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**The Interactions between Regions & RTOs**



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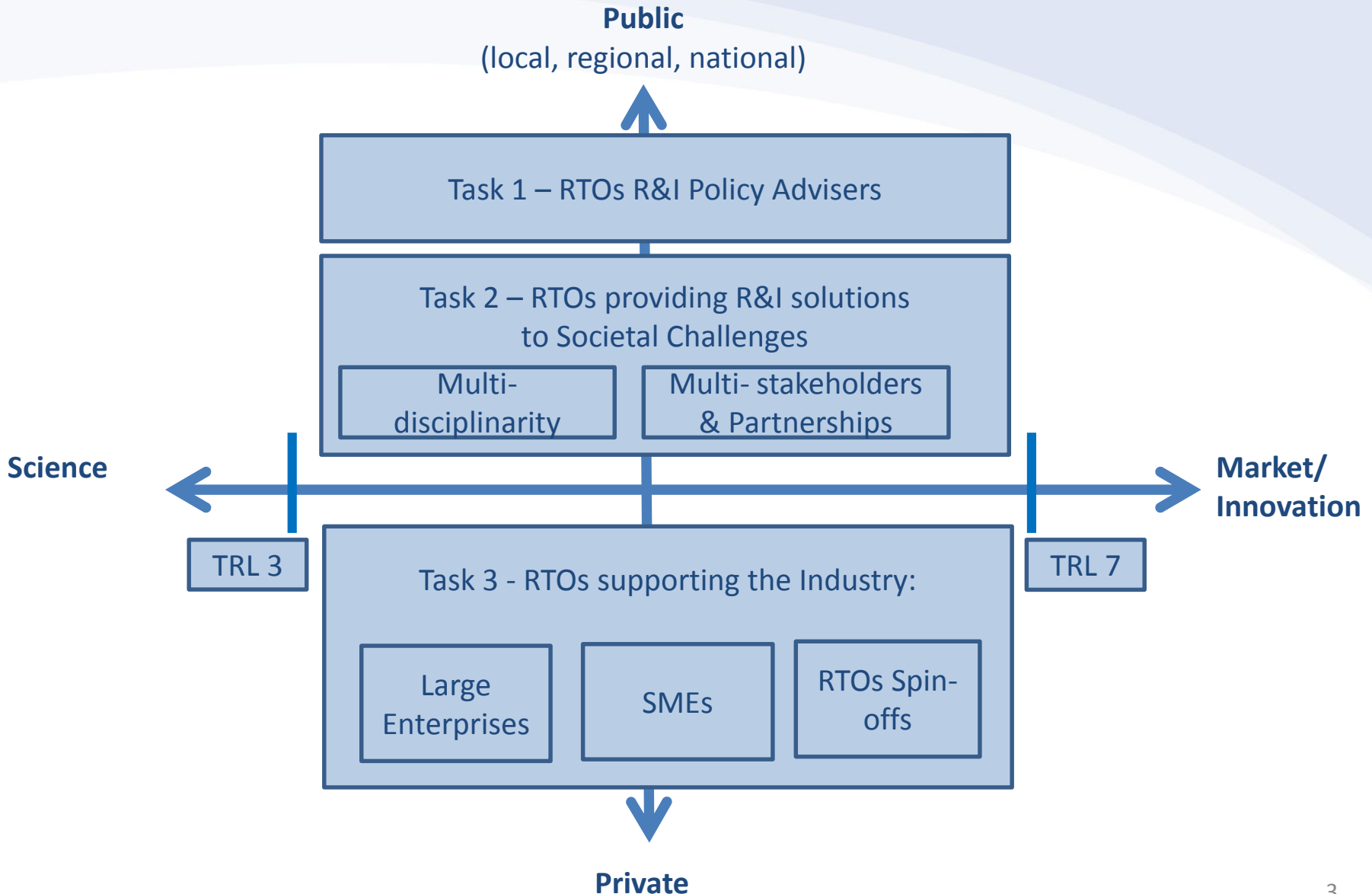


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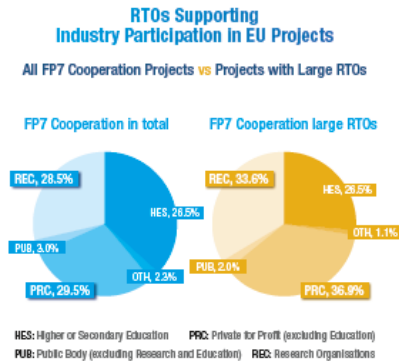
# Understanding EU RTOs' Activities



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## ESIF (grants/lower rates than FPs)=

- RIS3 ex-ante conditionality
- Growing interest in innovation
- RTOs active at Regional level



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## EIB Financial

### Tools/EFSI/Juncker Plan =

- Based on loans & advice
- Many but not always well known by RTOs
- Possibly require to further look at RTOs business models & see what needs to be done for improving match
- RTOs: maintain & create RTD infra & platforms open to all industries (large & SMEs)



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# Importance of Innovation Eco-systems



## EARTO Recommendations

- 1. Europe needs to invest in strong value-chains and innovation ecosystems**
- 2. Europe needs to focus more on delivering impact from EU and national R&I investments**

**Synergies needed  
between R&I and Cohesion  
Policies and Funds**

# How can dialogue between the various actors support Regional Innovation Ecosystems, including Regions-RTOs dialogue?

- Our 1<sup>st</sup> Step: Looking for examples of the dialogue/activities between regions and RTOs linked to RIS3 targets
- What is the role of Regions & the role of RTOs and how do they interact and where could we take supporting actions?

