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S3 contribution to national STI roadmap for SDGs

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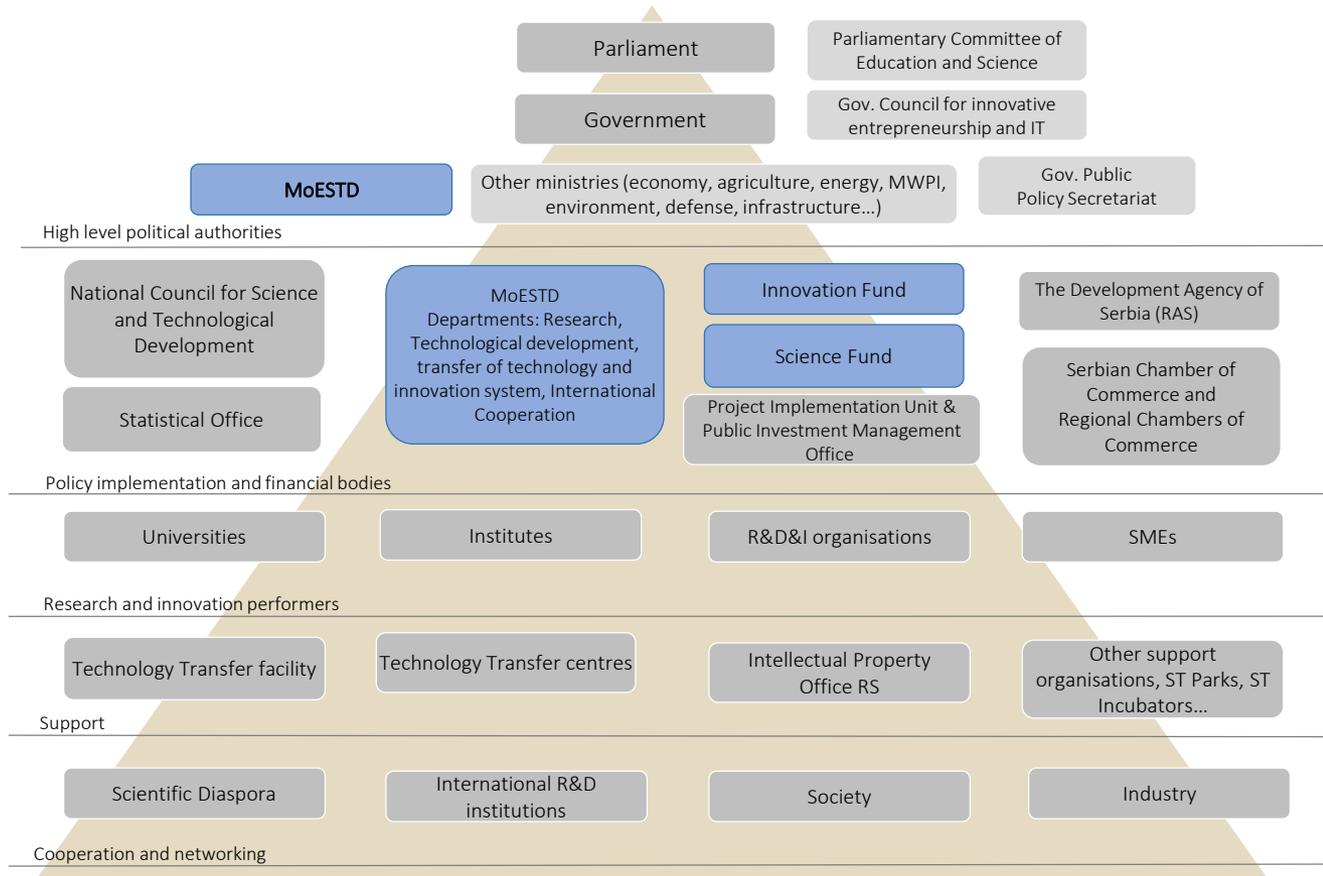
Serbia: Western Balkan economy with a EU perspective

