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Clusters and RIS3

- Slovakia (5,5 mil inhabitants, 8 NUTS III regions with limited competencies)
- RIS3 - National level (clusters part of working groups)
- Regional level – from 2021-2027 part of implementation (clusters part of regional stakeholders groups)

Lessons learnt from 2014-2020: Strong RIS3 does not mean strong RIS3 implementation and significant disbursement does not mean strong impact!

Risks: often and radical changes in a system (mainly implementation)

Recommendation: Smart specialization and Innovation require smart people (at each level)

- Kosice IT Valley Cluster (Gold)
 - Cluster prevents brain-drain from Eastern region through 12 000 IT experts being placed on labour market in past 10 years (strong grow and employment impact)
 - Support of Slovak Government in IT systems
- New emerging clusters (ecosystem and/or value chain driven)
 - Cluster for Cyber security, Hydrogen Cluster, Battery Alliance, ...



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