



# Beyond EDP

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# Extremadura Region



## Foundation FUNDECYT Scientific and Technological Park of Extremadura

Non profit organisation with the aim of contributing to the social and economic exploitation of science and technology in the region.

### Extremadura

41,634 km<sup>2</sup>

**1.07 million** inhabitants with **26** inhabitants/km<sup>2</sup>

Rich **natural and cultural** heritage, with an **outstanding biodiversity**

**30.6%** of the territory under some sort of **environmental protection**

**99%** of regional enterprises are **SME**

**R&D expenditures: 121.95m€ (2018)**



## Regional Best Practices in S3

How can **regions** continuously find **new ways** to address their needs and challenges in the framework of the **smart specialisation** through concrete **innovative and collaborative projects**?



Fostering the implementation of EDP to discover potential niche sectors and new innovative projects



Transforming the outputs of EDP into concrete policy actions/instruments

➔ **Key role of regional intermediary bodies**

**FUNDECYT-PCTEX**, being responsible for both the **RIS3 Technical Office** and the **Office for Innovation**, is a very helpful tool for **deploying EDP** at regional level, involving **regional stakeholders** and **translating EDP results into R&D&i support policies/instruments**.

## Impact and Result

**Office for Innovation:** integrated support tool to foster and coordinate a **reciprocal transfer** process between enterprises, research centers and technological companies.

➡ Main instrument to **implement EDP** in the region.

**Thematic Working Groups** created as part of the RIS3 governance system for **dynamisation, participation and empowerment** of key regional **stakeholders** in each specialisation area.

➡ Helpful tool for policymakers to jointly work on **transforming the outputs of EDP** into concrete **policy actions/instruments**.

### Impact up to now in 2020

★ More than **65** cases of **cooperation** between **companies** and **research centers** and more than **120 new R&D&i projects** supported.

★ Decree 113, regional instrument to regulate **aids to companies** for financing **industrial research and experimental development projects** improved and more aligned with the regional context and needs.

# Conclusions

The fact that **one same intermediary organism** manages these two instruments facilitates having a **broad picture** and ensures a more **coordinated and efficient use of resources** to involve key **regional actors** across the Quadruple Helix in the smart specialisation process, foster the **collaboration** between them, detect and gather **information “from the ground”** and, ultimately, translate **operationally the RIS3**.





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Thank you!



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