- Population: ~ 7,5 million
- **Global Competitiveness Index 2018** - Rank 65/140
- **Gross R&D expenditures (%GDP) 2018** - **0,92** (EU28 - 2,06)
- 16,213 researchers in total in 2018 (8,329 women)
- **2.322 R&D staff per million people 2018** (EU28 - 3.939)
- The **scientific research system** of Serbia comprises of 63 Scientific/R&D Institutes, 121 HEIs and 20 Centres of Excellence
- **Total world production of scientific works** - rank **52/239** (in 2019) (SCImago Journal & Country Rank)
- **Horizon 2020 program** (Sept 2019 statistics): 403 participations in 280 projects, contracted ~ 96.3 million EUR, Serbia's average success rate is 12.2%





STI Institutional Framework





Comprehensive reform of the STI sector - towards research excellence and relevance

- Challenges in the past:
 - **System of research financing** does not incentivize research excellence and relevance (only project-based financing available with success rates of up to 90%);
 - Inadequate financial instruments for **linking science with industry** (research outcomes are primarily publications);
 - Lack of strategic approach in **managing research institutions** (no institutional funding available to allow for long-term planning);
 - Lack of adequate **human resources in research** (researchers primarily located in public STI sector, with worrisome age distribution and low mobility);

Current strategic framework towards reforms

Strategy on Scientific and Technological Development of the Republic of Serbia for the period 2016-2020 - "RESEARCH FOR INNOVATION" adopted in 2016:

- Encouraging **excellence and relevance** of scientific research;
- Strengthening the **connections** between science, economy and society to encourage innovation;
- Establishing an **effective management system** for science and innovation in the country;
- Ensuring excellence and availability of **human resources** for science and economy and social affairs;
- Improving **international cooperation** in the field of science and innovation;
- **Increasing investment** in research and development through public funding and encouraging the investments of the business sector.



A new model for financing research activities

A new legal framework has recently been adopted to implement a mix of institutional and project-based financing for research:

- **Institutional financing** (Law on Science and Research - July 2019):
 - Implemented by the MoESTD;
 - Ensuring long-term quality of scientific research;
 - Strengthening of the scientific and research institutions.
- **Competitive-project based financing** (Law on Science Fund - December 2018):
 - Implemented by the Science fund;
 - Based on the principles of good governance, independent and expert evaluation and selection processes;
 - Providing highly competitive project-based funding to the best research teams.



Innovation Fund - a good practice example of public support for private sector innovation

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DELATNOST



- The establishment of the Science Fund is in good part based on Serbia's experience with the establishment of the Innovation Fund - an independent and expert implementing agency for supporting private sector innovation;
- **Innovation fund** operational since 2011, founded by the Law on innovation activity to provide financing support for innovation in SMEs through a mix of instruments along the innovation chain;
- Establishment supported by an EU project implemented by the World Bank;
- Project selection process: international peer-review and independent international investment committee;

IF SUPPORT INSTRUMENTS	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION
MINI GRANTS PROGRAM	Up to 80,000 EUR (and 15% matching) for innovative start-ups;
MATCHING GRANTS PROGRAM	Up to 300,000 EUR (and 30% matching) for SMEs;
COLLABORATIVE GRANT SCHEME PROGRAM	Up to 300,000 EUR (and 30%) for joint business-academia projects;
TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER FACILITY	Technical assistance and financing for technology transfer, patenting and commercialization;
INNOVATION VOUCHERS	Vouchers for companies for R&D services of public research institutions (up to 8,000 EUR);
PROOF OF CONCEPT	Up to 20,000 EUR for researchers engaged in product development;



Science Fund - independent and expert implementation of competitive research funding

