identified by the regions as an opportunity for collaboration.

Barriers and difficulties to face for the introduction of new instruments/tools/practices in a coordinated and synergic way

- The inclusion of an interregional dimension in the current ERDF operational programme is not an easy process for all the Regions.
- The establishment of a cooperative model of supplier similar to the one developed in South Netherland is quite challenging to be replicated in other regions. Indeed, in other context companies are not always in favour of collaborations with their peers/competitors.
- An effort to align objectives, contents and timing of the call is needed by the Regions that would include interregional dimension in the operational programme.
- Lack of exhaustive interregional mapping representing existing infrastructures and regional pilot projects
- Lack of instruments able to facilitate the cooperation among regions finalised to the investment in pilot infrastructures

Recommendations and suggestions proposed to overcome such barriers and difficulties

- Provide to managing authorities clear examples that concretely prove the benefits of interregional cooperation (i.e. business plans, investment plan, financial analysis...)
- Collect and share experiences and best practices on crossborder cooperation from all the regions.

- Involve Regional development agencies and cluster organisation in the definition of innovative policy instruments in order to collect the interest and the needs coming from the industrial stakeholders, especially SMEs.