

ERNACT or the *European Regions Network for the Application of Communications Technology* has just celebrated **21** years as a successful European network operating in the field of the Digital Agenda.

*"ERNACT regions have worked together over the years to develop and transfer practical e-services for citizens and business, **broadband** and **innovation** strategies and applications"* - **European Commissioner for Research, Innovation and Science, Máire Geoghegan Quinn**

ERNACTs objectives for 2013 are focused on a successful transition to the new EU programming period 2014 – 2020 by:

- Planning Digital Agenda related Territorial Cooperation projects that support Smart Specialisation priorities in the ERNACT regions
- Opening the experience and collaboration possibilities of the network to more European regions

PROJECT ACHIEVEMENTS

ERNACT regions have a strong record of achievement in interregional project development and

management and linkages with other European regions:

- ERNACT has mobilised **130** regions in 26 transnational cooperation projects, for a total budget of around 50 million Euro
- Today it is engaged with **44** regions in six cooperation projects from **14** Member States
- 80% of the project bids in which the network has been involved have received funding.

The current projects in which ERNACT is involved are set out opposite.



REGIONS

The ERNACT network extends to cities and regions across Europe (see cover).

ERNACT is seeking new interested regions, with a strong interest in cooperation in the Digital Agenda, to join as core regions.

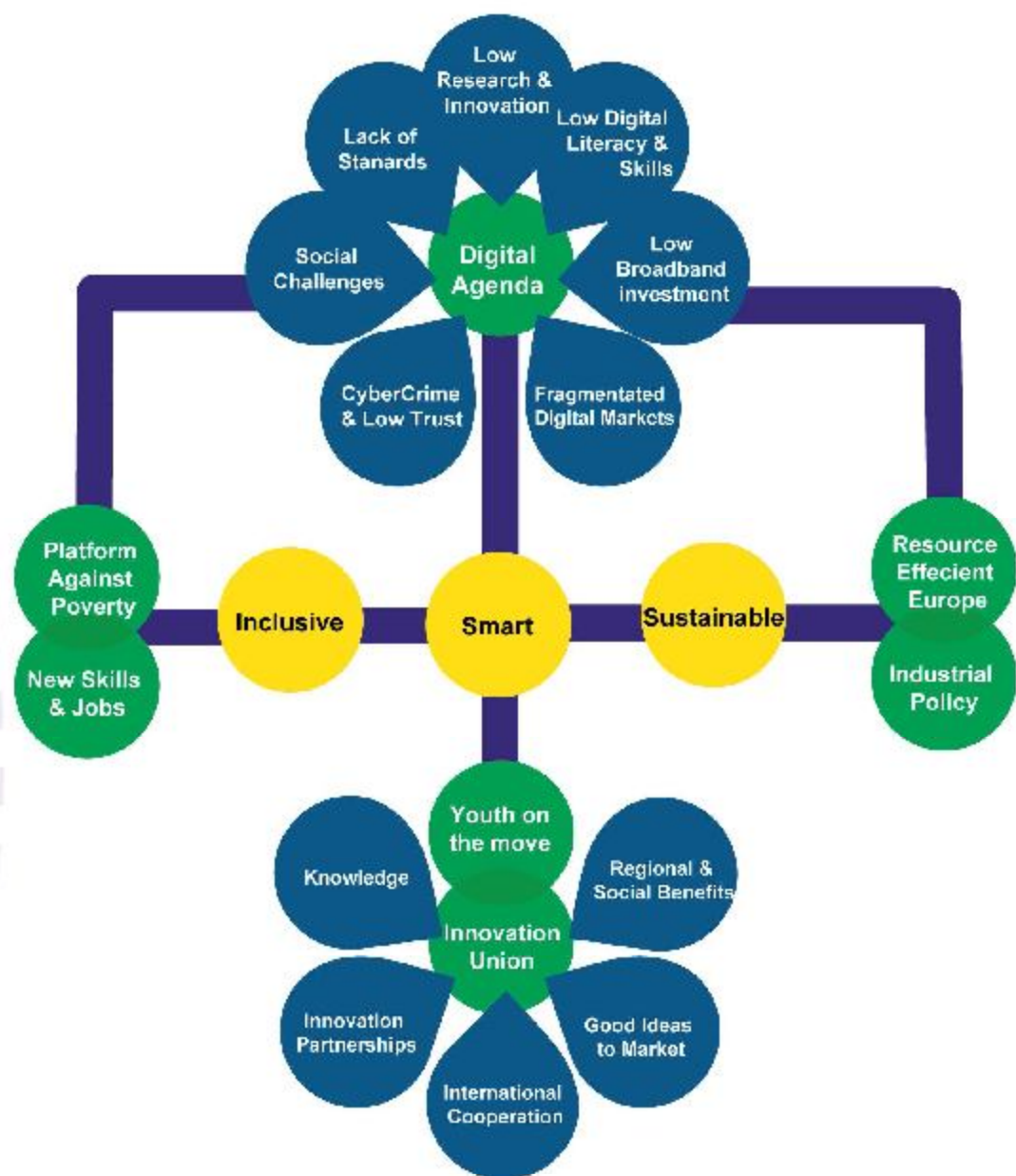
Project	Focus	Budget
 ENGAGE Broadband access for rural Europe	Next Generation Broadband for Rural Areas	€1.5 million
	Deploy e-public services in the Atlantic Area	€2 million
	Develop Mobile apps for tourists in Europe's Northern periphery	€1.5 million
	Impact of digital media on public services delivery in regions	€2.4 million
	Help europe's media sector go digital	€1.8 million
	Develop plans for e-assisted energy efficiency and transport in Europe's regions.	€1.4 million



BENEFITS AND SERVICES

The benefits for your region of co-operating with other like-minded regions in the ERNACT network are:

- Work in an experienced network dedicated to using Digital Agenda and Smart Specialisation to help develop your own region's plans.
- Develop partnerships to progress your own region's Digital Agenda needs.
- Participate in ERNACT Digital Agenda projects.
- Propose new ERNACT projects from your own region.
- Avail of the network's project proposal development service.
- Receive regular EU Digital Agenda opportunities reports.
- Attend Brussels-based Digital Agenda programme workshops.
- Effect ERNACT policy through management meetings.
- Receive assistance to liaise with the European Commission regarding the development of ERNACT and its projects.



GOVERNANCE & ORGANISATION

The ERNACT network has established a model for European cooperation, between regions wishing to work together in European Union Digital Agenda and related programmes.

This encompasses its Member Regions, Interregional Management Committee and the ERNACT office.

Member Regions: can be local or regional authorities or other public sector non-profit organisations.

Interregional Management Committee (IMC): comprising of representatives of member regions, the IMC is responsible for overall strategy, management and financial control of the ERNACT network.

ERNACT Office: The network's office or secretariat, which delivers the services of the network to members and projects.

It is located in CoLab, a campus digital start-up incubator, located in the North West Ireland Crossborder digital corridor.

ERNACT has taken care over the years to retain a core team of experienced project development and management staff and has unique

systems that suit its role as a European network of public authorities involved in multi-project and multi-organisational operations.

The most important of these are:

- A project collaboration system that enables ERNACT to efficiently carry out its network and project management functions.
- Project Costing System designed especially for European projects.
- Use of videoconferencing, blogs, Youtube, Flickr and digital magazines.
- Overall, ERNACT is increasing its use of digital media systems within its own cooperation networks and to extend cooperation to other regions - this is particularly important to regions divided by large distance.



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