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The European Regions Knowledge-based Network
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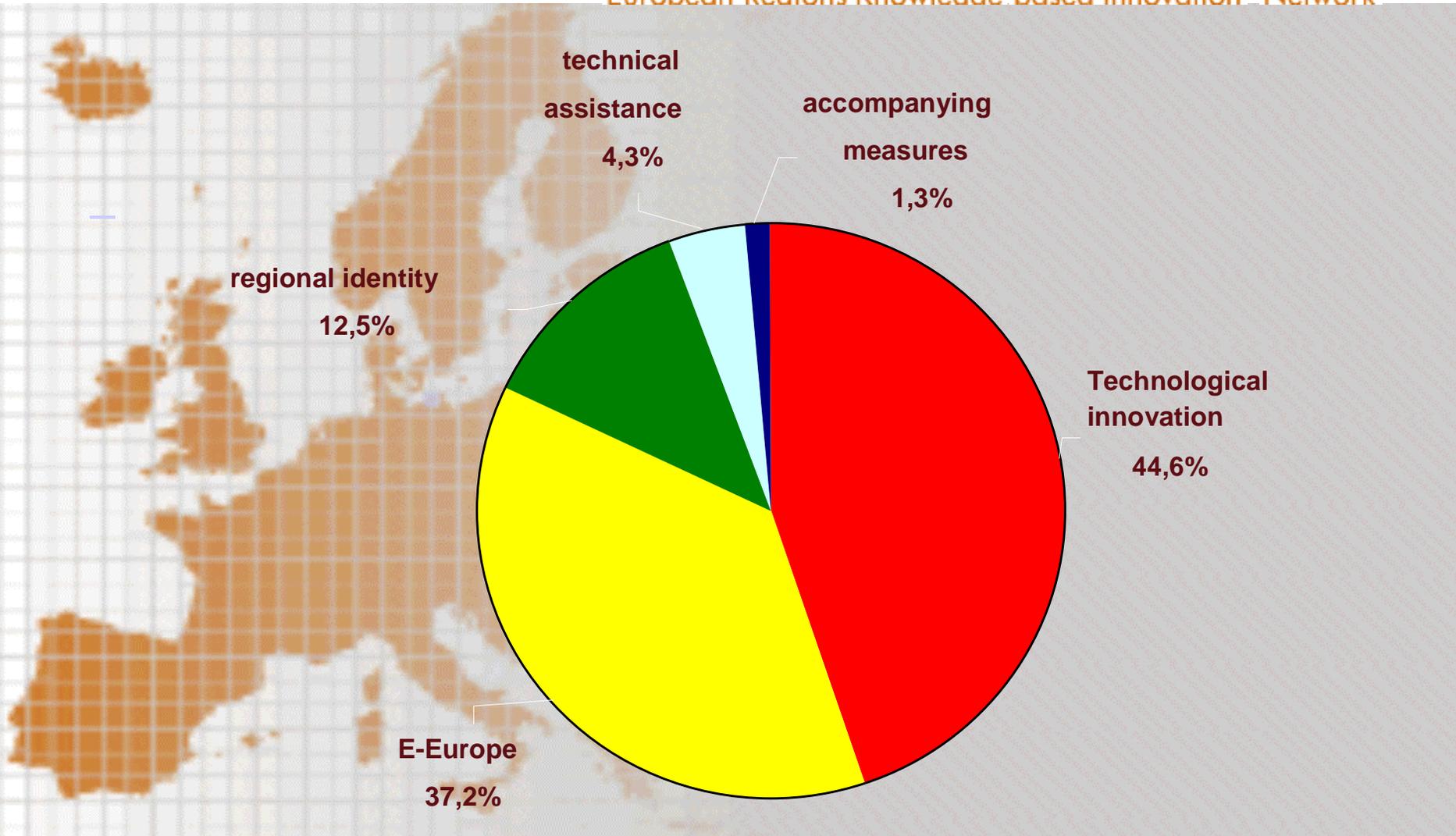
The context

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- **support to ERDF Regional Programs of Innovative Actions (RPIA)**
 - to sustain and further develop inter-regional networking (sharing of information, experience and good practices) in order to enhance innovative potential and knowledge-oriented regional strategies with a general purpose of improving EU cohesion
- **RPIA: three themes - three networks**
 - **ERIK** – technological innovation
 - **IANIS** – information society
 - **Sustainable Regions** – sustainable development and regional identity

