



The Role of the Regions in Promoting European Innovation and Knowledge

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Innovation and Knowledge

- Key driver of the renewed Lisbon Strategy
- A main priority for the new Cohesion policy 2007-2013 programmes





Regions: a vital role to play in promoting innovation

- Regions are facing increasing challenges
- Competitiveness Basis changing overtime
- Regions: at the frontline in the delivery of innovation support to enterprises
- Regions form the spatial basis for clusters
- Measuring regional innovation performance



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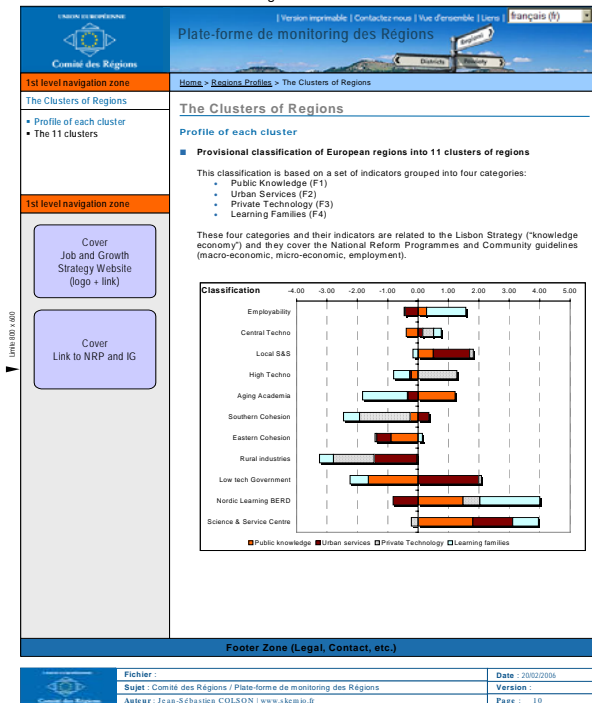
- Innovation: important element of CoR focus on delivering concrete results in the Strategy for Growth and Jobs
- GMES Network
- Mutual Learning Platform
- Open Days 2007
- Regions for Economic Change
- Lisbon Monitoring Platform



Lisbon Monitoring Platform

- Platform to monitor progress on Lisbon agenda at regional and local level
- NEW: 100 regions and cities involved – 2nd call for expression of interest in March
- Clustering of regions according to development patterns
- Evaluate involvement of regions in national planning
- assess the synergy between the Lisbon agenda and Cohesion Policy
- interactive web platform

