

# ARAGÓN: Towards a RIS3 strategy



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# Our Expectations from the Peer-Review Workshop



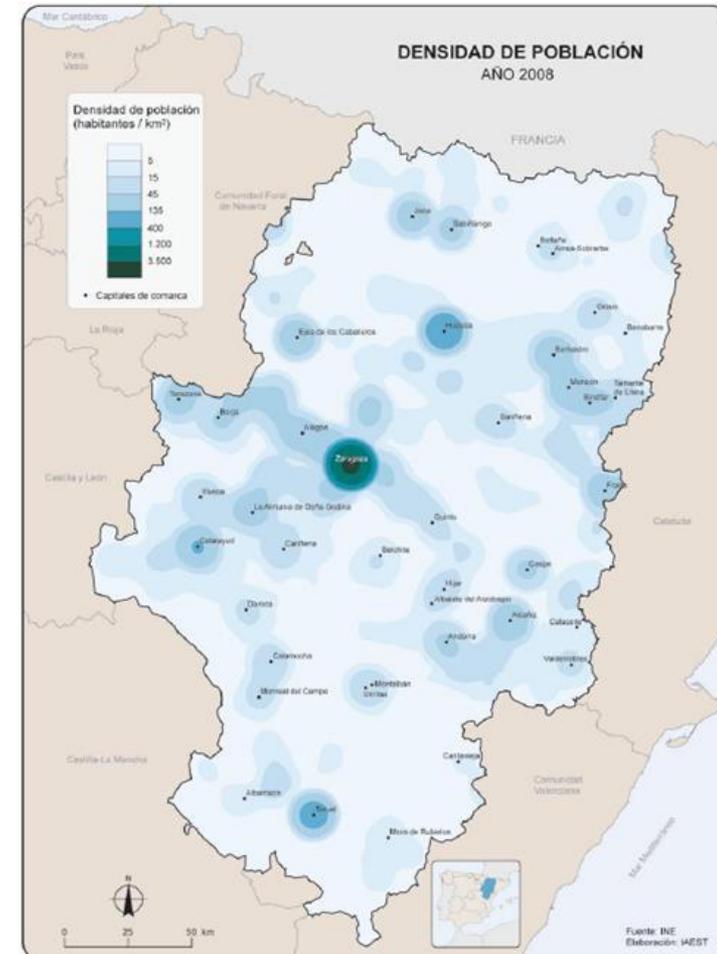
- We are pretty well advanced in the setting up of priorities in the S3 process but the present situation of crisis is very challenging
- How far should we go in specialization along the three priorities already defined ?
- How can we involve economic and innovation players in the next steps of the process ?

# Introduction of Aragón work on Research and Innovation Strategy



## ARAGÓN: Basic Information

- Aragón has one of the lowest population density in Europe.
  - 47.720 Km<sup>2</sup> (9,5% part of the national total)
  - 1.346.293 inhabitants (2,85 % part of the national total)
  - Population Density: 27,80 inhab./km<sup>2</sup>
    - Spain: 82,68 inhab./ km<sup>2</sup>
    - Europe (EU25): 117,25 inhab./ km<sup>2</sup>
- 95% of the territory is “fragile and hardly structured” rural zones
- More than half of the population lives in Zaragoza and its metropolitan area.



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## R&D&i Strategy in Aragón

Política Regional de I+D+i

Programas de Apoyo a la Innovación

Ley de la Ciencia

I Plan Director para el desarrollo de la Sociedad de la Información 2005-2008

II Plan Director para el desarrollo de la Sociedad de la Información 2009-2011

I Plan Autonómico de Investigación, Desarrollo y Transferencia de Tecnología 2002-2004

I Plan Director de Infraestructuras de Telecomunicaciones de Aragón

II Plan Autonómico de Investigación, Desarrollo y Transferencia de Tecnología 2005-2008

