

Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs

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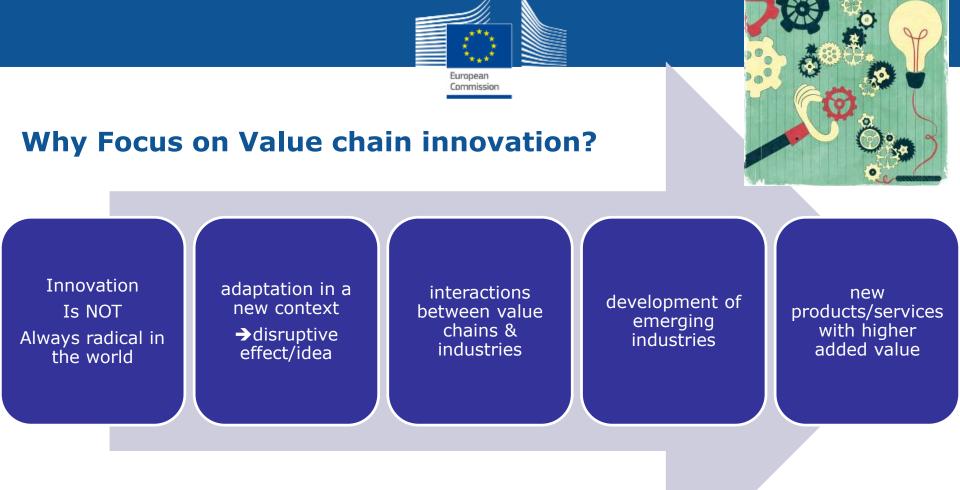
Horizon-2020 Innosup-1 cluster facilitated projects for new industrial value chains

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Cluster facilitated projects for new industrial value chains (INNOSUP-1)

HORIZON 2020



... using clusters to exploit innovative potential of SMEs



Why SMEs need support ?

... To Generate & better capitalise on all forms of knowledge, creativity, craftsmanship & innovation

... To bring their cross-cutting technologies, service innovation & eco-innovative solutions into new industrial value chains

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Why clusters?

... offer a favourable eco-system

... Host innovative companies



... reach out to groups of related SMEs

... Well positioned as facilitators & bridge-builders

... create strategic partnerships at the level of policymakers and intermediaries

... Provide support for innovation activities

... facilitate the validation of ideas for joint innovation projects



Why cross-regional cooperation maters? ... breaks regional silos



... mobilises around common smart specialization strategies

... Is important for the strategic use of innovation to develop new industrial value chains

... may offer further funding opportunities for possible collaboration ideas

... may trigger complementary support via linking sectors & partners to smart specialisation priorities

as illustrated by partnerships under Thematic Smart Specialisation Platforms



17 thematic areas under S3 for Industrial Modernisation





Systemic Approach & strategic focus

"Large-Scale Demonstrator" approach

combination of different support instruments & tools

Facilitated by cluster organisations (other SME intermediaries)

close link with regional policy priorities

strategic selection of partners & sectors



Why Large Scale Demonstrator require user-driven process ?

consumer demand innovation solutions (sector A→ sector B) tested under real-life conditions with groups of SMEs

a new industrial value chain innovative goods / service applications / adaptations / processes



What do we want from Innosup projects?

INPUT

- cross-sectoral & cross-regional innovation
- Involvement of cluster organisations as facilitators
- •Direct innovation support to SMEs (75 %)
- Complementarities with S3 strategies & other funding
- •Variety of support innovation tools

OUTPUT

new or significantly improved:

- products (goods &/or services)
- processes
- marketing methods
- organisational methods
- impact on resource efficiency (water, energy, material consumption)

2020

•SMEs turnover & profit

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What are Existing 13 projects?

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Thank you

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