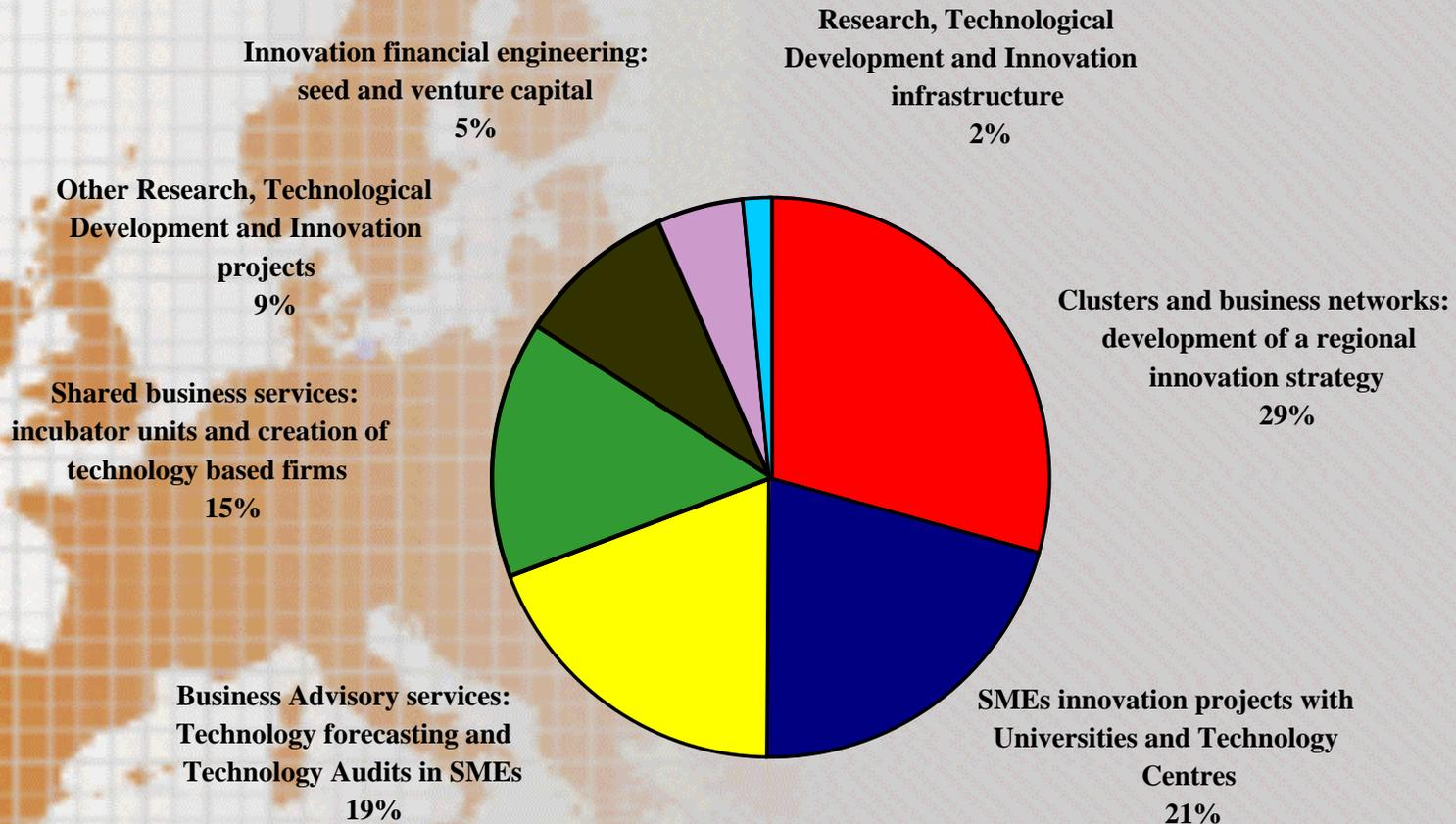
TECHNOLOGICAL INNOVATION CONSUMES THE BIGGEST SHARE OF PRAI BUDGET

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