

RIS 3 Strategies - Summary

The panel considers SMART Specialisation important. To better formulate the strategy it is crucial to involve as many stakeholders as possible so as to make the process bottom-up and take into account as many opinions and needs as possible. The question to be answered individually is whether to opt for the strategy on national and regional level and due to a lot of different factors influencing this issue a unambiguous recommendation cannot be given. The strategy should be fixed for the whole programming period and thus it is advisable not to make it far too rigid. The tools to achieve the goals of the strategy should be flexible so that they could react to the changing economic environment.

Clusters play a paramount role in the RIS3 Strategy formulation process. They collect information from science and industry and they also serve as an information flow filter. There is no doubt that clusters should be kept on board in the 2014+ Programming Period and existing network is recommended to be used as often as possible. When formulating and implementing the strategy, it is necessary to keep balance between the research and business side. Trends emphasising purely research and neglecting innovation and the entrepreneurial approach should be avoided.