## **Innovation Business Observatory**





General Directorate of Development Planning
Regional Economy Development and Openness Directorate









Region of Crete fundamental policies for strengthening innovative entrepreneurship and promoting the creation of highly knowledge-intensive jobs

STRATEGIC - OPERATIONAL
 PLANNING OF REGION OF CRETE

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 SMART SPECIALIZATION STRATEGY (RIS3) OF REGION OF CRETE









Smart specialization is about focusing on the identification of each country/region's competitive advantages in specific market sectors or parts, getting relevant local stakeholders and resources involved in creating a vision for the future in favor of scientific excellence.

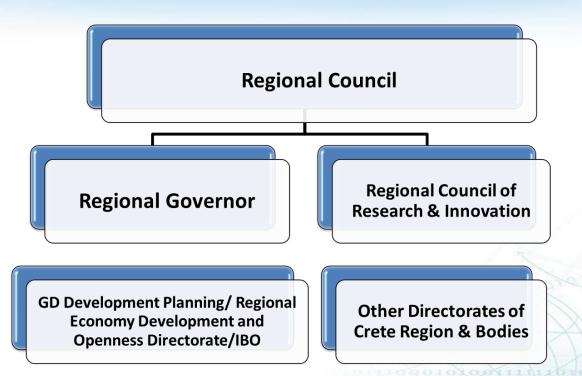








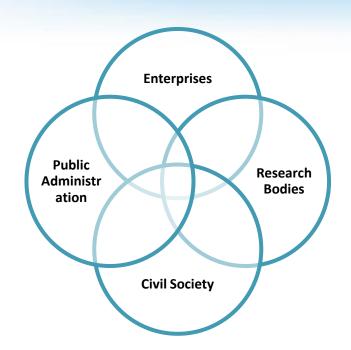
## **Organizational Structure of RIS3Crete**





## The Quadruple Helix - the basis for implementing RIS3Crete



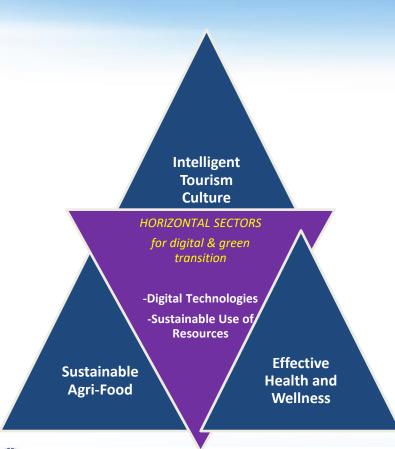


The philosophy: based on the principle of close co-operation between all the available creative forces of Crete Region





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## Specialization sectors for the **Programming Period 2021-2027**

The **Cultural – Tourism** and **Agri-food** specialization sectors are maintained form the last period, with a clearer focus, and the new sector of **Health** has emerged.

Two areas of specialization have been introduced, those of "digital technologies" and "sustainable use of resources" which are also horizontal catalysts for all sectors



#### SMART SPECIALIZATION STRATEGY OF CRETE REGION



Intelligent Tourism - Culture

Facilitating visitor experience, utilizing automation technologies for personalized services, technologies to reduce environmental footprint, Zero carbon buildings

Sustainable Agri-Food

Circular Economy and adaptation to Climate Change, Precision Agriculture, Cellural Agriculture, Agriculture and Gene Technology for organic alternative crops

**Effective Health and Wellness** 

Development, adoption and upgrading of innovative digital solutions and practices across a wide range of scope: artificial intelligence, telemedicine and self-care applications, bioinformatics, bioimaging, biotechnology, precision medicine

Digital Technologies

Internet of things, artificial intelligence, machine and deep learning, cloud technologies and applications, digital imaging and virtual reality, digital infrastructure and network management, cybersecurity

Sustainable Use of Resources

(a) Sustainable cities: Sustainable construction for housing, recycling of materials, minerals and urban waste, smart buildings and urban infrastructure etc. (b) Integrated management of the water cycle: big data analytics, artificial intelligence, sensors, automation, biotechnology and new water and waste treatment systems and practices. (c) Blue Growth: technological innovations in the blue economy value chain, exploitation of seabed resources, coastal protection systems etc.





