

# NORTE 2030: an overview of the new funding opportunities

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## 1. CCDR-Norte: brief presentation

#### Intervention Areas



Norte Regional Coordination and Development Commission (CCDR-Norte) is a decentralised body of central government whose activity, since 1969, aims the integrated and sustainable development of the Portuguese Norte region, contributing to the competitiveness and cohesion of the national territory.

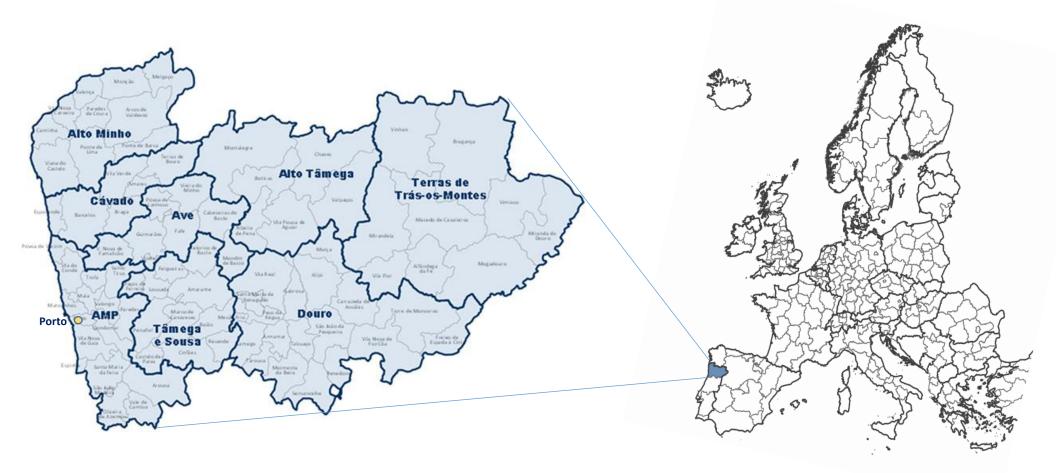




New areas expected to be integrated in CCDR: education, health, culture, agriculture, economy, among others.



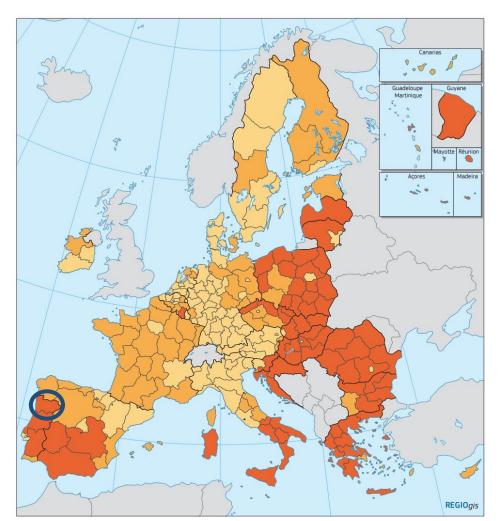
## 2. Norte Region: Territorial system



Norte Region represents 23% of the Portuguese territory comprising 86 municipalities and 8 intermunicipal entities, with the Porto Metropolitan Area (AMP) being the main population center



#### 3. Socioeconomic characterization



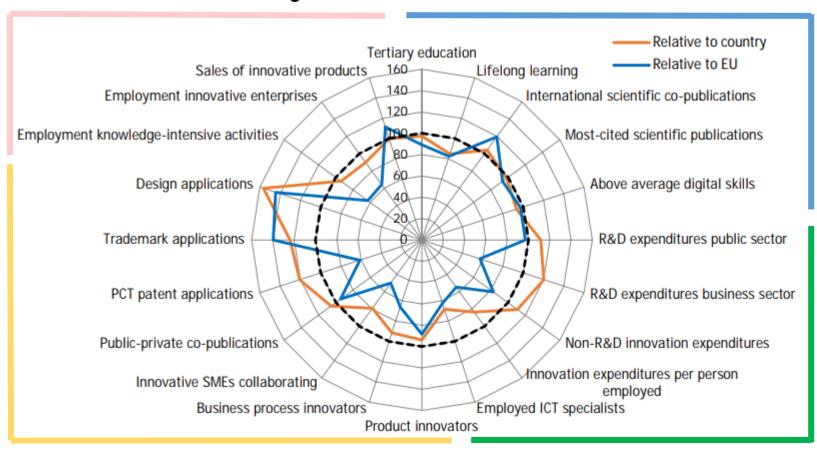
Investment for jobs and growth goal (ERDF and ESF+) eligibility, 2021-2027