III PAID 2013-2015

Estrategia Aragonesa de Innovación

INNOV ARAGÓN



RIS ARAGÓN

RIS + ARAGÓN

PRAI I InnovAragón

PRAI II InnovAragón

RIS 3

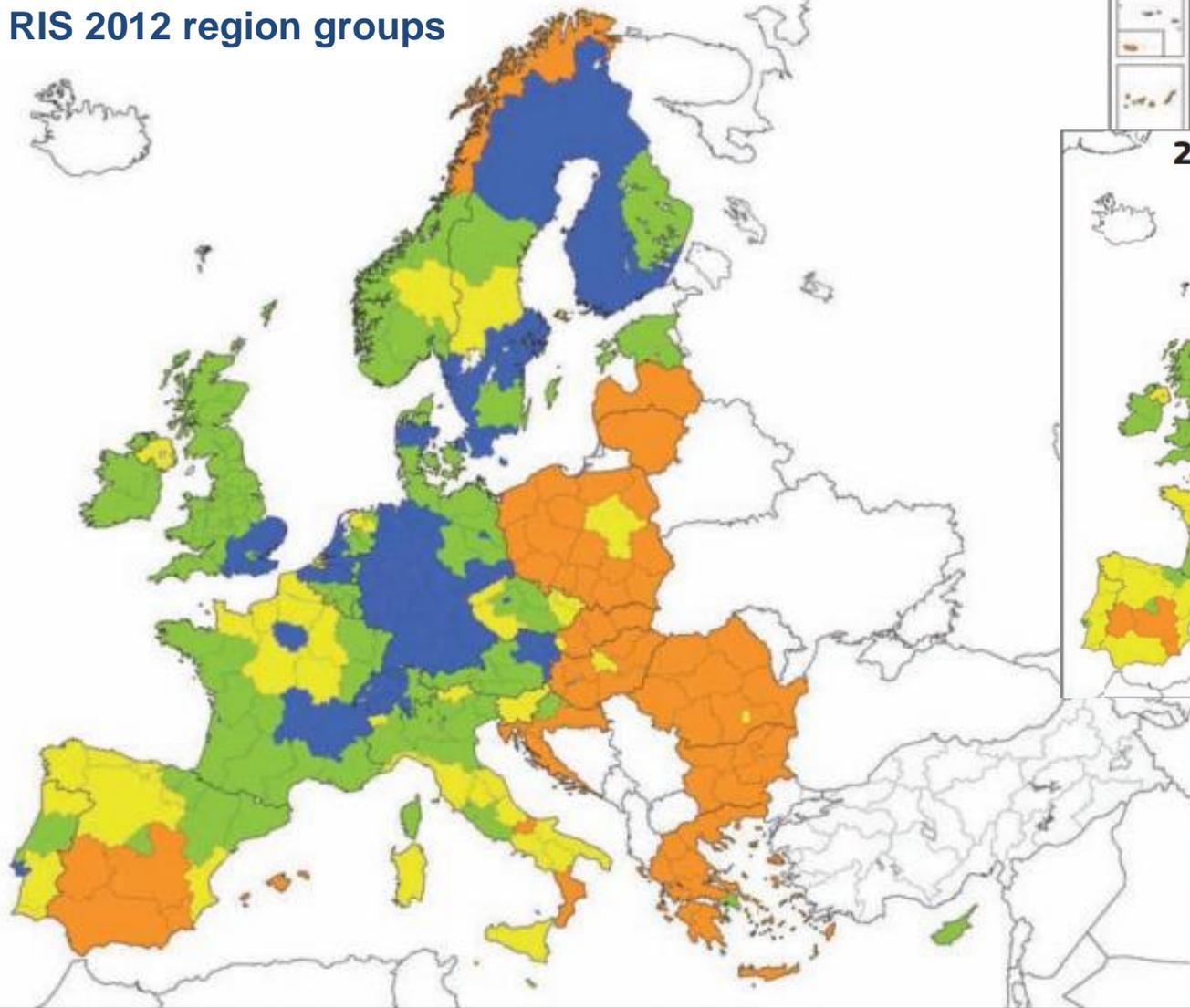
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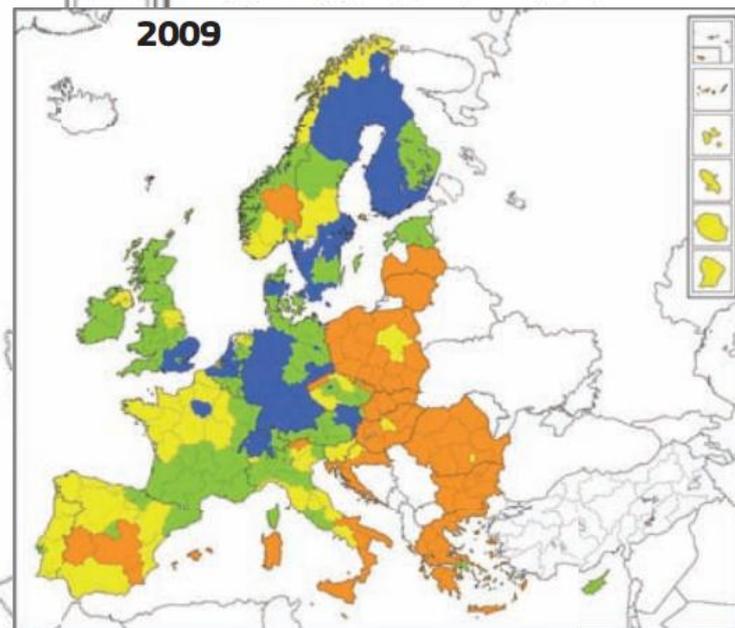
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RIS 2012 region groups



