

# RIS3 support for Lagging Regions

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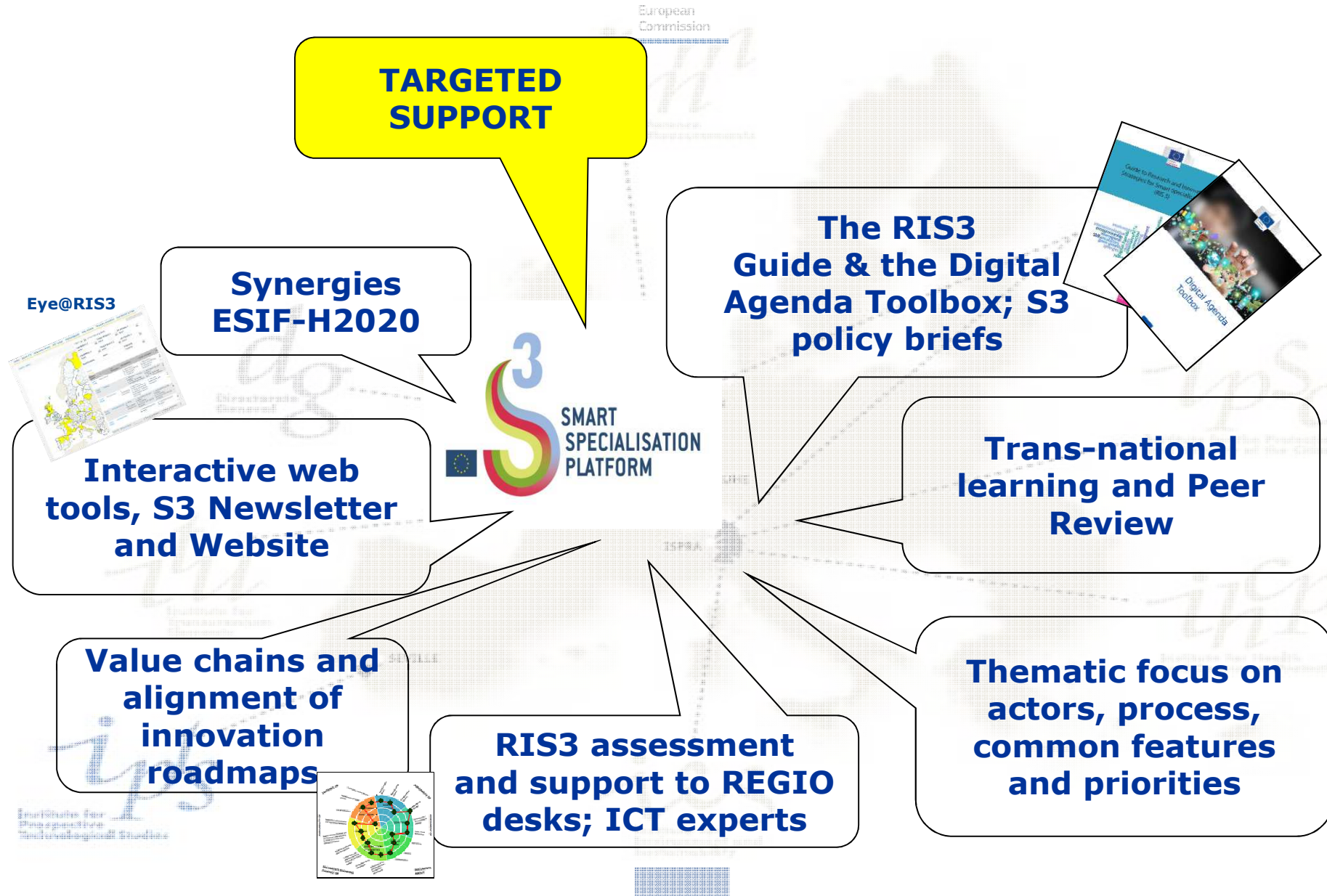
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# Activities of the S3 Platform



# RIS3 in Lagging Regions: aims & background

## Aims

**To support the refinement and implementation of the RIS3 of selected EU regions**

**To generate lessons and a model for other regions**

**To serve as a test-bed for theories on Smart Specialisation – understanding of RIS3**

## Background

**Extends successful activities on Eastern Macedonia and Thrace**

**Implements two European Parliament "Preparatory Actions"**

# European Parliament Support – 2

## Preparatory Actions

### PA 1: Support for growth and governance in lagging regions

- Regions from 8 EU MS
- Refinement of the RIS3 model
- Stakeholder engagement
- Mutual learning
- RIS3 implementation, growth, governance, etc.

