

ERIK Network

The Thematic Working Groups

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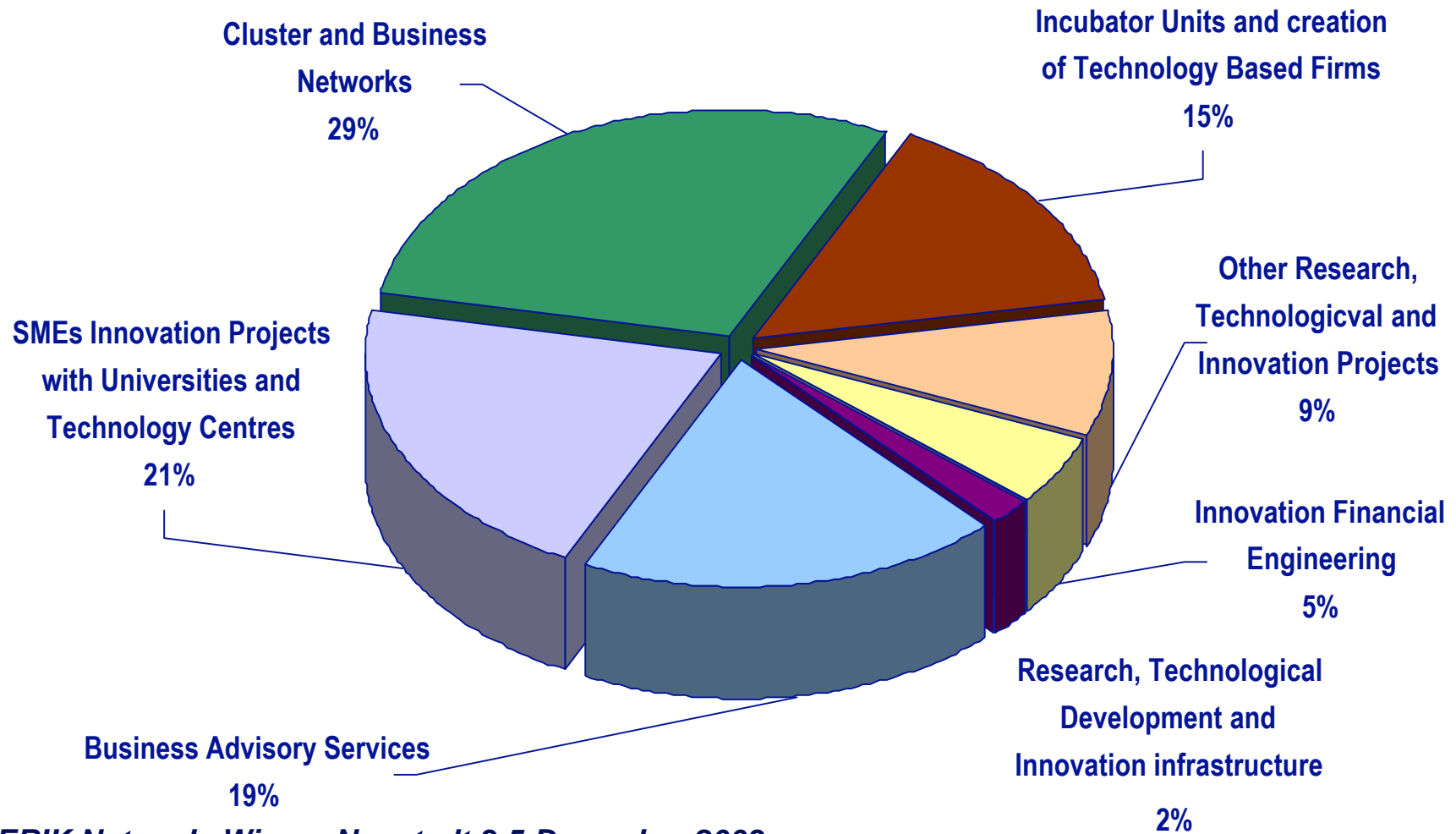
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The Thematic Working Groups

- Based on specific topics dealing with the first RPIAs theme: '**knowledge-based regional economies and technological innovation**'
- Focused on sub-themes of interest for the about 100 regions managing RPIA in the first theme

knowledge-based regional economies and technological innovation (Source EC)



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The Thematic Working Groups

● Four TWGs:

1. Clusters and business networks
2. Regional innovation benchmarking and foresight
3. Services and support to start-up and spin-off -
Innovation financial mechanisms
4. Science and industry relationship

The Thematic Working Groups composition

- The ERIK partners and the associate partners interested in the specific sub-theme characterising the group compose each TWG
- Each TWG is composed by at least 4 ERIK partner/associated regions
- Each partner/associated region can participate to one or more TWGs
- Each TWG has a **TWG leader** which is in charge of the co-ordination of the group and maintains regular contact with the Managing Body and the Steering Committee

The TWGs up to yesterday

	1.Tuscany Regional Government (I)	2. Emilia-Romagna Regional Government (I) / with the technical support of ASTER (I)	3. Lombardy Regional Government (I)	4. Instituto Tecnológico de Aragón (ES)	5. INFO-Instituto de Fomento de Murcia (ES)	6. Ministère de la Région Wallonie (B)	7. BIA Bremer Innovations-Agentur GmbH (D)	8. Hellenic Democratic Region of Thessaly (GR)	9. CEBANOR-Comité d'Expansion Économique de Basse-Normandie (F)	10. Lorraine Conseil Régional (F)	11. Amt der Niederösterreich Landesregierung (A)	12. Advantage West Midlands (UK)	13. ADRAL-Agencia de Desenvolvimento Regional do Alentejo, S.A. (P)
1. Clusters and business networks	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X		L	
2. Regional innovation benchmarking and foresight	X	X	X	X	X	X		L	X	X	X	X	
3.Services and support to start-up and spin-off Innovation financial mechanisms		X	X				X	X			L		X
4. Science and industry relationship		L				X	X		X		X		X

To identify Good Practices and experiences to be shared

- The role of the TWG leader:
 - The TWG leader is in charge of the co-ordination of the group and of stimulating the participation of the members
 - The TWG leader contributes in the definition of:
 - a methodology for the collection of GPs and experiences
 - a scheme for the collection of Good Practices in the specific sub-theme
 - and in the identification of experts at international level in the specific sub-theme

The Thematic Groups activities

- To collect documentation on the specific topics to be shared
- To contribute in the collection of the GPs and documents to be included in the web site and in the database
- To prepare and select papers to be included in the newsletters
- To collaborate in the organisation of workshops and in the identification of the participants
- To collaborate in the organisation of the study visits