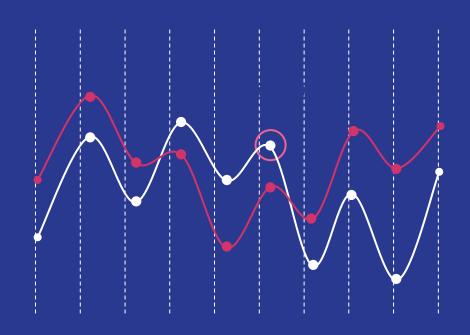
Innobarometer

AN E-TOOL TO COLLECT AND
ANALYSE DATA ON
ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND
INNOVATION IN WESTERN
GREECE AND APULIA





INTRODUCTION (1)

The "Innobarometer" is an on-line platform that collects information about entrepreneurship and innovation, to be used for the construction and presentation of indices regarding the Region of Western Greece and Apulia. It includes the following functionalities:

- (a) an online questionnaire to collect periodical feedback on entrepreneurship and present important information based on it,
- (b) automated and semi-automated collection of information on entrepreneurship and innovation indicators from various sources (e.g. Eurostat, national statistic organizations, EC),
- (C) extract of useful information, indicators and graphs based on the collected data from b),
- (d) a repository of good practices on e-tools for entrepreneurship support. Users will be able to view the progress of selected indices over time at an aggregated level (in both table and graph format) or view selected indices at a particular point in time (in both table and charts).

INTRODUCTION (2)

BENEFITS:

- important mean for the two Regions to help them on the effort to support entrepreneurship
- support efforts to evaluate Regional business support policies
- support the Regional chambers of commerce on their need to be able to measure the business needs in the covered areas
- provision of a new way to enhance R&D activities in the field of innovative entrepreneurship in the two Regions
- provision of information services for the general public and local SMEs in respect with Regional innovation potential and experiences.

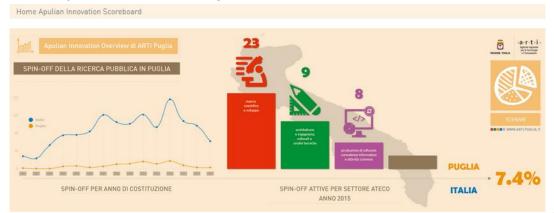
Study of related work

To develop the tool, as a first step, the project carried out an extensive desk research on current e-tools (12) world widely in order to assess their relevance with the specific situation and needs of the Regions covered and provide the needed basis for the design of the "Innobarometer".

Below we give a selected list from the 12 tools studied.

Apulian Innovation Overview (ARTI)

- An information system, constantly updated, which systematizes historical series of indicators related to the socio-economic system and innovation from Apulia deriving from:
 - official sources, monitoring activities of Regional measures
 - experimental investigations.

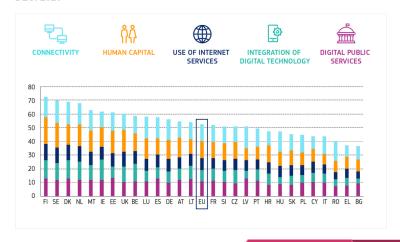


The Digital Economy and Society Index (DESI)

- Progress of EU countries towards a digital economy and society.
- It brings together a set of relevant indicators on Europe's current digital policy mix
- Summarizing relevant indicators on Europe's digital performance and track the evolution of EU Member States in digital competitiveness.

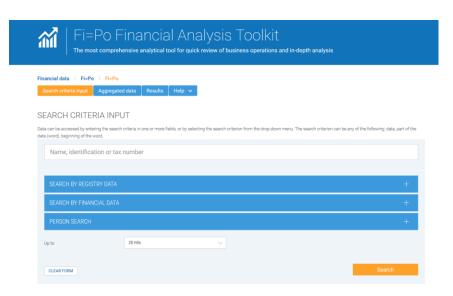
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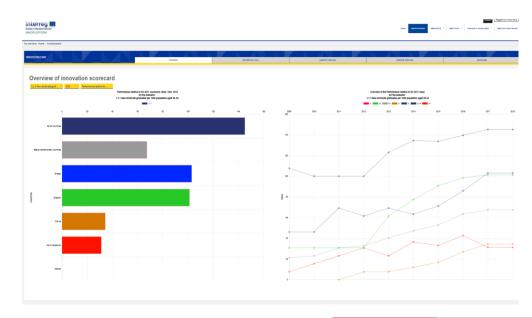
The Slovenian Business Register (ePRS)

