

ERA Hubs as a transformative set of measures and tools







Why a Policy Co-creation Toolbox?

Knowledge ecosystems

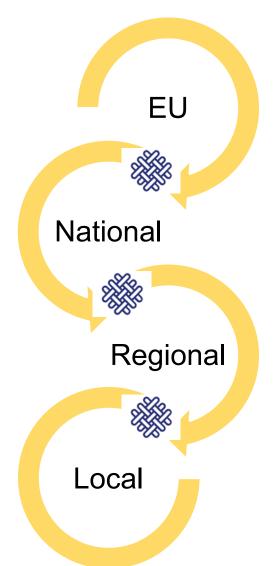
Multistakeholder platforms Policy cocreation toolbox From vision to action: enabling multi-level, participatory and place-based innovation governance

"Policy co-creation is the hinge connecting topdown ambition with bottom-up knowledge"





What is a Policy Co-Creation Toolbox?

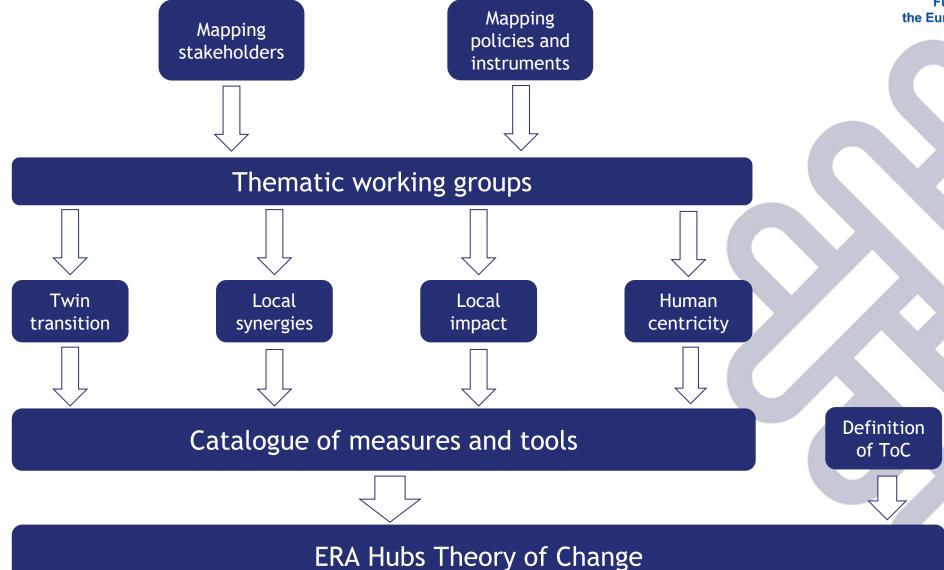


The toolbox overcomes fragmentation across governance level while bringing policy closer to regional needs, ecosystem actors and citizen voices. ERA Hubs act as a "policy bridge" by identifying exemplary use cases and extracting policy instruments ("commonalities") that can be replicated in the future.



From concept to action







The catalogue of measures and tools



- 1.**Four interregional workshops**, which allowed us to co-desgin with regional stakeholders across three thematic domains:
- Sustainable manufacturing
- Bio-based circular economy
- Clean renewable energy

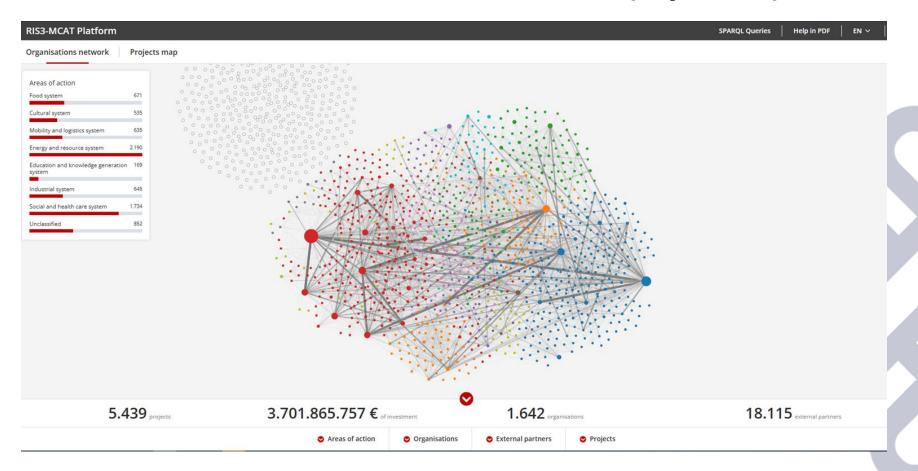
2. Structured around four action lines:

- Promoting a single market for the green and digital transition
- Connecting territories through Smart Specialisation complementarities
- Enhancing the local impacts and synergies of EU framework programme project results
- Deepening the human centricity of R&D and innovation policies
- 3. Combination of the identification of needs and observations from stakeholders with a thorough literature review of **policy instrument use cases that existed and matched their needs**
- 4. Output: A catalogue integrating 33 curated use cases with replicable practices for ERA Hubs



RIS3-MCAT Platform (Spain)





Data-driven mapping of R&I activity to guide policy alignment with S3 priorities, combining innovative visual analytics, policy intelligence and boosting cordination across actors



Ecosister (Italy)





Innovation ecosystem programme managing 110 million € to strengthen and develop international collaborations within the regional ecosystems. This collaborative approach can include: drive incubation of new entrepreneurial ideas, accelerate startups and spin-offs, enhance open-innovation based solutions for companies...



Clean Cities ClimAccelerator (Europe)





European program supporting climate-focused startups with funding, mentorship, and market access to drive systemic change, especially around urban sustainability challenges.



Reflection and challenges



Key takeaways:

- Policy co-creation is happening but remains fragmented and project-bound
- Stakeholder inclusion is uneven, often marginalising SMEs and civil society
- ERA Hubs can catalyze change but require institutional anchoring and longterm commitment





Strategic contributions



- We have demonstrated how **ERA Hubs can act as bridges** between EU ambitions and local realities, and provided tools to fit policy co-creation into everyday regional governance
- What comes next? <a>I Standardize the toolbox through a common Theory of Change that allows for easy adaptation across EU regions







Thank You for Your Attention

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