Support the **Entrepreneurial Discovery Process**, participate and support the **consultation processes**, **formulate proposals** on refining the specialization of the RIS3Crete strategy, support the authorities issuing calls for **funding/support of innovative projects** 

#### Sustainable Agri-Food FG

- 12 members (entrepreneurs, researchers, representatives of bodies, public administration)

1<sup>st</sup> Meeting: 09 May 2022 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting: 13 July 2022 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting: 02 Feb 2023 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting: 21 Jul 2023



#### Questions

- What are we not doing well today?
- What can be done in the future?
- How can it be done?
  - What resources will it take?

# Intelligent Tourism – Culture FG

- 10 members (entrepreneurs, researchers, representatives of bodies, public administration)

1st Meeting: 13 March 2023

2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting: 21 April 2023

3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting: 25 October 2024



## **Entrepreneurial Discovery Process (EDP) for Startup Enterprises**





Objective: to select the most dynamic areas of specialization, those with the best growth potential in the ecosystem of Crete. Focus on identifying players interested in specific fields and already taking the first steps in business activity.

Next step: Preparation of Call for Proposals by the management authority







## **Innovation Business Observatory (IBO)**







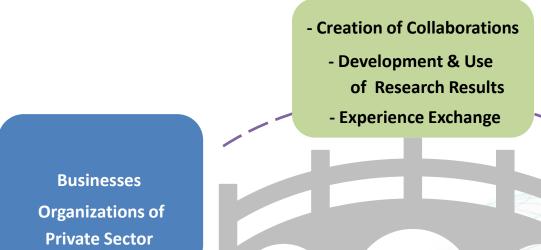






IBO is a permanent unit within the Region of Crete, aiming

to promote the co-operation between companies and academic & research bodies and
 to map the innovation ecosystem of the island of Crete.



Research Laboratories
Organizations of Public
Sector







## **Targets of Innovation Business Observatory**





**Supporting entrepreneurship** 

Informing, mobilizing, supporting collaborations

**Promoting innovative good practices** 

Increasing the competitiveness of companies and laboratories

Monitoring and evaluation of innovation





## **Information system**

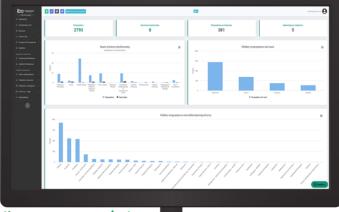


Data is managed on a **digital platform** where all the information of **businesses and research/academic laboratories** is organized and managed

**Basic operations** 

~3100 Companies

~**120**Laboratories



Data entry by researchers and entrepreneurs

Search for partnerships

Monitoring innovation development and implementation

Statistics and analysis reports

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## The IBO portal - information hub





- Financial tools Support actions
- ibo.crete.gov.gr Networking Search for partnerships
  - 4 Highlighting and promoting innovations
  - Research Statistics Analysis Reports





#### **Newsletters**

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- Ongoing information
- Good practices
- Promoting IBO actions

















## **Support for Academic Innovation and Entrepreneurship**

Actions for the optimal utilization of the Carob tree potential

**Exploring the establishment of a** microcredit fund in the Region of Crete

Hackathon for Health & Wellness Crete 2024

Partnership search requests – online submission on the IBO portal - #CooperationRoom

InnoDays "Crete the knowledge and production island"

- three-day conference and exhibition



### **Support for Academic Innovation and Entrepreneurship**



Actions implemented by the Region of Crete in cooperation with the Technical University of Crete, the University of Crete, the Hellenic Mediterranean University, the Foundation for Research and Technology. The project is funded by the Regional Development Programme of Crete Region



The aim of the action is to **develop an entrepreneurship culture** in the academic/research institutions of Crete and to **strengthen entrepreneurship** within the innovation ecosystem of Crete



## **Support for Academic Innovation and Entrepreneurship**



#### 1. Ideas Incubator



Aim: to develop an entrepreneurship culture in the academic/research institutions of Crete

- 16 Entrepreneurship ideas by groups of students/researchers from 4 participating institutions
- 2. Development of Mentors Registry in Innovation and Entrepreneurship



**Aim:** to support and guide groups and start-up companies that are planning to develop or are already developing business activities

32 Mentors in various specialization sectors

3. Entrepreneurship seminars: 12

4. Innovation Hackathon





#### Actions for the optimal utilization of the Carob tree potential



Research project, implemented by the **Region of Crete**, the **University of Crete** and the **Hellenic Mediterranean University,** funded by the Regional Development Programme of Crete Region



