



Beyond EDP

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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 km²

1.07 million inhabitants with **26** inhabitants/km²

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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