2009



-  INNOVATION LEADER
-  INNOVATION FOLLOWER
-  MODERATE INNOVATOR
-  MODEST INNOVATOR

# Place-based dimension of the RIS3

- Key elements:
  - Strategic geographical location in Spain, a few strong sectors, good research infrastructures, industrial tradition, high level of education, innovative Zaragoza
  - But also strong territorial unbalances, lack of critical mass in many sectors, decrease in R+I spending, lack of global strategy
  - Key challenges of climate change and ageing population
- SWOT analysis
  - Detailed document available
  - On the Web portal “Aragon participa”





## Inicio

### **PARTICIPA en la Estrategia Aragonesa de Investigación e Innovación para una especialización inteligente**



El Gobierno de Aragón, a través de la Dirección General de Investigación e Innovación y la Dirección General de Participación Ciudadana, Acción Exterior y Cooperación, asume la necesidad de elaborar la Estrategia aragonesa de Investigación e Innovación para una especialización inteligente, con la implicación y participación de todas las partes interesadas.

La adecuación de esta Estrategia a los retos actuales exige partir de unas matrices DAFO que permitan extraer un análisis y evaluación del potencial de especialización inteligente en la Comunidad Autónoma de Aragón.

Desde el Gobierno de Aragón se invita a todos los agentes, entidades y personas implicadas, a participar en el diseño de este documento previo, llamado [Análisis inicial](#), a través de la encuesta publicada en el portal Aragón Participa.

Para la realización de esta encuesta, cuyo plazo esta abierto hasta el 15 de noviembre, se pone a su disposición el cronograma, el [Análisis inicial](#) a valorar y una presentación en formato pdf como documentación complementaria de su interés.

#### **Documentación Adjunta**

- [Cronograma](#)
- [Análisis inicial \(DAFO\)](#)

#### **Documentación Complementaria**

- [Grupo de Trabajo Gobierno de Aragón para el desarrollo de la RISS 3](#)

# Place-based dimension of the RIS3



- How can Aragon use innovation to address the challenges?
  - Need to focus our specialization (ex: connectivity)
  - With more cooperation with other regions (ex: agro food, tourism, photonics, nano...)
  - We need to take into account the non technological innovation

# Looking beyond Aragon's boundaries



- The aragonese RIS3 will give much importance to the external context, in Spain and from a European - international perspective
  - Highlighted in the SWOT analysis
  - Strong activity in Brussels thanks to the Aragon's Office in Brussels, Aragon Exterior, Red 7 PM
  - Aragon takes part in two "Regions of Knowledge" projects in logistics and water management
- Cooperation with other regions
  - We visited Navarra, Cataluña, Aquitaine, Midi Pyrénées
  - Much importance given as a whole to cross border and interregional cooperation