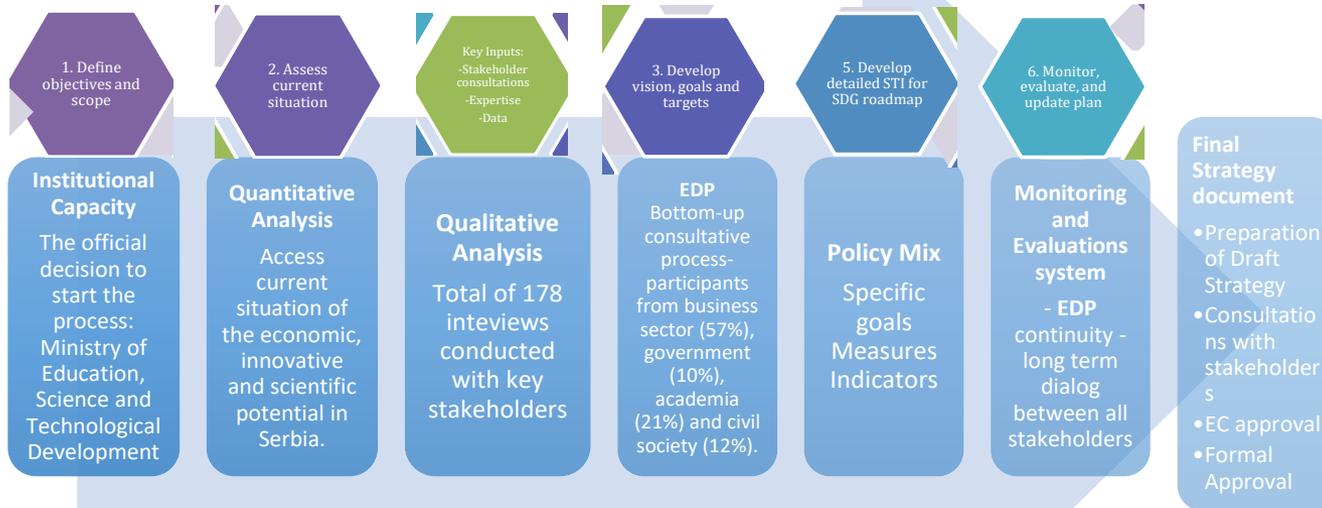


- The Science fund will implement programmes to support the best scientists and ideas to boost research excellence and relevance in Serbia;
- **Program for Young Researchers (PROMIS)** - first call in June 2019 (585 project applications received). Projects of up to 200,000 EUR for projects of young researchers;
- Two new calls:
 - **Diaspora Cooperation Programme,**
 - **Artificial Intelligence Development Programme** and
- In developing phase: **Ideas Programme.**
- Based on the same good governance principles as the Innovation Fund - international peer-review and independent selection committees;
- Capacity and institutional building for Science Fund planned under future World Bank project in Serbia.



Smart Specialisation Strategy in Serbia

4S Process



6 step approach - UN Guidebook on Development of STI Roadmaps for SDGs

Next steps:

