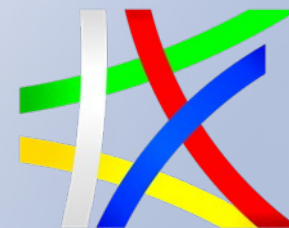


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Innovation Strategy for Smart Specialization & Funding Mechanisms

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INNOVATION STRATEGY FOR SMART SPECIALISATION 2021-2027

- ISSS identifies national and regional priorities and niches for strategic development to be supported by funding from complementary policy instruments.
- ISSS acts as the basic programming document for defining the whole set of measures for financing innovation in the 2021-2027 programming period, allowing the country to access resources under the Programme for Competitiveness and Innovation in Enterprises 2021-2027 (PCIE) and the Programme for Research, Innovation and Digitalisation for Smart Transformation 2021-2027 (PRIDST).

**INNOVATION STRATEGY FOR
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2021-2027**

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES OF ISSS

- To develop and position Bulgaria as a center of medium- and high-tech innovations in strategic areas where the country has an established capacity and recognized competencies to compete in the global market.
- To support the development and establishment of a sustainable, modern, dynamic, inclusive and globally connected research, innovation and entrepreneurship ecosystem in Bulgaria.

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OPERATIONAL OBJECTIVES OF ISSS

Operational Objective № 1: Improving the research system and innovation performance of enterprises.

Operational Objective № 2: Increasing the technological capacity of enterprises, enhancing the environmental friendliness and internationalization of Bulgarian products and services.

Operational Objective № 3: Improving human resource capacity in new technologies and innovation.

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THEMATIC AREAS OF ISSS

- “Informatics and ICT”
- “Mechatronics”
- “Industry for healthy living and biotechnology”
- “New technologies in creative and recreational industries;
- “Clean technology, circular and low carbon economy”
(Horizontal).

INNOVATION STRATEGY FOR SMART SPECIALISATION 2021-2027

Smart specialisation of Bulgaria by regions, administrative and thematic areas of ISSS 2021-2027

Planning Area (NUTs II)	Area (NUTs III)	Informatics and ICT	Mechatronics	Industry for healthy living and biotechnology	New technologies in creative and recreational industries	Clean technology, circular and low carbon economy*
Northwest region	Vidin			√	√	√
	Vratsa		√	√		√
	Lovech			√	√	√
	Montana		√	√		√
	Pleven		√	√		√
Southwest region	Sofia City	√	√			√
	Sofia Region	√		√		√
	Pernik			√	√	√
	Kyustendil			√	√	√
	Blagoevgrad	√			√	√
North Central Region	Gabrovo	√	√			√
	Veliko Tarnovo			√	√	√
	Razgrad		√	√		√
	Rousse	√	√			√
	Silistra	√	√			√
South Central Region	Plovdiv	√		√		√
	Pazardzhik		√	√		√
	Kurdzhali		√	√		√
	Smolyan		√	√		√
	Haskovo	√	√			√
Northeast region	Varna	√	√			√
	Dobrich		√	√		√
	Turgovishte		√	√		√
	Shoumen			√	√	√
Southeast region	Bourgas	√	√			√
	Sliven		√	√		√
	Stara Zagora	√	√			√
	Yambol		√	√		√
Country Total		11	19	19	7	28

* This thematic area is horizontal and a priority for all administrative areas.



Mapping of the available support for R&D and Innovation

R&D and innovation in enterprises, 454.5 m.EUR,
(Program "Competitiveness and Innovation in Enterprises" 2021-2027 - PCIE)



Growth and innovation, 373.6 m.EUR,
(Economic Transformation Program, Recovery and Resilience Plan – ETP, RRP)



R&D and innovation capacity, 266.4 m.EUR,
(Program for Research, Innovation and Digitalization for Smart Transformation 2021-2027 – PRIDST)



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Program for Accelerating Economic Recovery and Transformation through Science and Innovation, RRP, 60.6 m.EUR,



Technology transfer and commercialization 297.3 m.EUR
(PRIDST 2021-2027)



European integration and internationalization, 166.8m.EUR
Capacity building in the areas of smart specialization 15.3 m.EUR
(PRIDST 2021-2027)





Mapping of the available support for Energy & Resource Efficiency and Circular Economy

Transition to a circular economy, 468 m.EUR,
(PCIE 2021-2027)



Energy efficiency in enterprises 104.5 m.EUR
(PCIE 2021-2027)



Green transition and circular economy, 269.3 m.EUR,
(ETP, RRP)



Investment in climate neutrality and digital transformation, 30m.EUR,
(ETP, RRP)



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Mapping of the available support for Growth, Competitiveness and Digitalization

Development program of industrial zones and parks, AttractInvestBG, RRP, 213 m.EUR,



Growth and competitiveness, 263 m.EUR
(PCIE 2021-2027)



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Digitalization in enterprises, 209.2 m.EUR,
(PCIE 2021-2027)



Digitization in the public sector and for the benefit of society, 321.8 m.EUR,



(PCIE 2021-2027)



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