- A central database containing information about all business entities involved in a profit or non-profit activity located on the country,
- information on their subsidiaries and other divisions of business entities.
- Anyone can search for information about business entities having their principal place of business located in Slovenia.



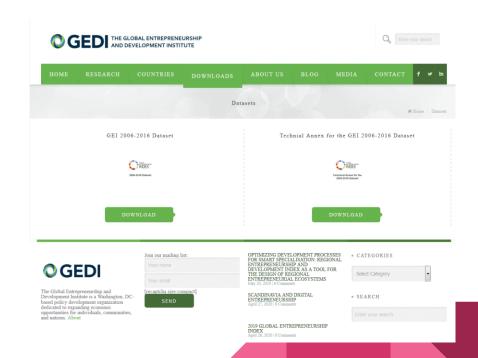
INNOSCORECARD

- A web application, assessing the innovation performance of Balkan and Mediterranean Regions based on a certain number of indicators.
- This tool allows the custom comparisons of performance scores; visualize country profiles comparisons, as well as correlations between scores, providing users with a complete view of the scores of the indicators based on actual data.



The Regional Entrepreneurship and Development Index (REDI)

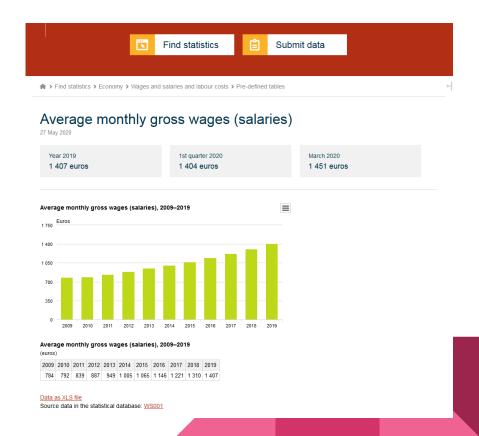
- constructed in Hungary
- capturing the contextual features of entrepreneurship across Regions
- optimized version, capable to offer tailor-made policy suggestions for the seven Hungarian Regions by identifying the weaknesses of the Regional entrepreneurial climate and individual factors.



Statistics Estonia

providing institutions, businesses and organisations with online reliable information on the

- o economic,
- demographic,
- social and
- environmental situation,
- o as well as trends in Estonia..



Conclusions from the state of the art study combined with needs collection

Based on the collection of the above practices and the specific needs for the two Regions to be covered the developed e-tool collect two kinds of data:

- Information on entrepreneurship and innovation from various National,
 Regional and EU sources
- Specific information for the situation of the two Regions (using specific data collection tools such as questionnaires).

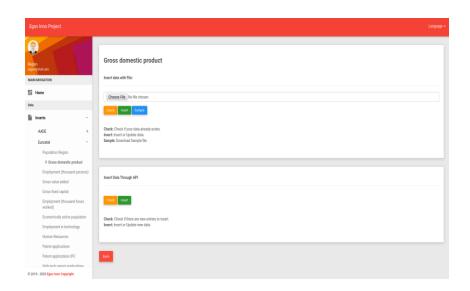
The e-tool

Functionalities:

- Insert data from various sources with specific indicators stored in different tables.
- Export data, presentation in tables format and the ability to export and download whole information.
- Charts for some of the tables, to present useful graphical information to the user.
- An online questionnaire to collect periodical feedback on entrepreneurship and provide important information. Presentation of responses on tables and with graphs.
- A repository of research work and good practices on e-tools for entrepreneurship support.