- SDG mapping
- Action plan: STI Roadmap for SDGs





Serbia's Smart Specialisation priorities

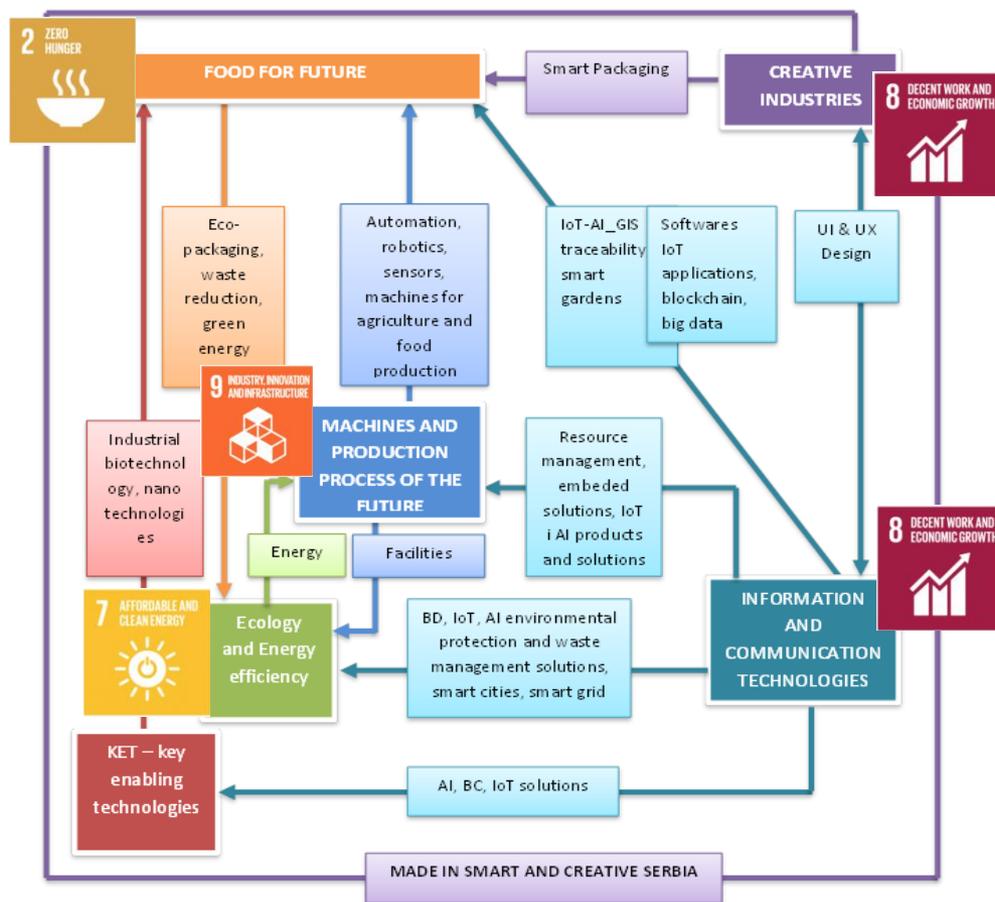


Information and communication technologies	Food for Future	Creative industries	Future Machines and Manufacturing Systems
Custom Software Development	High Tech Agriculture	Creative audio-visual production	General and specific purpose machines
Software Solutions Development	Value Added Food products	Video Games and Interactive content	Information in the Smart Management Service - Industry 4.0
	Sustainable Agrifood Production	Smart Packaging	Smart Components and Tools
Key Enabling Technologies (KET)			
Energy Efficient and Eco-Smart Solutions			

MADE IN SMART AND CREATIVE SERBIA



Vertical and Horizontal priorities and cross-sectoral innovation





Food for Future - example for STI for SDGs Roadmap



- Agrifood in Serbia has a long tradition, developed agricultural production, biodiversity and raw material base
- ~ 9.68 % of government research funding are dedicated to Biotechnology and agriculture (TR) and Agriculture and food (III)
- OECD (2017) Unleashing the Transformation Potential for Growth in the Western Balkans:

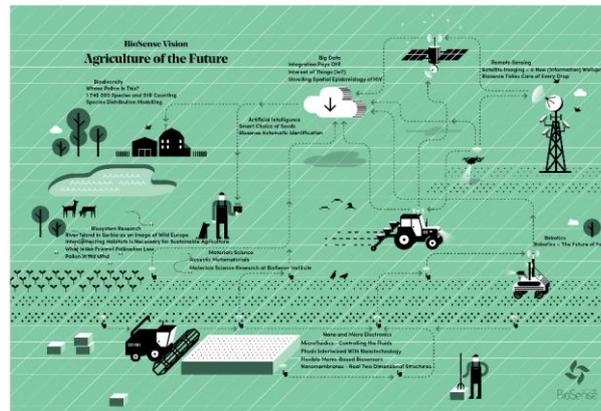
	Gross value added % of GDP	Employment % of total	Exports % of total
Agricultural sector	6,5	18,6	9,2
Food processing sector	4,2	4,6	11,4

- **H2020 SUCCESS STORY** - New technologies for sustainable agriculture (29 MEUR investment jointly EC and MoESTD)