# Entrepreneurial dynamics



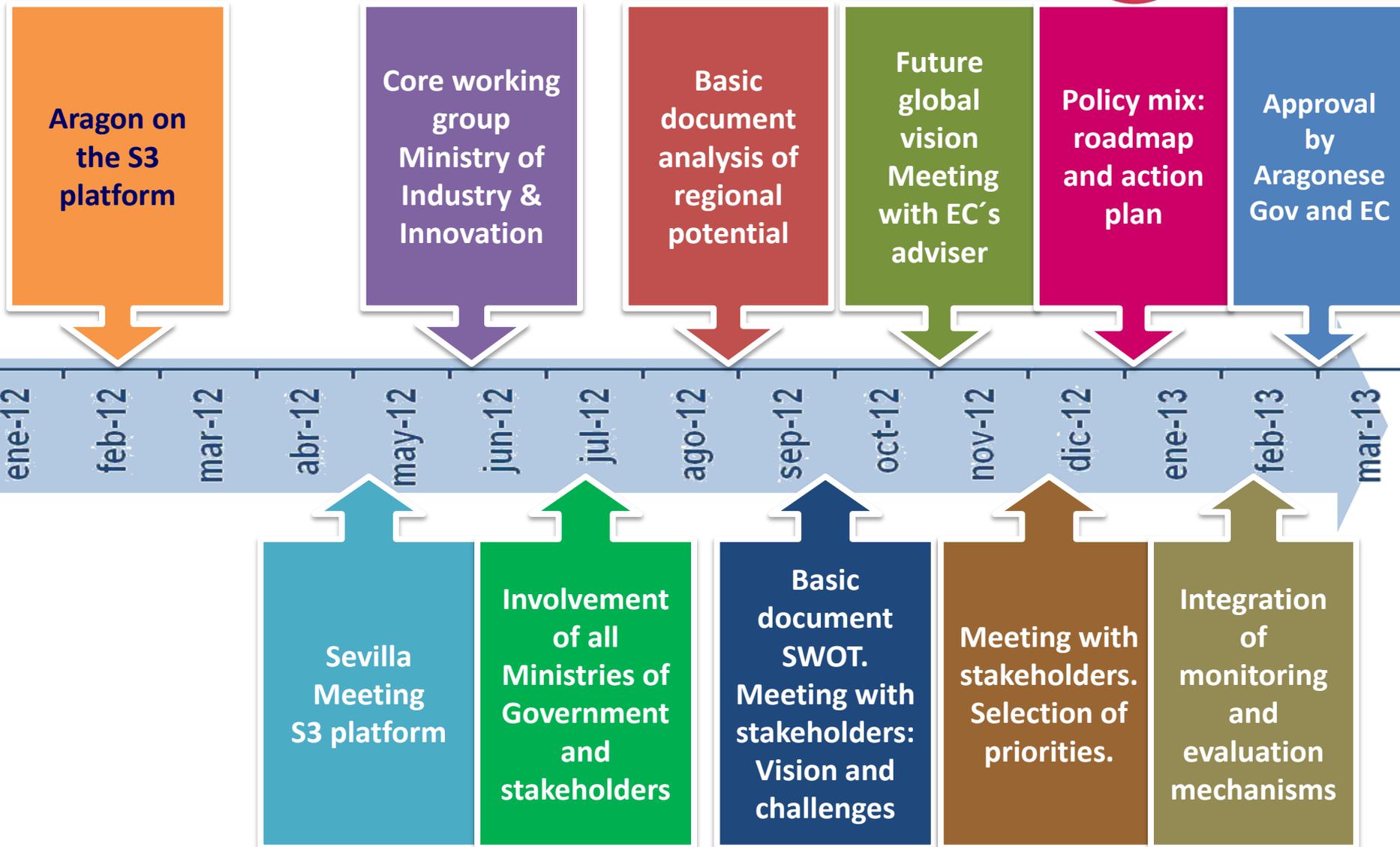
- Entrepreneurial dynamics in Aragon:
  - Mainly at SME level, few large companies
  - Usual channels of representation of economic and social actors
  - Association of Young entrepreneurs
  - Nine very diverse clusters
- Involvement of entrepreneurial actors in your Region:
  - Involvement of all identified actors in the RIS 3 process
  - Including research, innovation and education
  - More attention to be paid to incubators and support to new entrepreneurial actors

