



Smart specialisation & Less Developed Regions initiative in Romania

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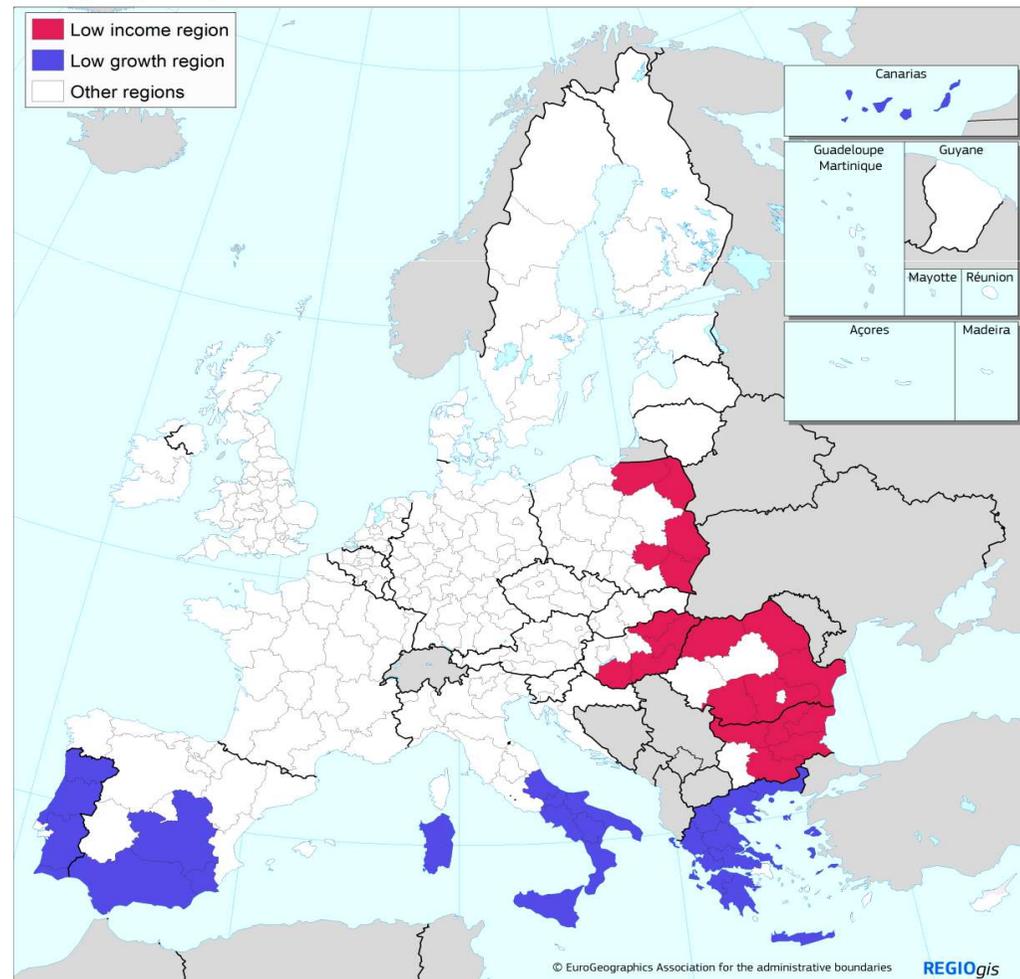
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Rationale of the initiative

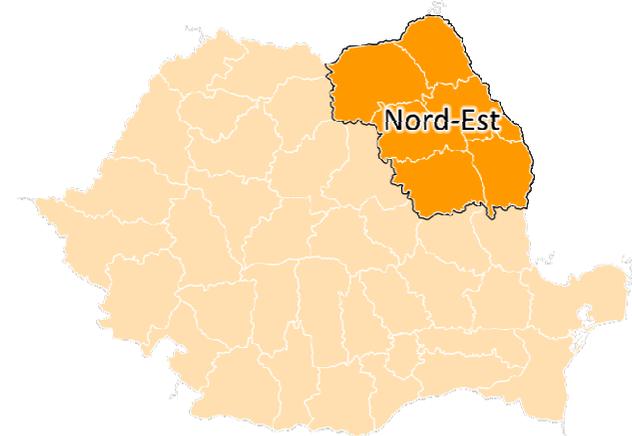
- "Lagging Regions"
- Objective to help these regions catch up
- Romania and Poland as pilots in 2016-2017