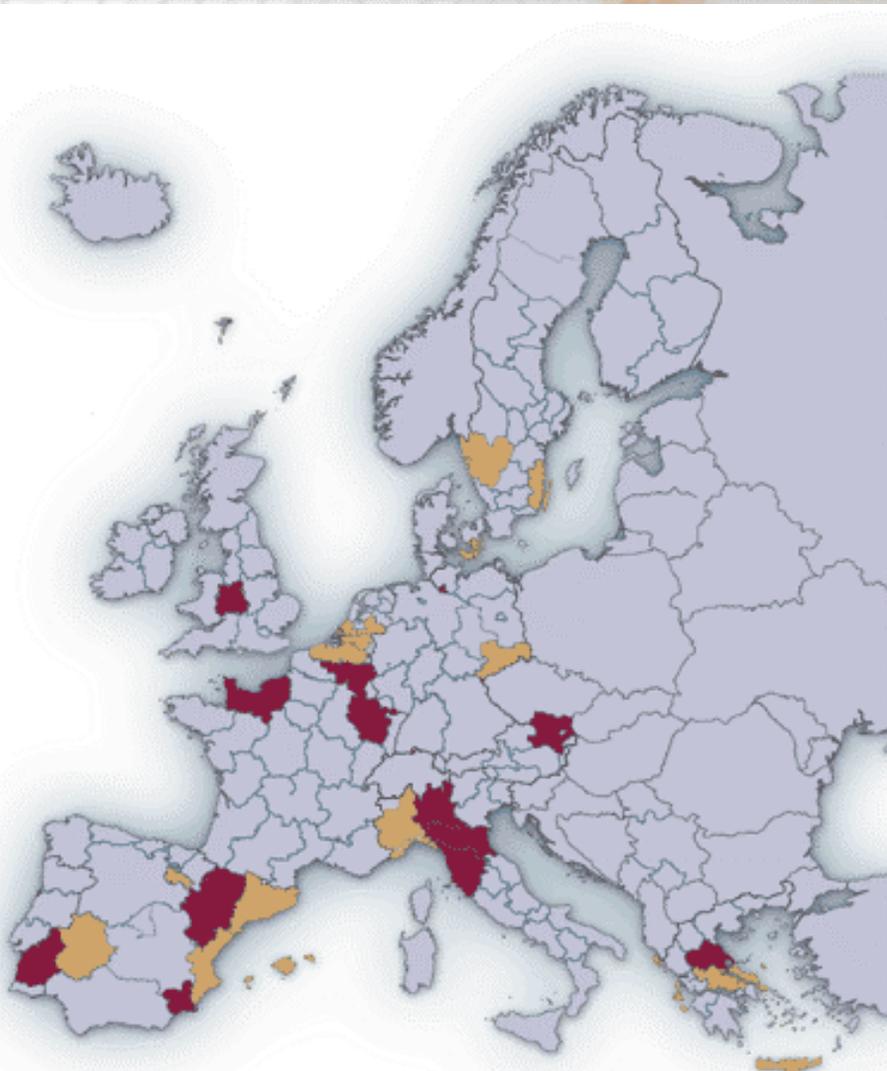
TECHNOLOGICAL INNOVATION IN PRAI: WHICH MEASURES ARE CHOSEN MOST OFTEN?