# RIS 3 Governance



- Leadership: DG Research and Innovation within the Ministry of Industry and Innovation, Gobierno = Regional Authority
- Core Working Group: Ministry of Industry and Innovation
- Aragon on the S3 platform since February 2012
- Involvement of the 9 Ministries, three meetings of information in July 2012, strong cooperation with Budget (Structural Funds), Economy and Rural Development (FEADER)
- Strong involvement of the Spanish Ministry of Economy and Competitiveness, participation of the State Secretary for Research and Innovation in an event organized in Zaragoza on October 30th, 2012
- Four meeting of information of stakeholders in July (economic and social partners, research, innovation, education)

# RIS 3 participation process



# Priorities



- Suggested during the 30.10 event, discussion remains open
- Three key priorities
- To be aligned with the six priority sectors identified in the Aragonese Strategy for Competitiveness and Growth adopted in Aragon in July 2012
- Four transversal axes
- We started to write the S3 in December, on going process , useful advice from the DG REGIO expert

# SMART SPECIALIZATION PRIORITIES IN ARAGÓN

## TERRITORIAL BALANCE

### CHALLENGES:

Ageing  
Depopulation  
Territorial Development  
Health

### STRENGTHS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

Health & Biotechnology  
Tourism & Trade  
Culture & Heritage  
Territory & Quality of Life  
Agrifood

## CONNECTIVITY

### CHALLENGES:

Smart Transport  
Opening the Territory  
Connectivity  
Cross-border Cooperation

### STRENGTHS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

Logistics & Transport  
Automotive  
New Materials  
Industry & SME Excellence

## RESOURCE EFFICIENCY

### CHALLENGES:

Energy  
Climate Change  
Desertification  
Food Security

### STRENGTHS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

Water  
Energy  
Hydrógen  
Energy Efficiency

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## KETs (Key Enabling Technologies)

Culture & Heritage

New Materials

Hydrogen

## ICT

## Smart Cities and Territories

# SUSTAINABLE CONNECTED TERRITORY



# Digital Growth Priorities



- Our SWOT analysis includes a specific chapter dedicated to ICT
- ICT are one of strategic sectors in the “Aragonese Strategy for Competitiveness and Growth”, which is planning the Government’s economic policy.
- Main objectives:
  - The structuring of the territory, through infrastructure and telecommunications services
  - Integration of ICT in enterprises
  - Knowledge transfer
  - Boost of eGovernment and open Government
- More challenging over the whole territory, e-accessibility and e-health