- The most populous region in Portugal with 3,6 million inhabitants representing 35% of the Portuguese population and 23% of the Portuguese territory.
- The most industrialized region in Portugal, being the eleventh most industrialized region in Europe between 246 regions in EU27.
- The leading region in the export of goods in Portugal representing 38% of the total Portuguese exports.
- Main exporting goods: automotive components, textile, clothing, furniture, machinery, footwear.
- A unique cultural and historical heritage: several world heritage sites classified by UNESCO.
- The region with the lowest GDP per inhabitant in Portugal (66% in PPP of the EU27 average): low productivity sectors, capital deficit and low wages.



## 3. Norte Region Innovation Scoreboard

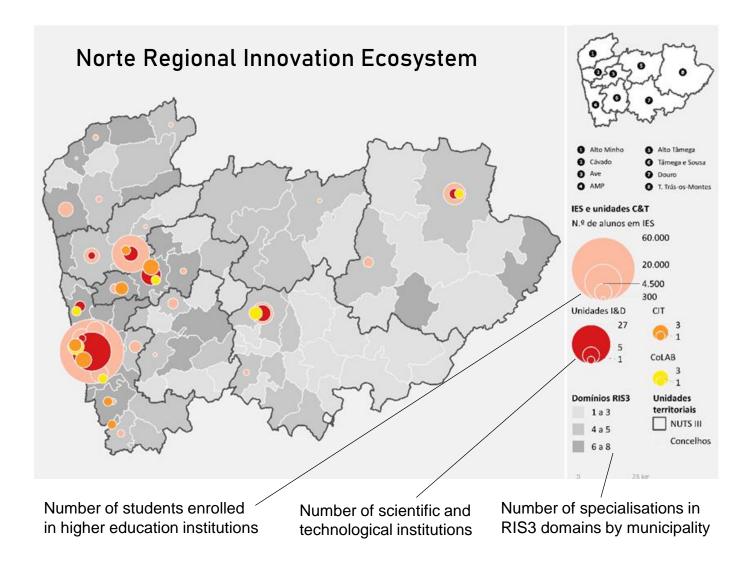
#### Norte: Regional Innovation Scoreboard 2021



- Norte is classified as a "Moderate Innovator" region, being the 2<sup>nd</sup> most innovative region in Portugal and 151<sup>st</sup> in EU. Registered a remarkable progress in innovation performance.
- Although this innovative performance, there are still structural weaknesses in the regional innovation system.
- Norte economic tissue still faces some productivity challenges, and a significant employment share remains allocated to economic activities with low added value.



