



Inspire policy making by territorial evidence



ESPON Seminar

South Europe at the crossroads

**Are we making the right decisions
about accessibility investments for the future?**

**Insular territories of the EU and financial regulations
concerning accessibility issues**

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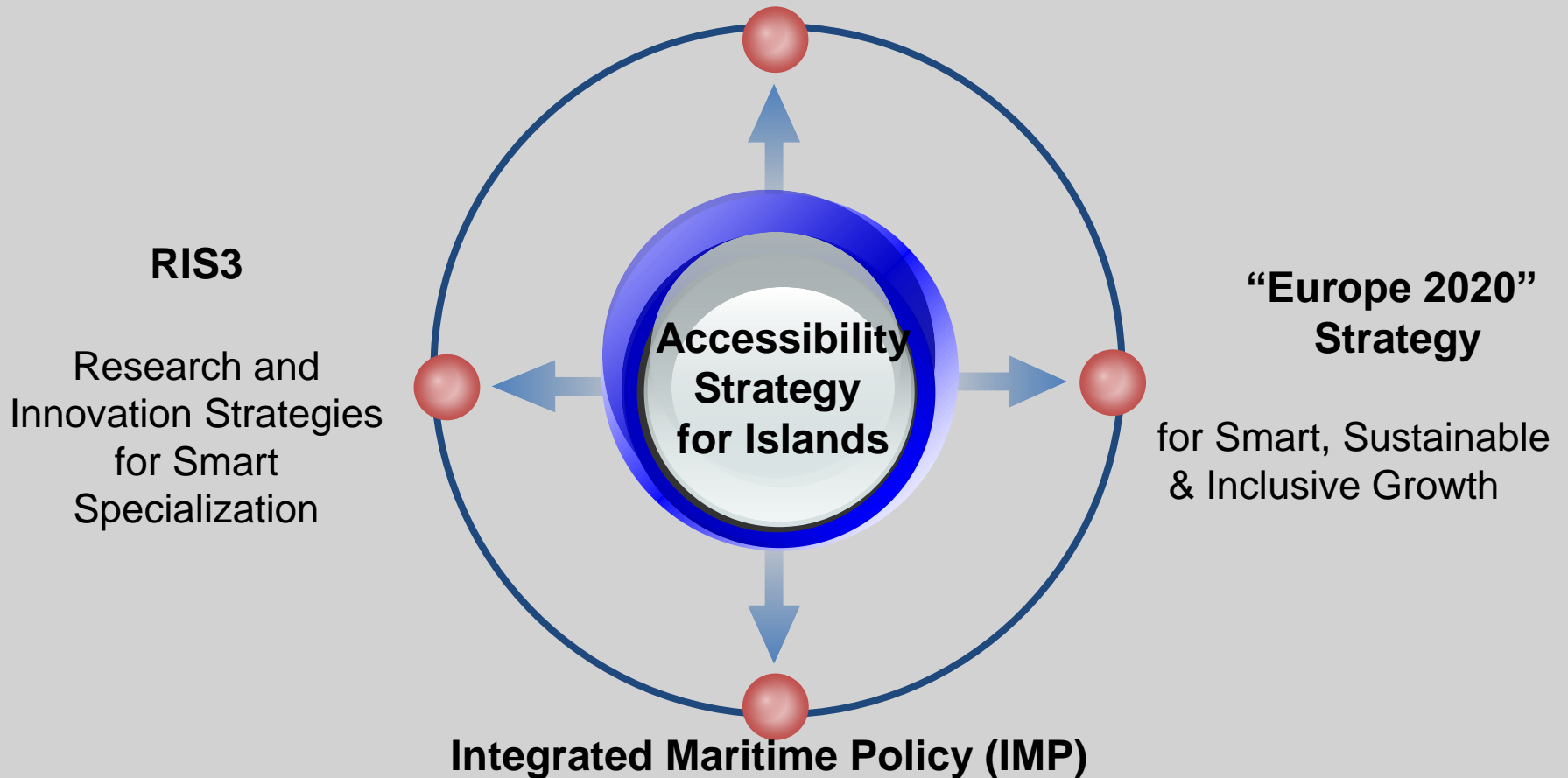


our vision & mission:

- to identify the strategic financing guidelines, anticipate and implement any policy requirement in relation to EU co-financing mechanisms,
- to be executive, communicative, supportive and have a vision in cooperation with the Ministry's Services, revealing co-financing opportunities of the EU related to Ministry's Strategic Planning and with respect to the EU regulatory and financial framework

Insularity & accessibility issues

Blue Growth Initiative



The current transport accessibility situation in islands

- Remoteness from continental Europe
- Accessibility problems arising in the local territories through insularity and double insularity

Necessary actions to be taken

- Policy under “review” - amendments required – the territorial dimension of Cohesion Policy needs to be strengthened and improved
- Better interconnection with the coastland that will contribute to a economic convergence process with the rest of the EU regions (GDP/capita)
- Optimizing the design of the coastal routes in order to reduce the cost of “nonprofit” lines (transport-equivalent)
- Striking a better balance between passenger and freight traffic
- Strengthening commercial and tourist activity and promoting combined transport (multimodal accessibility)
- Implementation of “transport-equivalent” with EU funds

Maritime Transport Policy for the formation of the EU policies

Crete, 1930



1. Limited territorial jurisdiction

- Improve Small Distance Maritime Transport
- Sufficient Financial Support
- Promotion of Innovation & Business Opportunities
- Environment and Security