### PA2: Competitive advantage and potential for smart specialisation in Romania

- In depth support for North East, North West Romania
- Complementarity - but deeper engagement
- Differing stages of RIS3
- Coordination with national level RIS3

# Lagging Regions: Policy issues

**Slow and limited growth**  
– despite investment

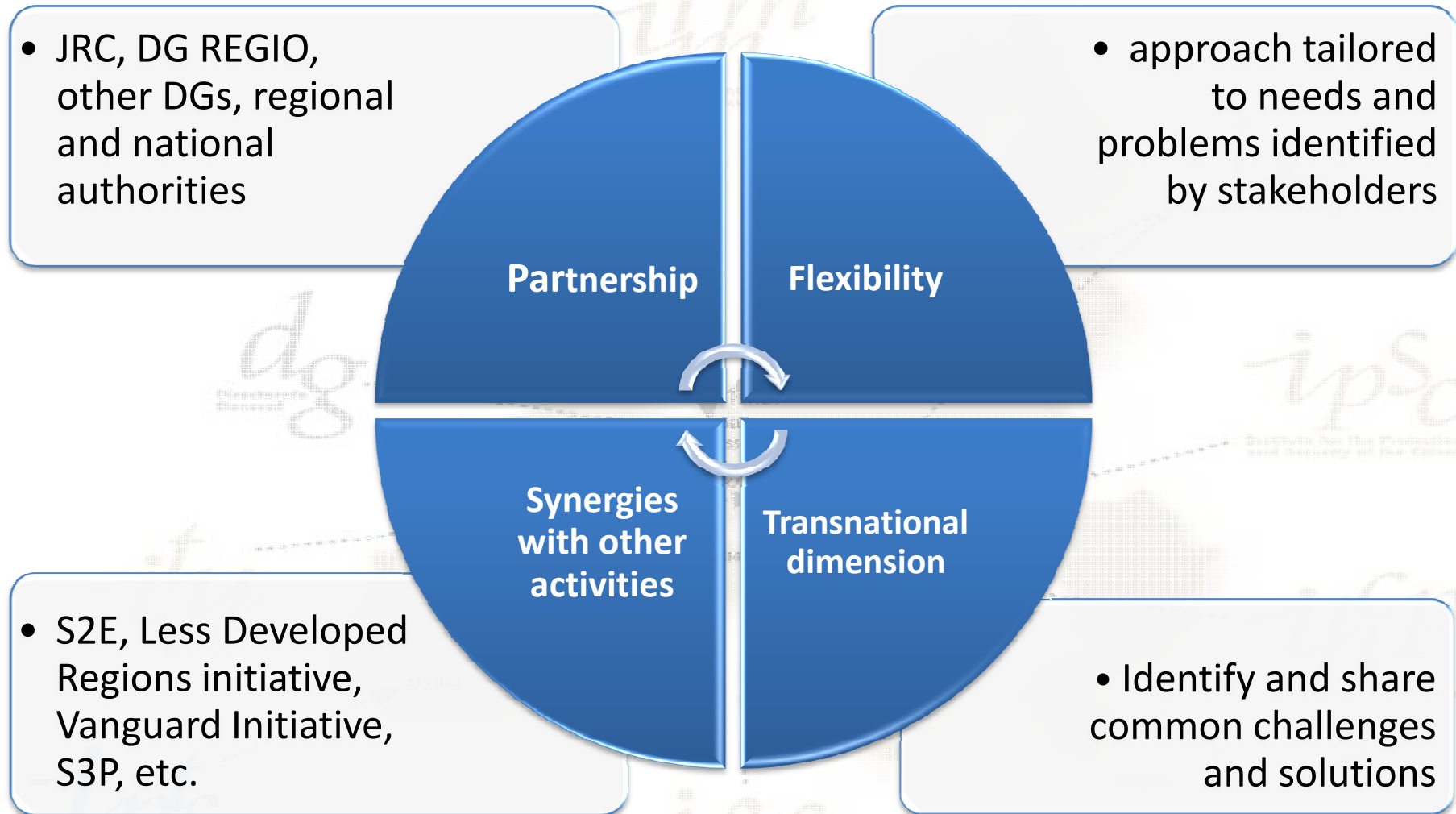
**Lack of understanding** →  
lack of effective actions to  
identify, understand,  
address issues

**Policy issues  
and  
definitions**

***Low growth regions*** - GDP/capita  
below EU average and did not  
converge to EU average post-crisis  
(Greece, Italy, Spain, Portugal)