Strengthening the carob value chain in the Sustainable Agri-food sector and in the Health-Wellness sector. Highlighting the **properties of carob**, developing research on carob and its products, **strengthening the production chain** in the regional, national and international market



**Study of Cretan Carob Phenotypes** 

Genetic Characterization of Carob

Phytochemical analysis of Carob

Recording report on the long-term nutritional utilization of carob

Carob Symposium 2022





## Partnership search requests – online submission on the IBO portal



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## **Exploring the establishment of a microcredit fund in the Region of Crete**



The aim is to identify the most appropriate alternative solution in order to establish a financial instrument (up to 25.000,00 €) that can be used to provide microcredits to individuals, businesses, etc. who face particular difficulties in accessing bank loans and/or other available financial instruments.





#### **Hackathon for Health and Wellness Crete 2024**







The Hackathon is an important initiative for the development of innovative applications to improve processes and services in the Public Sector and SMEs, in activities related to the specialization area "Health & Wellness" of RIS3Crete. 17 teams from all over Greece competed and three of them received prizes.





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Crete: the knowledge and production island

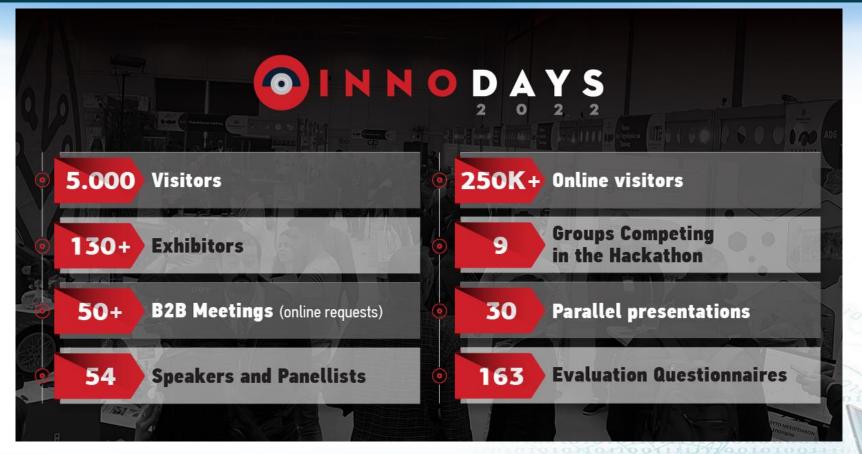




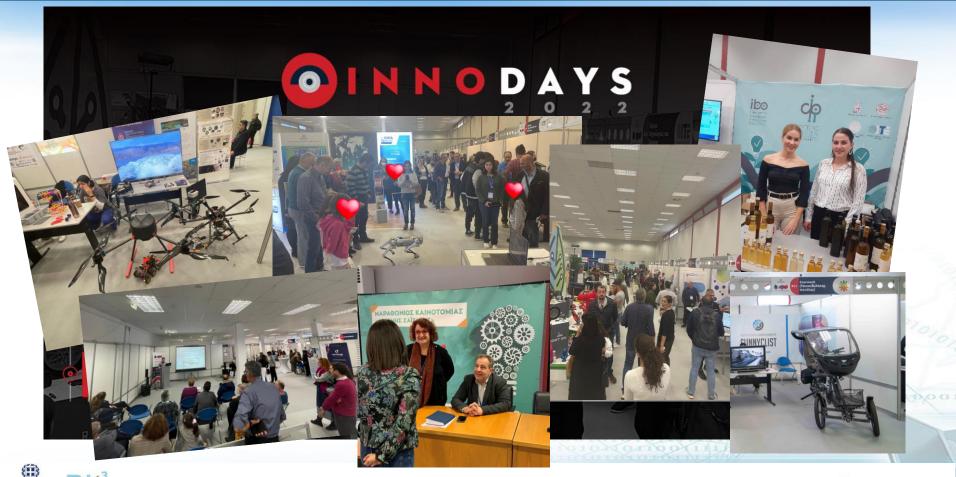
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In conclusion, in the Region of Crete we believe that innovation is a necessary condition for increasing the competitiveness and extroversion of our businesses, and creating new knowledge-intensive jobs.









## Thank you for your attention!



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