Good practice example - BioSense Institute

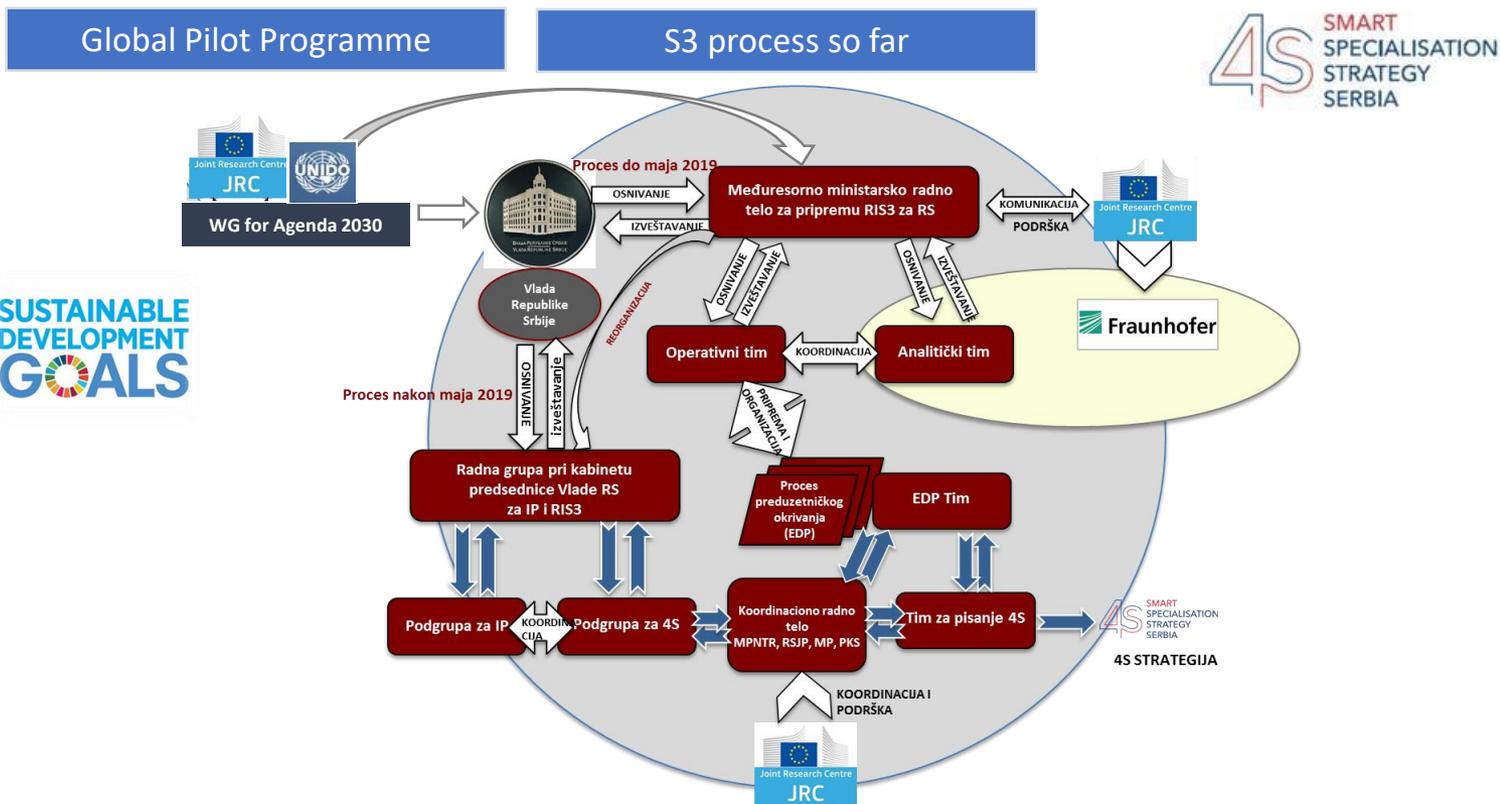
R&D Institute for IT in Biosystems. Connecting two most promising sectors in Serbia ICT and agriculture.

The vision of BioSense is to be a European leader in research in ICT for agrifood and related biosystems. BioSense strives to create prosperity and sustainability for a broad ecosystem that includes academia, government, industry, farming community and civil society.