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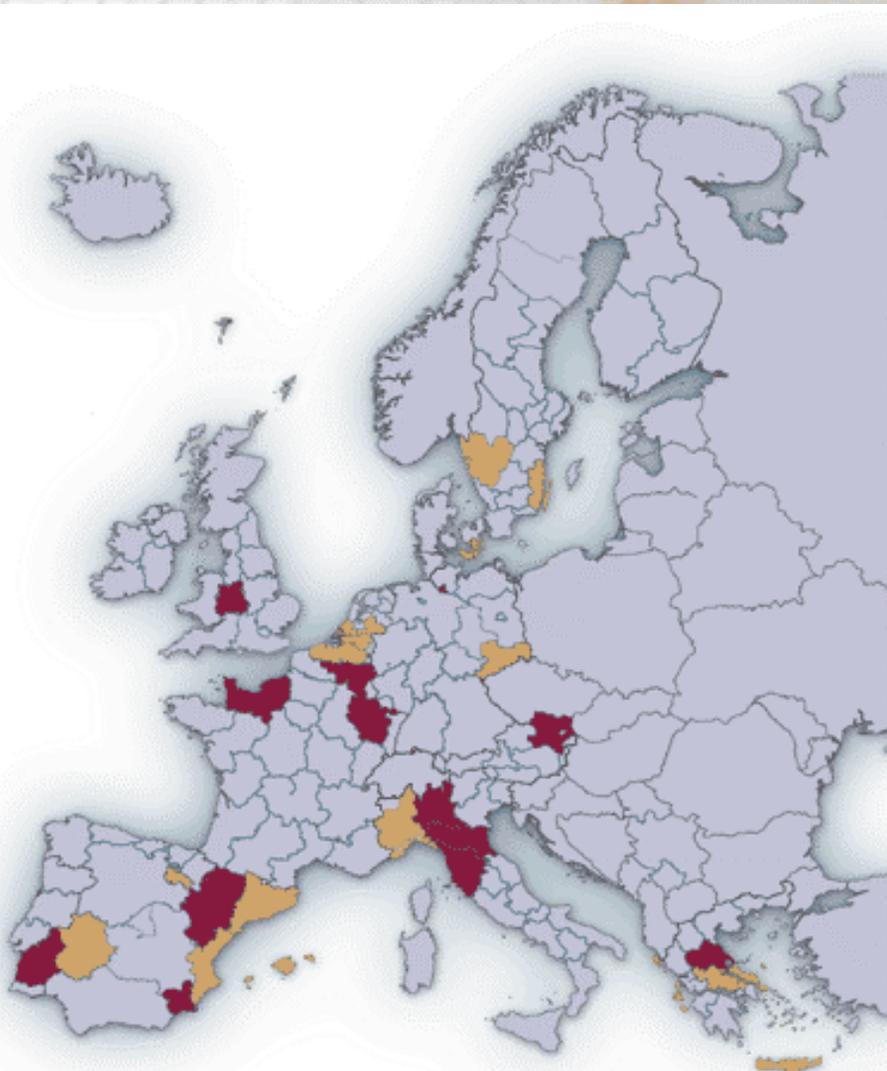
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1. **Emilia Romagna (Italy)**
2. **Toscana (Italy)**
3. Nieder Österreich (Austria)
4. Wallonie (Belgium)
5. Basse Normandie (France)
6. Lorraine (France)
7. Bremen (Germany)
8. Lombardia (Italy)
9. Thessaly (Greece)
10. Alentejo (Portugal)
11. Aragon (Spain)
12. Murcia (Spain)
13. West Midlands (United Kingdom)

The new Associate regions

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1. Balearic Islands (Spain)
2. Castilla y Leon (Spain)
3. Catalunya (Spain)
4. Crete Region (Greece)
5. Extremadura (Spain)
6. Flanders (Belgium)
7. Gelderland (Netherlands)
8. Ionian Islands (Greece)
9. Kalmar County (Sweden)
10. Liguria (Italy)
11. North-Brabant (the Netherlands)
12. Piemonte (Italy)
13. Rioja (Spain)
14. Sachsen (Germany)
15. South Holland (the Netherlands)
16. Sterea Ellada (Greece)
17. Stockholm County (Sweden)
18. Storstrom County (Denmark)
19. Valencia (Spain)
20. Vastra Gotaland (Sweden)

The ERIK Actions

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- Innovative Regions Policy Forum and the conferences
- Thematic Working Groups
 - Clusters and business networks
 - West Midlands, **John Cornbill**, cornbill@epic-mirc.demon.co.uk
 - Regional innovation benchmarking and foresight
 - Thessaly, **Yiannis Bakouros**, ybl@hol.gr
 - Services and support to start-up and spin-off
 - Nieder Osterreich, **Irma Priedl**, irma.priedl@noel.gv.at
 - Science and industry relationships
 - Emilia Romagna, **Elisabetta Toschi**, elisabetta.toschi@aster.it
- Workshops and study visits exchange programme
- ERIK Website and Newsletters
- Database of good practice

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General assumptions

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- **self-evaluation method**
- **open and participatory process**
 - questionnaires filled in by the regions two times: before and after completion of the project (good practices selection)
- **core and thematic indicators**
 - Thematic Working Groups suggest the key indicators for a sub-theme
- **framework conditions**
 - Level of analysis: programs, lines of actions, projects
 - Time frame: short-, mid-, (long-) analysis

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Sources

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- **regional survey on RPIA related information**
 - background and policy making context
 - objectives and beneficiaries
 - implementation process
 - results and assessment
- **generally accessible regional data**
 - selected quantitative and qualitative indicators (EUROSTAT, OECD, etc)
 - other sources e.g. RINNO database, Regional Innovation Awards, etc.

