

Smart Specialisation in EU Enlargement and Neighbourhood Region

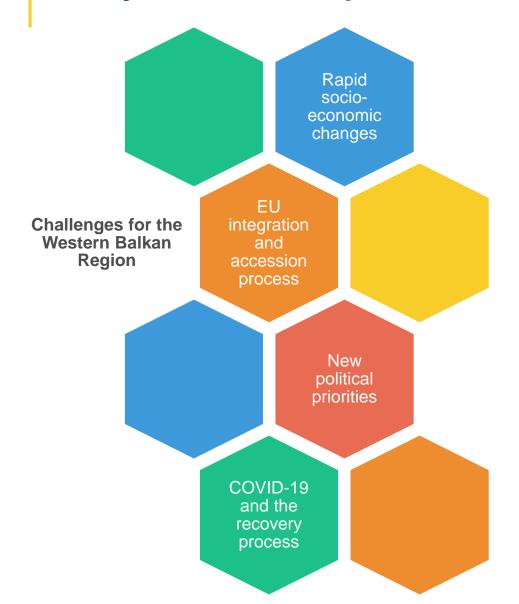
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Why Smart Specialisation?

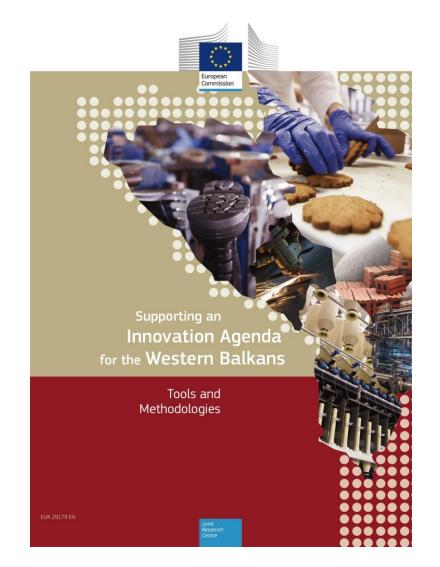


These challenges result in:

- Need for a boundary-spanning approach exploring the synergies between different policies, strategies and ongoing reform processes
- Need to use knowledge and innovation to add value to existing economic activities and strengthen the value chains
- Need to address the societal and environmental impacts of economic transformation



Towards smart specialisation in the Western Balkans



- Economic, innovative and scientific potential of the Western Balkan economies
- Tools and methodologies

Application of smart specialisation

Capacity-building activities for technology transfer

Support to transnational collaboration

Data quality enhancement

European Commission

Smart specialisation framework for the EU Enlargement and Neighbourhood Region

- Decision to start the process
- Analysis of strategic mandates

1. Institutional capacity building



- Quantitative analysis
- Qualitative analysis

2. Mapping exercise



- EDP training
- Consultation with stakeholders in workshops
- EDP input to strategy

3. Stakeholder dialogue



- Design of monitoring system
- Creation of mechanism for implementation

4. Institutional capacity for implementation



- Consultations
- Formal approval
- EC approval

5. Final strategy approval





Where are the Western Balkans in the smart specialisation framework?

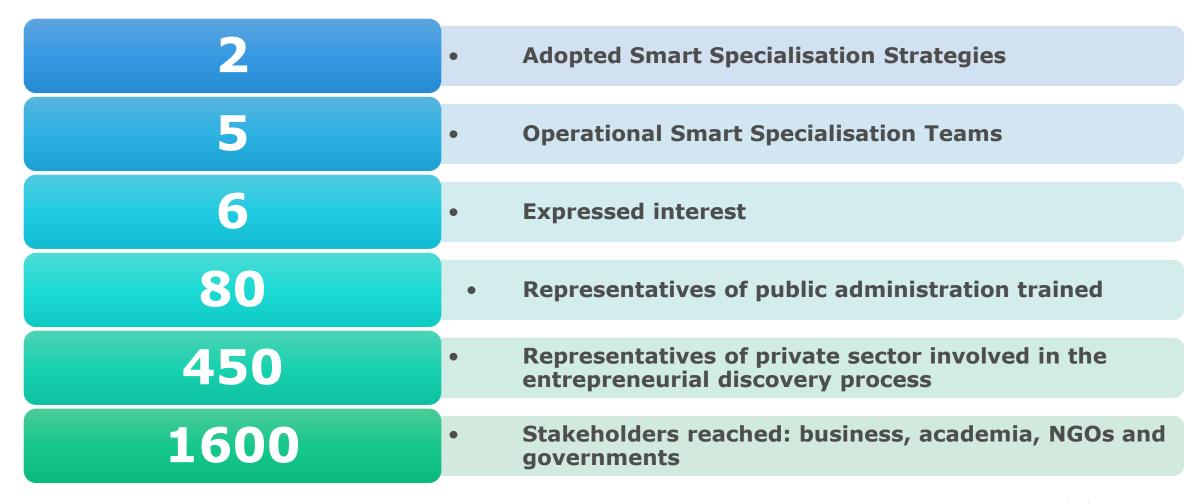
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Progress so far





Interregional cooperation and smart specialisation

Interregional cooperation

Enhancement of regional value chains

Smart specialisation as a catalyst



Smart specialisation and recovery

- Localisation (Strategies tailored to places)
- Mobilisation (Involvement of local actors and stakeholders)
- Prioritisation (Selection of key areas for policy support)
- Customisation (Adaptable framework and local solutions)

Innovation as general enabler

to delivering local solutions for global challenges



Thank you!

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