# Implementation and Budget

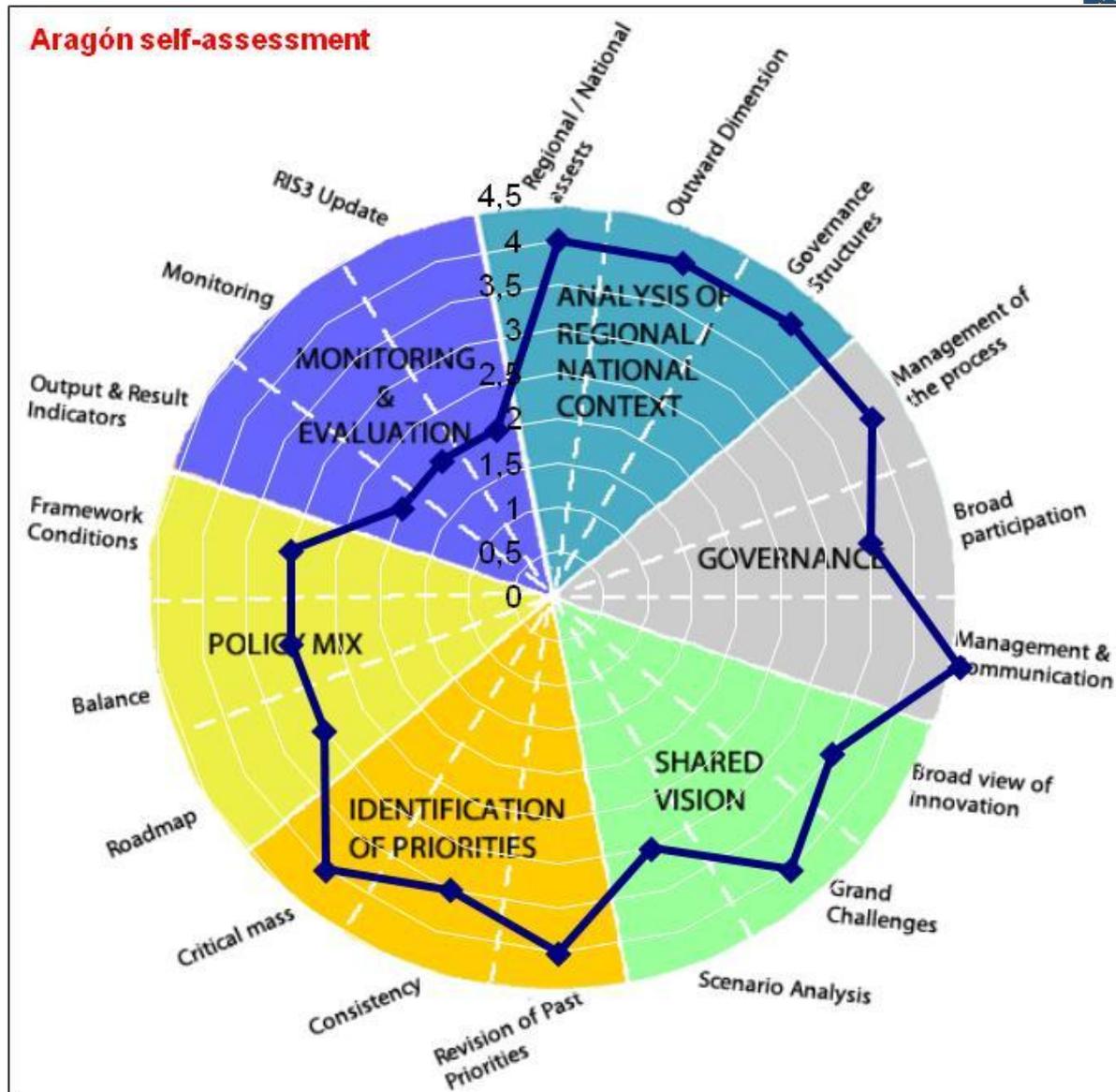


- We will align in the future our present regional innovation strategy “InnovAragon” with RIS3 according to the request of the Spanish Ministry
- Our budget for Innovation is 35 M€ until 2017

# Measuring the progress

- No mechanisms planned yet for monitoring and evaluation of the strategy's implementation
- We will involve keep players
- Definition of outcome indicators /plan to use to measure the success is our next challenge
- Possible review of the strategy based on our evaluation to be foreseen

# ARAGÓN self-assessment



# Summary and next steps



- Our policy makers, the regional/national administrations, the business community in Aragon are at this stage pretty well aware of the process and supportive, much visibility given to our work in 2012 at a regional, national and European level
- Next steps (in the short and medium term) to develop a good RIS3 in our region
  - A strong involvement of the Gobierno of Aragon at President's and ministry's level
  - A good dialogue with all stakeholders
- Establish a strong monitoring process of the RIS 3.

Friendly questions for discussion

## Issues and needs



- What are your expectations from Smart Specialisation?
  - A common vision with all stakeholders in the long term
  - Good alignment of Aragon's RIS3 with funds available in the frame of the priorities for Research and Innovation
- In which areas do you need new ideas or know-how to get there?
  - On going process of cooperation with Spanish & French neighbour regions
  - How can we focus more our priorities ?
- Building a formal/informal network with the regions present at this workshop for discussing other issues in the future?
  - Keep in touch with other regions in the phase of implementation of our RIS 3, which will be challenging
  - Get the best out of the S3 platform in the future

**Muchas gracias por su atención**

**Thank you very much**

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