## 4. Regional Innovation Ecosystem

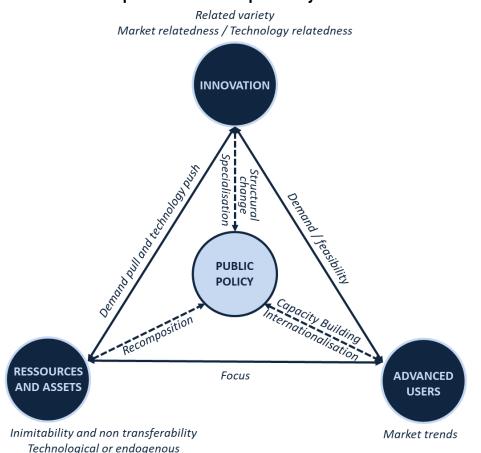


- Spatially unbalanced distribution of the regional innovation ecosystem.
- Clear division between the main urban centers and the rest of the Region in the distribution of higher education and scientific and technological institutions.
- To overcome these weaknesses, the regional smart specialisation strategy has a crucial role to:
  - ✓ promote the technological intensification of regional productive base.
  - ✓ formalize and consolidate the regional innovation system in S3 priority domains.
  - ✓ promote a more territorial balanced system.
  - ✓ engage Regional Ecosystem with targeted value chains.



## 5. S3 Norte 2027: methodology

# Theoretical framework for the definition of the smart specialisation priority domains

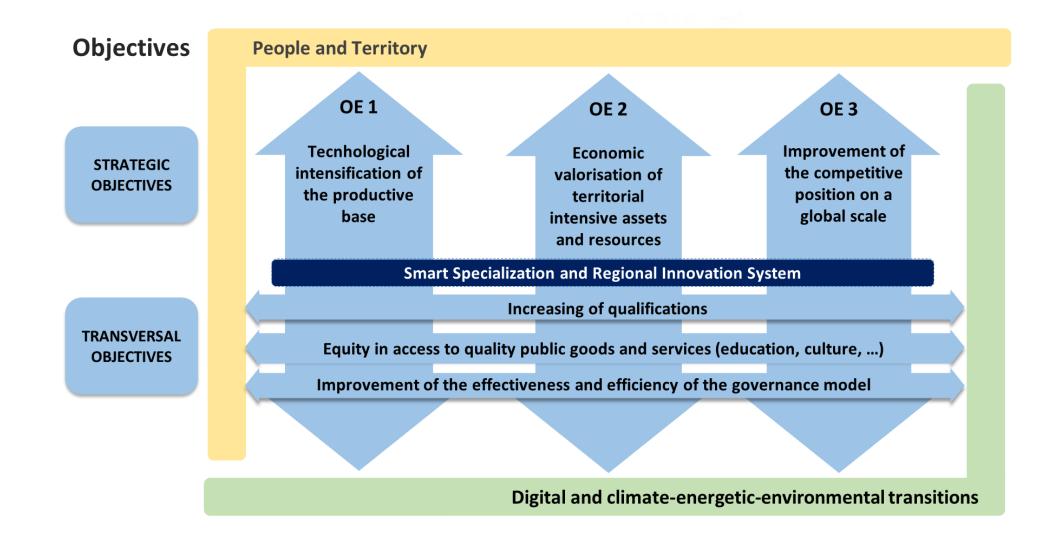


Promotion of innovation and competitiveness in priority domains, where there is a relevant, or potential, regional critical mass in the context of the ecosystem of each domain, namely:

- Resources and Assets: Technological (graduates, scientific and technological basis) or non-technological (symbolic capital and endogenous resources)
- Innovation: Business bases that integrate and economically value resources and assets
- Advanced Users: Medium and long-term technological and social trends and digital and energy-environmental transitions