Team structure for S3/STI Roadmap for SDGs

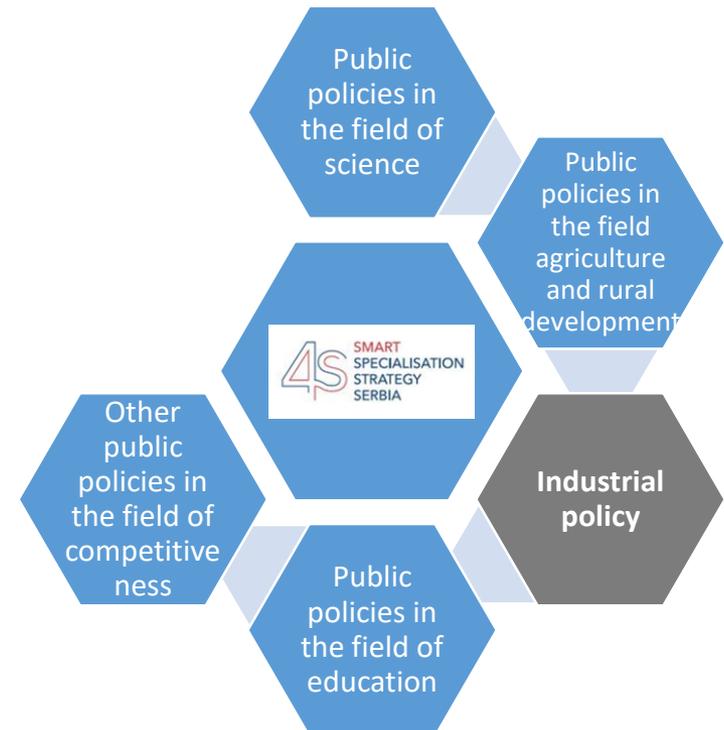




S3/STI Roadmap at the intersection of public policies

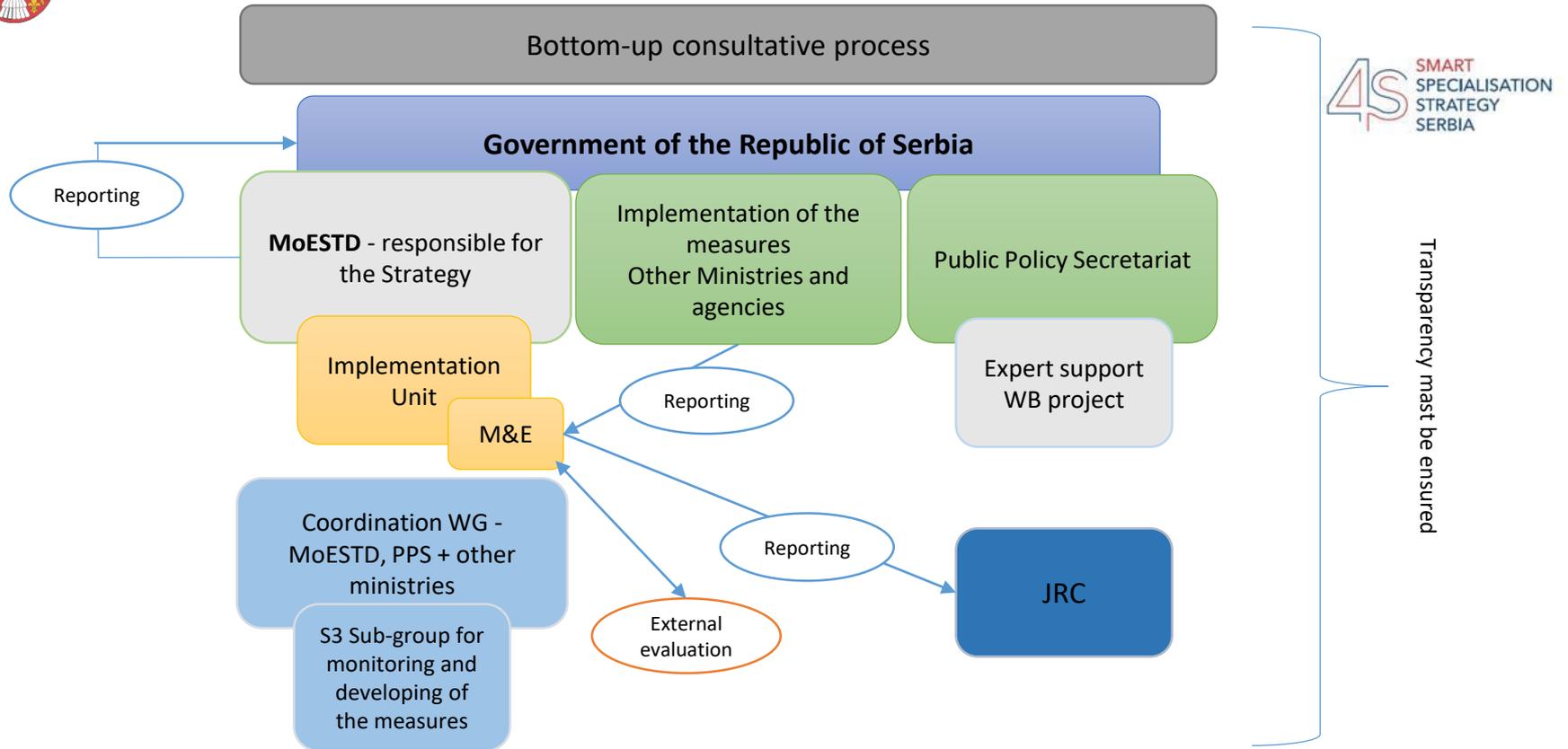
- Position of the Smart Specialization Strategy in relation to other public policy documents
- S3 is directly related to a number of strategic documents in the field of: science (1), competitiveness (6), agriculture (1), education (1), communication and digitization (1 new)