Lagging Regions



Less Developed Regions initiative in Romania

- North-East and North-West regions selected as pilot – action plans
- Focus on business ecosystem, excellence, competitive sectors
- Regional smart specialisation
- Education & training and links to business and labour market
- Administrative capacity and national-regional coordination



Less Developed Regions initiative in Romania

- Tools for support
 - Joint Research Centre assistance to smart specialisation
 - DG REGIO external experts
 - Regional set-ups: e.g. Regional Innovation Consortia
 - Government's plans and support for SMEs
 - ESI funds under operational programmes



Less Developed Regions initiative in Romania

- Key to success
= partnership, good collaboration and governance

EU Commission (DG REGIO, DG EMPL), Joint Research Centre (JRC)

Ministry of Regional Development & Publ. Admin.

Regional actors (Regional Development Councils, Regional Development Agencies, local administrations)

Universities, schools

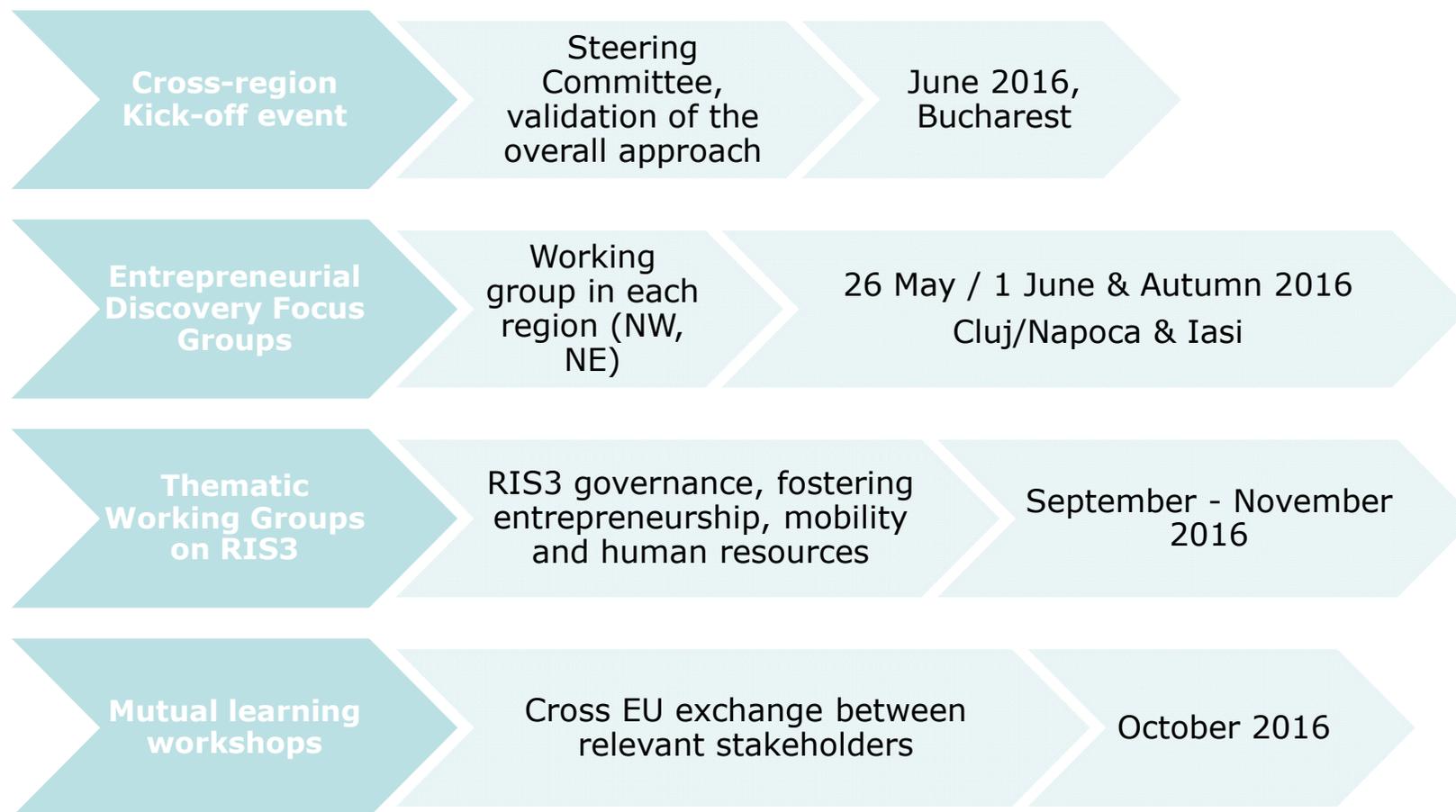
Employers, entrepreneurs, etc.