## 5. S3 Norte 2027: methodology





# 5. S3 Norte 2027: priority domains





#### 5. S3 Norte 2027 :S3 ERDF Mechanisms for 2021-27

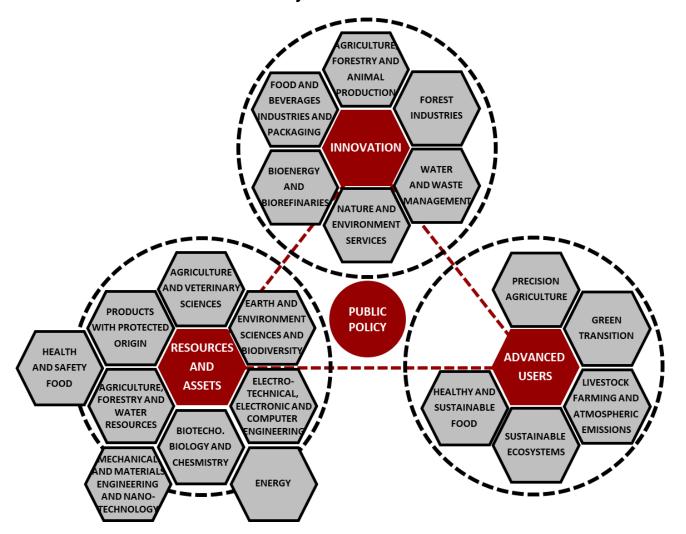
Thematic enabling condition of S3 applicable to ERDF
Precondition for financing operations associated with certain specific objectives to be met upon program approval and throughout the programming period

Policy objective	Specific objective	Name	Fulfilment criteria for the enabling condition
1. A more competitive and smarter Europe by promoting innovative and smart economic transformation and regional ICT connectivity  (Thematic concentration: 25% to 40%)	<ul> <li>Developing and enhancing research and innovation capacities and the uptake of advanced technologies (SO 1.1)</li> <li>Developing skills for smart specialisation, industrial transition and entrepreneurship (SO 1.4)</li> </ul>	1.1. Good governance of national or regional smart specialisation strategy	<ol> <li>Smart specialisation strategy or strategies shall be supported by:</li> <li>Up-to-date analysis of challenges for innovation diffusion and digitalisation.</li> <li>Existence of competent regional or national institution or body, responsible for the management of the smart specialisation strategy.</li> <li>Monitoring and evaluation tools to measure performance towards the objectives of the strategy.</li> <li>Functioning of stakeholder co-operation (entrepreneurial discovery process).</li> <li>Actions necessary to improve national or regional research and innovation systems, where relevant.</li> <li>Where relevant, actions to support industrial transition.</li> <li>Measures for enhancing cooperation with partners outside a given Member State in priority areas supported by the smart specialisation strategy.</li> </ol>



## 5. S3: Agro-environmental and Food Systems

#### Analytical framework



#### Rationale

Articulation of regional agricultural potential, namely in products with high added value (wine, olive oil, chestnuts, Protected Designations of Origin (PDO) and Protected Geographical Indications (PGI), etc.), with scientific and technological capacities (enology, engineering, biology, biotechnology, TICE, robotics, etc.) and business (food industries, agriculture and animal production, forestry, forest-based industries, etc.), capable of promoting an agri-food and forestry sector with greater added value, in a way that is compatible with the preservation and management of resources, such as water, forests and ecosystems, and contribute to a greater appreciation of endogenous resources as an opportunity to increase territorial competitiveness.



## 6. Portugal 2030 Partnership Agreement

Portugal 2030 Programmes by Policy Objective (PO)

Programmes	P01	P02	P03	P04	P05	JTF	TA	TOTAL
National Thematic Programmes	2 567	2 724	1 459	6 001	34		308	13 094
Innovation and Digital Transition	2 567	815		400			123	3 905
Climate Action and Sustainability		1 568	1 459				78	3 105
Demographics, Qualifications and Inclusion				5 601			90	5 691
Sea		341			34		18	393
Mainland Regional Programmes	2 270	2 352	280	1 069	1 490	224	147	7 833
Norte	1 000	911	95	501	767	60	61	3 395
Centro	630	637	105	270	400	90	40	2 172
Alentejo	234	340	81	144	213	74	19	1 104
Lisboa	170	96		55	48		12	381
Algarve	235	368		100	62		15	780
Autonomous Regions Programmes	413	315	202	892	36		42	1 899
Açores	219	194	127	561	16		23	1 140
Madeira	194	121	75	331	20		19	760
Thecnical Assistance Programme							169	169
Total	5 250	5 391	1 941	7 963	1 560	224	667	22 995



М€



NORTE 2030 and Mainland Regional Programmes (%)