Public policies do not act independently of one another, but rather interact with each other.





S3/STI Roadmap - Managing the process of implementation





Serbia and Agenda 2030



- In 2015 - first inter-ministerial working group for monitoring the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and achievement of SDGs established;
- In 2015 - the national campaign “The Serbia We Want”, as part of the global campaign “The World We Want”. Two rounds of consultations were held in Serbia: Over 28,000 citizens had an opportunity to participate in consultations;
- Fall 2017 - the “Serbia and 2030 Agenda” report prepared (mapping of the national strategic framework against the SDGs to identify the level of coverage and state of affairs);
- Fall 2018 - Serbia prepared the UN Mainstreaming, Acceleration and Policy Support (MAPS) report;
- In June 2019 - Serbia presented its first Voluntary National Review on the implementation of Agenda 2030 for SDGs to the UN;
- Next steps: nationalization and financing of SDGs, as well as monitoring the implementation.



STI for SDGs Roadmap - Next Steps and Pilot Activities



- Serbia's EU integration agenda provides a platform to integrate the SDGs as a mutually-reinforcing agenda.
- The ongoing STI reform processes in Serbia, and the S3 process in particular, represent a unique opportunity to engrain SDGs into the country's STI policies and instruments.
- *Next steps:*
 - Nationalization and financing (budgetary, IPA and other) of SDGs (inter-ministerial WG);
 - Global Pilot Programme on Science, Technology and Innovation for SDGs Roadmap;
 - Implementation and monitoring of S3 (exploring synergies between S3 and STI Roadmap for SDGs especially in terms of defining indicators, measures to increase R&D spending and capacity building);
 - Continuous sharing of experiences and learning from global and regional good practices.



Serbia STI Roadmap for SDGs - pilot activity



The specific steps in the methodology that will be followed are:

1. **Analysis of national SDG framework** in Serbia, including the main challenges indicated in official documents (including Voluntary National Review, national documents concerning Agenda 2030 and matching policies/strategies).
2. **Statistical assessment** of the key challenges resulting from SDGs on the basis of international and national data sources covering the indicators for SDG goals and targets indicated in Eurostat SDG database.
3. **Stakeholder and expert validation** of the SDG challenges.
4. Identification of the **scientific, technological and innovative potential** allowing responding to the identified challenges.
5. Description of the **knowledge/competence gaps** - where national STI potential does not allow addressing SDG challenges.
6. Identification of national and international **STI collaboration networks** that can be mobilised to answer the challenges resulting from SDGs based on co-publishing, co-patenting and joint project applications.

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