2. Limited interconnectivity

3. Seasonality

4. Vulnerability and Attractiveness (Environmental, Cultural & Social Issues, Landscape Perception, Public Services)

- Sustainable Port Systems & Services
- Better Cost-Benefit Ratio and the Delivery of Products
- Improvement of Maritime Routes
- Improvement of Access to the Ports

Social and Economic Cohesion of the EU for the islands



Crete, 2017

Accessibility issues for islands

Regulatory Framework:

- Article 174 TFEU
- Article 170 TFEU
- Article III-144 of the Draft Treaty Establishing a Constitution For Europe (2003)
- Article 349 TFEU

Financial Framework:

- Articles 101, 102 and 106 TFEU
- Regulation 3577/92 maritime services PSOs
- Regulation (EU) 2017/1084 amending Regulation (EU) No 651/2014 as regards aid for ports and airports infrastructure ... for outermost regions
- The “Junker Plan” (ESIF) and the European Investment Bank (EIB)
- 2017 CEF Transport Blending Call and MoS
- Detailed Implementation Plan for the Motorways of the Sea (Article 21 of the TEN-T guidelines)

TEN-T insular policy objectives

Determination

- The completion by **2030** of the Core Network, structured around nine multimodal Core Network Corridors
- The completion by **2050** of the Comprehensive Network in order to facilitate accessibility to all European regions

Amendments

- Detailed implementation plan for the **Motorways of the Sea (MoS)**
- **Hellenic Transport Strategic Investment Plan 2014-2025 (HTSIP)** & National Platform of TEN-T
- **National Strategic Plan of Maritime Transport and Ports**

Implementation

- **Innovative** Port Development & Transportation Services
- **Networking** islands (Observatories)
- Approval of the Commission on **state aid** & **highlighting insularity** in TEN-T

Infrastructure

Services

Steps to follow

- ✓ Further implementation of Article 4 of Regulation (EU) No 1315/2013
- ✓ Partial revision of the CEF Regulation
- ✓ The criteria used by Eurostat to define an island region should be reassessed
- ✓ A more appropriate legislative framework with respect to the application of state aid in islands and island regions should be defined by the Commission
- ✓ Priority should be given to providing access to public services, promoting sustainable growth, and fostering full employment, competitiveness and cohesion in European islands
- ✓ The impact of Regulation 3577/92 should be reassessed
- ✓ Unique opportunities for clean energy solutions/waste management/infrastructure of desalination

Need of acceleration by numerous studies

- ✓ participation of all Stakeholders in an overall network
- ✓ **Interinstitutional framework with island focus**
- ✓ **Interinstitutional study**
- ✓ **Stronger cooperation between the institutions with Island organisations, ERRIN, Networks & Institutional Organizations (CPMR, INSULLEUR etc.)**
- ✓ **ESPON KEY ROLE:** in the field of maritime transport: port accessibility & reliability, sea-related indexes, intra, inter-island accessibility & viability research, SMEs clustering

Actions under way (Ministry of Maritime Affairs & Insular Policy)

POLICY MAKING

Recently adopted provisions and policies by the initiatives of Deputy Minister (MMAIP) – inputs of insular clauses:

- Provision for the implementation of Insular Clause within the legislative framework
- Measure against “Digital exclusion”: 47 remote islands get free internet access based on a Joint Ministerial Decision
- provision for the "Beer Tax for Municipalities and Communities" which will be directed to small remote island and remote mountain municipalities.
- Action Plan for the support of various civil servants specialties (Greek Islands<18.000 inh.)
- Seaplanes and waterway investments: new investment law and legislative framework for a seaplane network (licensing and operation)

Actions under way (Ministry of Maritime Affairs & Insular Policy)

PROJECTS

- ✓ **Pilot Research Project: Hub & spoke** applicable system & software for Cyclades islands
- ✓ **Upgrade and Modernization of MAIP Operations** and a coastal transport system **reform study** (2018-2022)
- ✓ **Maritime Safety Systems** (VTMIS, ISPS, Single Maritime Window)
- ✓ **Maritime Clustering** Research Project (maritime equipment SME's)
- ✓ Project plan for the acquisition of **3 rescue vessels** (2018)
- ✓ **CEF Technical assistance** Project/Design of a Port Community System (**PCS**) for the digitalization of the 3 ports of core network

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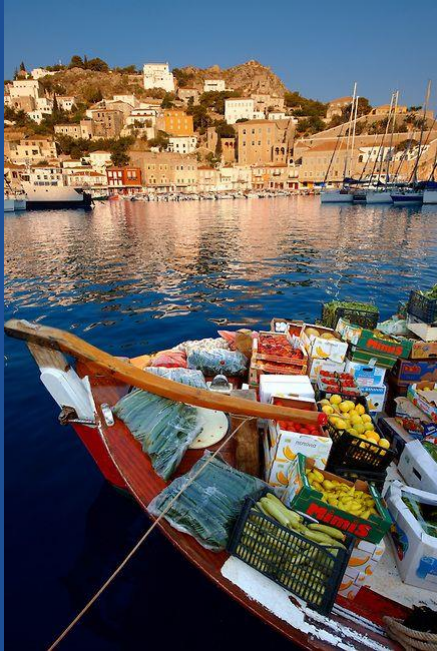


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