

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 <u>New European Innovation</u> <u>Agenda (NEIA)</u>. 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

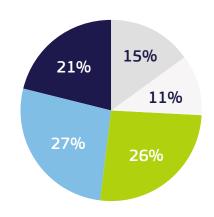
Reducing the reliance on fossil fuels

Increasing global food security

Mastering the digital transformation (including cybersecurity)

Achieving circularity

Improving healthcare



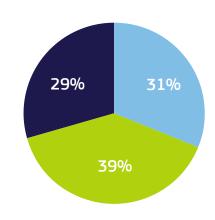
REGIONS PER DEVELOPMENT CATEGORY

According to cohesion policy categories

Less developed regions

More developed regions

Transition regions



REGIONS PER INNOVATION CATEGORY

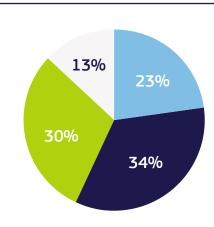
According to Regional Innovation Scoreboard (RIS)

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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