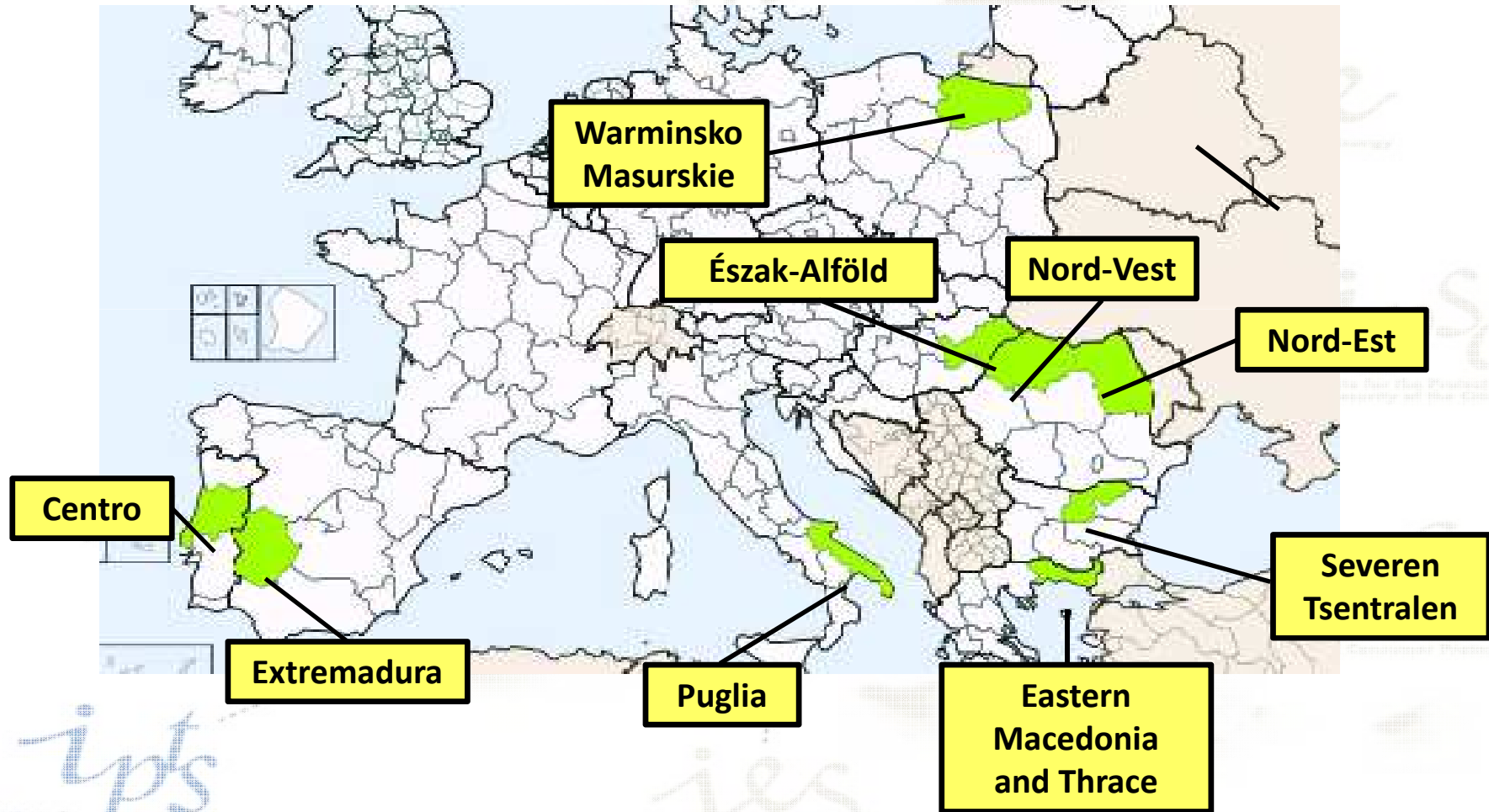
***Less developed regions*** -  
GDP/capita <50% of EU average  
(Bulgaria, Hungary, Poland,  
Romania)

# Implementation



# Support to RIS3 implementation in Lagging Regions

Focused on 9 regions in Eastern and Southern Europe: selection of regions



# Regional-specific issues (i)

Specifically discussed with each region

EDP in NE, NW, Romania

Synergies with NOPs and ROPs in Apulia

RIS3 instruments in Extremadura

Working groups on human resources/governance, in NE and NW Romania.

**Co-defined  
activities**



# Horizontal issues (i)

## Broader RIS3 implementation

State Aid rules

Fundability

Instruments beyond the ROP

Components of the R&I system and design of the policy mix

Outward-looking orientation –  
Transnational cooperation

## Horizontal issues (ii)

# Governance & Monitoring

**Governance** - NE-NW Romania working group & transnational Peer Learning.

**Monitoring** - Transnational working group

Long-term sustainability of the EDP process

Relationship between national and regional levels

Synergies between structural funds and other resources



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Commission

## Project website

<http://s3platform.jrc.ec.europa.eu>

**Thank you!**

