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Centro Region (PT) - CCDRC

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Centro Region (territorial context)

Facts and Figures

- **Population:** 2.243.934 inhabitants (22% of PT)
- **Number of municipalities:** 100 – 28,199 km²
- **Area:** 28.199 km² (31% of PT):
 - Privileged location
 - Balanced network of medium-sized urban centres
- **GDP per capita in PPS:** 66,6 (EU28 = 100)
- **Exports:** 10.670 million euros (19,4% of PT)
- **Number of companies:** 261.971 (21% of PT):
 - More than 99% are SMEs
 - 1,6% in high and medium-high technology sectors
 - Diversified regional productive structure



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The R&D&i system

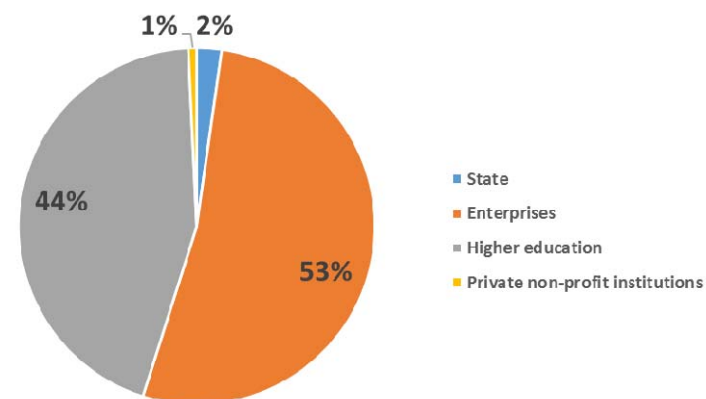
RIS: a Strong - Innovator

Strong and balanced scientific and technological system:

- 3 public universities
- 6 polytechnic institutes
- 68 R&D units
- 8 interface entities
- numerous incubators, scientific and technologic parks, clusters,...

Proportion of gross expenditure on research and development (GERD) in GDP (%) and Sector of performance (2017):

Centro: 1,32% | Portugal: 1,33% | EU: 2,06



→ **Main challenges:**

- ❖ Increase the capacity to integrate networks (mainly international)
- ❖ Strengthen the role of the interface entities

CCDRC

Comissão de Coordenação e Desenvolvimento Regional do Centro | Coordination and Regional Development Commission of Centro

- ✓ CCDRC is a regional agency of the Portuguese government that deals with: **environment** (environmental impact assessments, air quality, ...); **land use and urban planning** (regional land management plan); **local administration** (support); and **regional development** in Centro Region of Portugal.
- ✓ CCDRC is also responsible for the **management of the ESIF at the regional level – ROP, Centro 2020.**

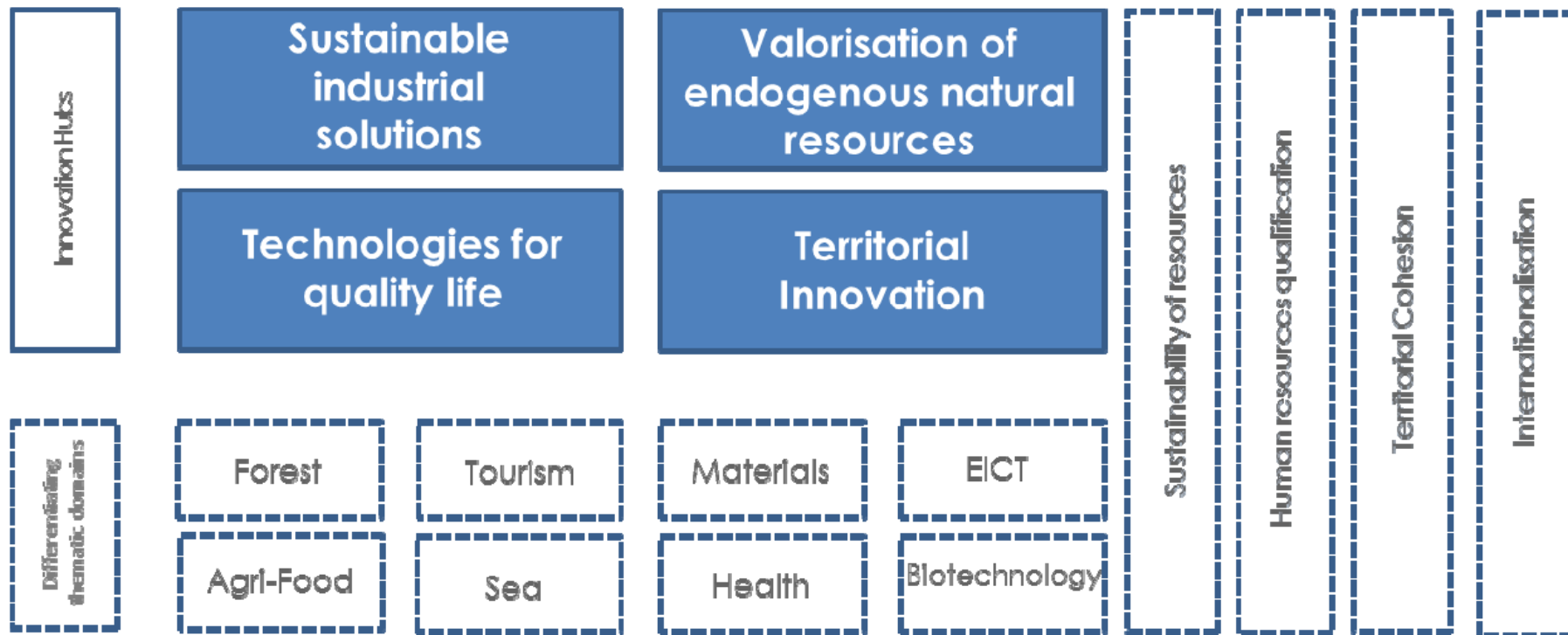
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Thank you!

Questions welcome