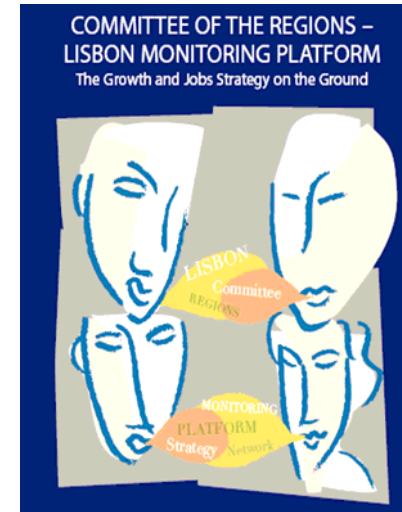
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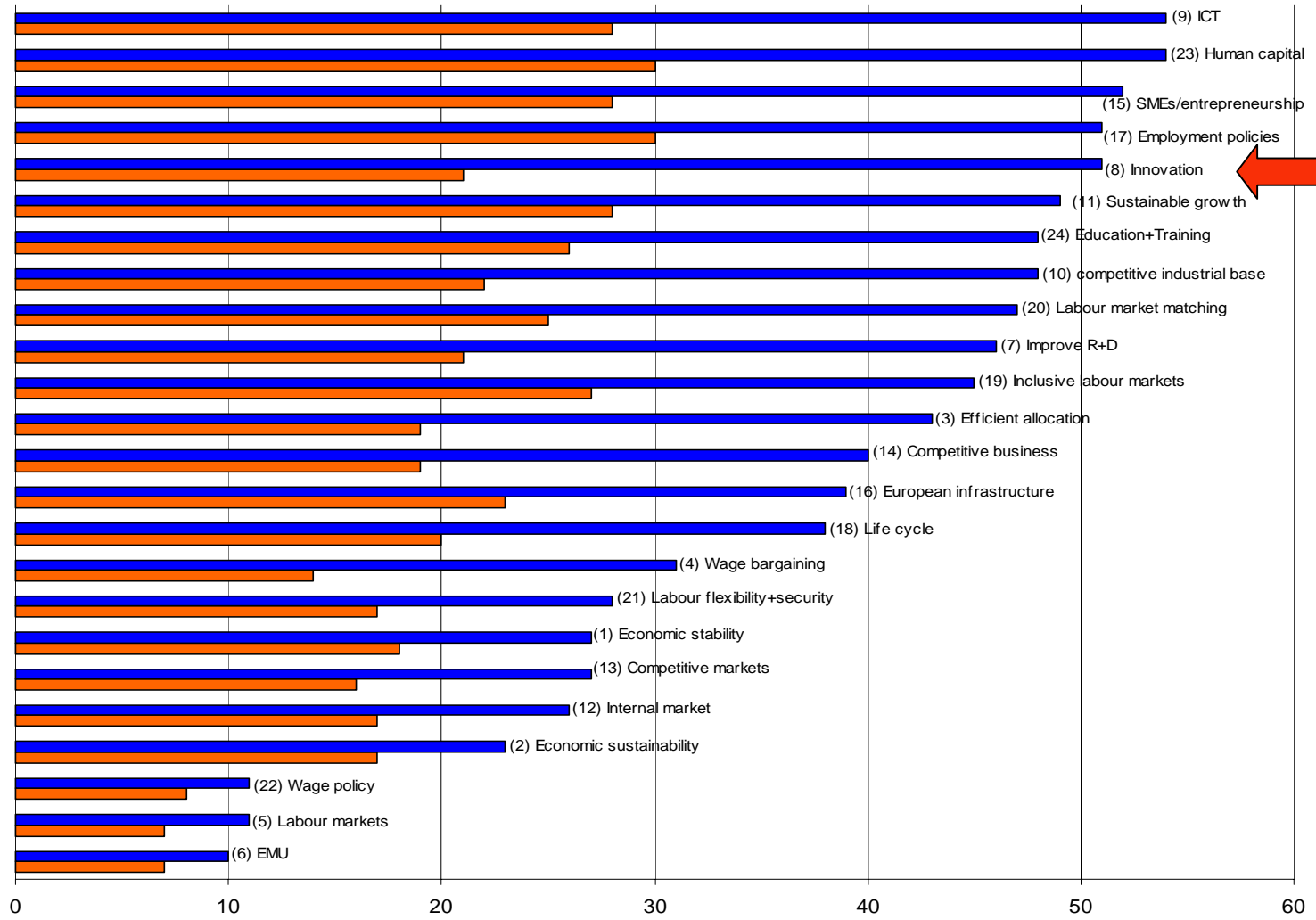


Lisbon Monitoring Platform 2006: Main findings related to Innovation

- Lisbon: mostly identified with investment in knowledge and innovation
- LRAs actively contributing towards implementation of IGs but lack of formal planning in NRPs - Disconnection was highest in innovation
- Cohesion Policy considered essential or very important in the funding of Lisbon-related actions and projects



Disconnection with Lisbon Governance process but implementation going ahead



IG
 1-6 macroeconomic
 7-16 microeconomic
 17-24 Employment

Contribution envisaged in NRP Total Active Contribution

Contribution (LRAs) to IG implementation (absolute number of replies)



LMP 2007 events (innovation)

- Preparation of the report to the Spring European Council 2008
- Series of workshops focusing on the 4 specific areas for priority action in Presidency Conclusions – 23/24 March 2006
- Workshop on 'Investment in Knowledge and Innovation' will take place in June
- Sub-themes of first workshop: eco-innovation, innovation clusters and indicators



CoR and Regions for Economic Change – 7-8 March 2007

- CoR co-hosted first annual conference of this Commission initiative
- Regions for Economic Change: important initiative to facilitate the exchange of good practices in innovative regional policy
- 10 members of the Lisbon Monitoring Platform presented their projects, experiences and lessons learnt during a Roundtable



Conclusions

- Innovation: key element of the revised Lisbon Strategy, but balance between 3 pillars essential
- Regions: well positioned to appreciate needs and construct policies by encouraging relevant actors to interact and concentrate on shared interests
- Important to go beyond exchange of information and showcasing of best practices
- Role and responsibilities of regions increasing