## Regions:

- **Setting SSS**
- **Implementation**
- **Manage OPs**

Dialogue

## RTOs:

- **Support definition SSS as one actor**
- **Manage Innovation Infrastructures**

Synergies

# Supporting Regional Innovation Ecosystems: what are the roles played by RTOs?

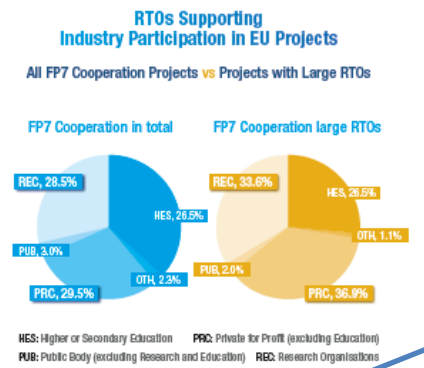
## Key questions:

1. When regional innovation eco-systems were successfully developed, what has been the role of RTOs in supporting such ecosystems?
2. When did we experienced successful synergies helping the RIS3 process, what was the role of RTOs then?

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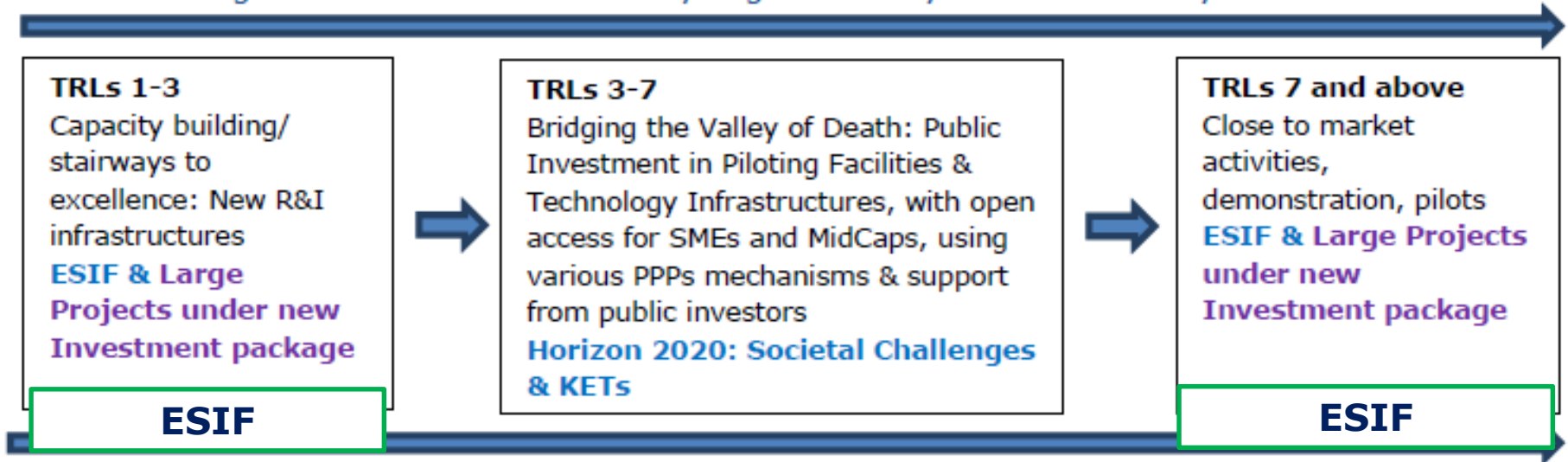


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# Synergies & Combined Funding: Tools to support innovation ecosystems & RIS3 Strategies!

Addressing whole value chain - Funds synergies at ecosystem level - Ecosystem maturation



Innovation Ecosystems Maturation – Along the Technology Readiness Levels (TRLs)

**Different funding tools coming in at different TRLs level & different timing: need coherence, require time & understanding**  
**How do regions manage planning RIS3 strategies using all tools available? Here RTOs support an advantage!**

**Want to know how RTOs  
can support your region RIS3  
discovery process & innovation policy:**

**Today:** presentation of a **new JRC Policy Brief on RTOs and Smart Specialisation** written by Prof. David Charles and Katerina Ciampi-Stancova



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