



A NEW EUROPEAN INNOVATION AGENDA

CONNECTED INNOVATION ECOSYSTEMS

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The Regional Innovation Valleys (RIVs) initiative is one of 25 actions of the [New European Innovation Agenda \(NEIA\)](#). It aims to harness the full innovation potential across Europe, connecting less and more innovative regions and addressing social challenges through cutting edge technology. Involved regions identify their competitive advantages to bridge innovation divide, using their complementary strengths for an improved Research & Innovation (R&I) ecosystems.

One year from the launch of the initiative, **15 projects** will be granted a **total of approx. €116 million through the [European Regional Development Fund](#) and [Horizon Europe](#) funding** and committed to co-fund another **€77 million** from private and public sources.

REGIONAL INNOVATION VALLEYS

151 REGIONS*

have been selected to receive a RIVs label and committed to:



Strengthen their Research & Innovation (R&I) ecosystem



Enhance the coordination and directionality of their R&I policy and investment towards key EU priorities

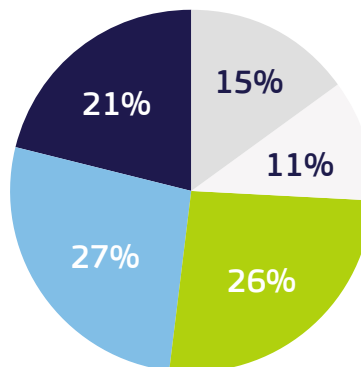


Engage in R&I collaboration between more and less advanced regions with complementary smart specialisations (S3).

*Subject to the signature of the respective grant agreements.

REGIONS PER BURNING CHALLENGE

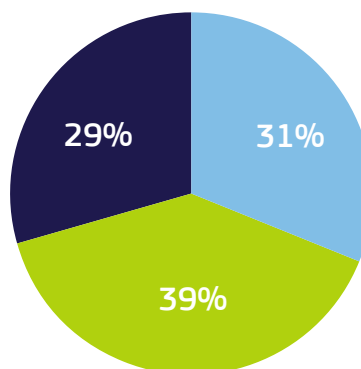
- Reducing the reliance on fossil fuels
- Increasing global food security
- Mastering the digital transformation (including cybersecurity)
- Achieving circularity
- Improving healthcare



REGIONS PER DEVELOPMENT CATEGORY

According to cohesion policy categories

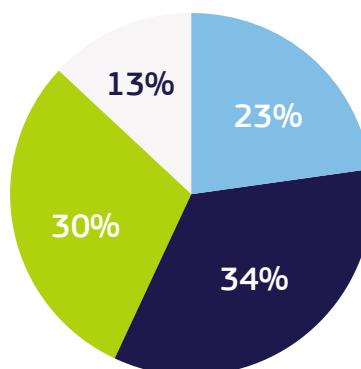
- Less developed regions
- More developed regions
- Transition regions



REGIONS PER INNOVATION CATEGORY

According to Regional Innovation Scoreboard (RIS)

- Emerging innovator
- Moderate innovator
- Strong innovator
- Innovation Leader



For further information on the figures and notions used in this fact sheet, please consult the "[Regional Innovation Valleys webpage](#)"

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