Programming structure: Policy Objectives, Priority Axes and Funds (ERDF, ESF+ and JTF)

PO	PRIORITY AXES (PA)		ERDF (M€)	ESF+ (M€)	JTF (M€)		%
1	PA1A - Norte Competitive		950			950	(28,0%)
	PA1B - Norte Competitive and Digital Connectivity		50			50	(1,5%)
2	PA2A - Norte Green and Low-carbon		867			867	(25,5%)
2	PA2B - Norte Green, Low-carbon and Sustainable Mobility		46			46	(1,4%)
3	PA3A - Norte Connected		95			95	(2,8%)
4	PA4A - Norte Social		200	301		501	(14,8%)
5	PA5A - Norte closer to Citizens		765			765	(22,5%)
NA	PA6A - Norte Low-carbon and Just Transition				60	60	(1,8%)
NA	PA7A - Technical Assistance			61		61	(1,8%)
		Total (NORTE 2030)	2.973	362	60	3.395	(100%)



#### Programming structure: Policy Objective 1

S0	Specific objectives (S0)	ERDF (M€)	%
1.1	Developing and enhancing research and innovation capacities and the uptake of advanced technologies	355	35,5%
1.2	Reaping the benefits of digitisation for citizens, companies, research organisations and public authorities	75	7,5%
1.3	Enhancing sustainable growth and competitiveness of SMEs and job creation in SMEs, including by productive investments	480	48%
1.4	Developing skills for smart specialisation, industrial transition and entrepreneurship	40	4%
1.5	Enhancing digital connectivity	50	<i>5%</i>
	Total P0 1	1.000	100%



#### Programming structure: Policy Objective 2

S0	Specific objectives (SO)		%
2.1	Promoting energy efficiency and reducing greenhouse gas emissions	103	11,3%
2.2	Promoting renewable energy in accordance with Directive (EU) 2018/2001	15	1,6%
2.4	Promoting climate change adaptation and disaster risk prevention and resilience	137	15%
2.5	Promoting access to water and sustainable water management	288	31,5%
2.6	Promoting the transition to a circular and resource efficient economy	224	24,5%
2.7	Enhancing protection and preservation of nature, biodiversity and green infrastructure and reducing all forms of pollution		11%
2.8	Promoting sustainable multimodal urban mobility, as part of transition to a net zero carbon economy		5%
	Total PO 2	913	100%



#### Typology of Actions with S3 Alignment "Condition" or/and "Award Criteria" of Evaluation

	SPECIFIC OBJETIVE (SO)	TYPOLOGY OF ACTION	S3 ALIGNMENT	%
S0 1.1	Strengthen research and innovation capabilities and the adoption of advanced technologies	<ul> <li>Creation of scientific and technological knowledge</li> <li>Knowledge and technology transfer</li> <li>Business investment and economic valorization of knowledge</li> </ul>	Condition and Criteria	355
S0 1.3	Strengthening SME growth and competitiveness and SME job creation	<ul> <li>Productive business investment</li> <li>Qualification and internationalization</li> <li>Infrastructure and equipment (non-technological based) to support competitiveness</li> </ul>	Criteria	480
S0 1.4	Develop skills for smart specialization, industrial transition and entrepreneurship	Smart specialization, networks and institutional capacity building	Condition and Criteria	40
S0 4.2	Improving equal access to inclusive and quality services in education, training and lifelong learning through developing accessible infrastructure	Higher education infrastructure and equipment	Condition and Criteria	35
ES04.	Promoting the adaptation of workers, enterprises and entrepreneurs to change ()	Hiring highly qualified human resources	Criteria	20
ES04.	Promoting equal access to and completion of quality and inclusive education and training	Higher Professional Technician Courses	Condition and Criteria	45
JS08.1	Enabling regions and people to address the social, employment, economic and environmental impacts ()	Just transition innovation, research and incubation center	Condition and Criteria	19
		TOTAL		994



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