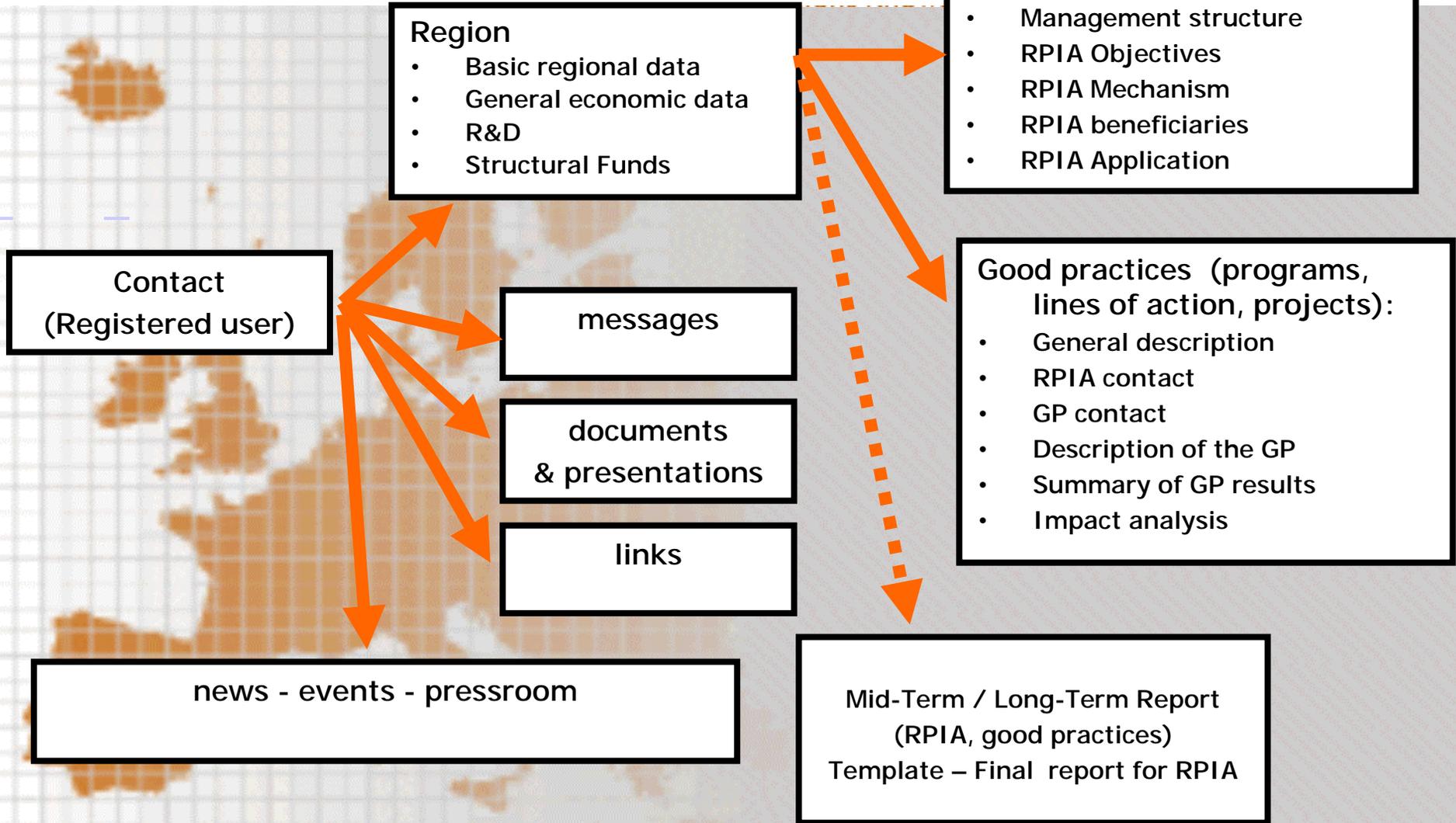
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Main phases

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- **introductory analysis and questionnaire preparation**
- **pilot phase**
 - testing the questionnaire on the partner regions (sample group)
 - giving the questionnaire a more structured form
 - expecting feedback from the regions
- **first phase of database development**
 - self-evaluation process
 - collecting and analysing data and cases
 - introducing first results to the on-line database

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Future events



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- **Conferences**

- Florence, final conference, 25-26 November

- **Workshops**

- venues to be chosen, 2 events on themes of the TWGs (Science and Industry Relationships, Start-ups and Spin-offs), June or July and October

- **Study visits**

- Helsinki, in cooperation with OECD, May

For more information

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