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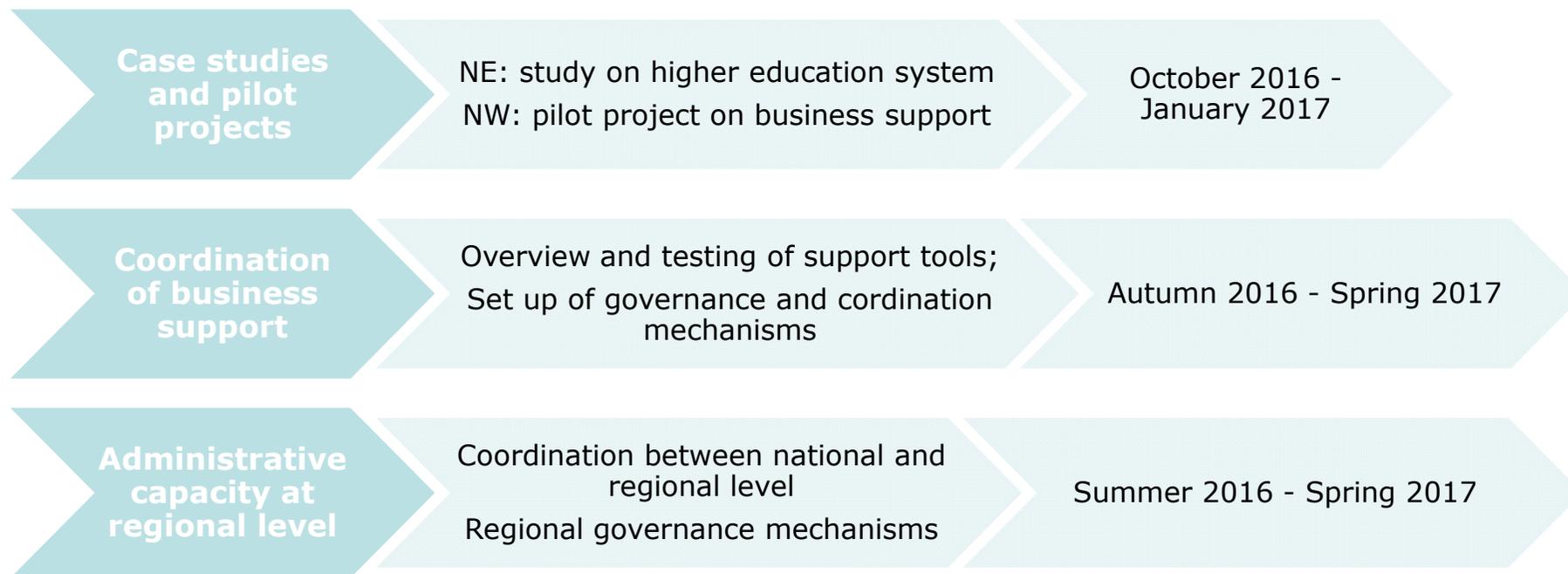
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Questions and Answers