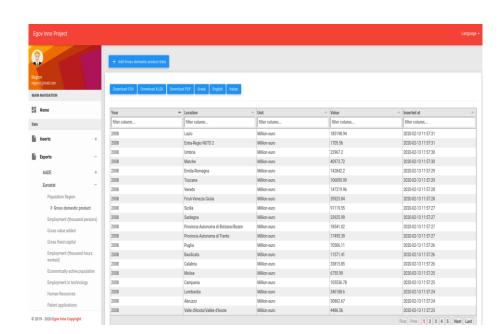
Insert data

- Five main sources, AADE
 (www.aade.gr), Eurostat
 (ec.europa.eu/Eurostat), Arti
 (www.arti.puglia.it), Regional
 Viewer
 (s3platform.jrc.ec.europa.eu) and
 Ekthete (metrics.ekt.gr).
- Automated or semi-automated way
- Specific data and indicators that provide useful information about entrepreneurship.



Export data

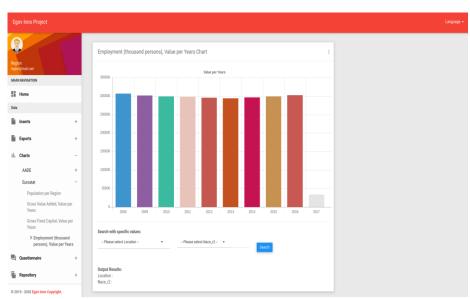
- Using the "Export" function the user is able to see the whole set of imported data for each table
- For each column there is a search bar that lets the user explore the dataset with specific criteria depending on his/her needs.
- The user can export and download this information in various formats.



Charts

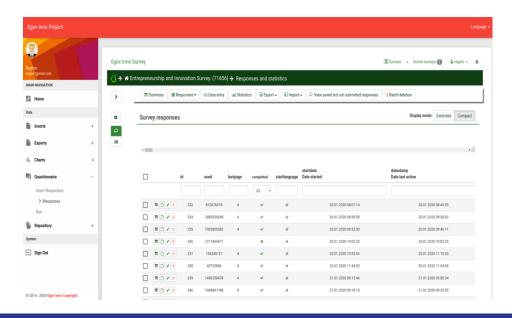
Innobarometer also provides information in graphs.

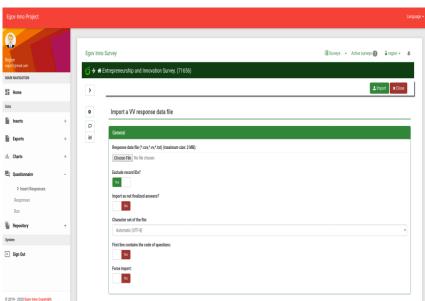




e-Questionnaire

This online questionnaire collects periodical feedback on entrepreneurship and presents important information based on it.





Application / Results

Collection of data from 5 sources

- AADE (www.aade.gr), 1 data set (Number of Companies and Turnover with info on NACE code and Post Code), Eurostat (ec.europa.eu/Eurostat), 18 data sets (e.g. population, GDP, employment), Arti (www.arti.puglia.it), 3 data sets (e.g. Innovative companies data), Regional Viewer (s3platform.jrc.ec.europa.eu), 2 data sets (with information on structural funds and Horizon 2020 funds), Ekthete (metrics.ekt.gr), 4 data sets with information on R&D personnel.
- All imports done with customized import CSV functionality. For the Eurostat data sets there is also a possibility for automated import utilizing Eurostat web services. For the period of pilot operation, more than 115.000 rows with data have been imported from all the above sources.

Application / Results

Presentation of the data from 5 sources using export tables

• For all the imported data sets of (a)

Presentation of the data from 5 sources using Graphs

- Development of 6 graphical representations.
 - AADE (<u>www.aade.gr</u>), 2
 - Eurostat (ec.europa.eu/Eurostat), 4.

Creation and start collecting of answers of an e-questionnaire

• 89 questions (12 with general information, 51 with entrepreneurship information, 26 for innovative activities), Collection of >50 answers

Application / Results

- During the pilot operation phase, the following types of users have been given access to the tool:
 - Executives of the Region of Western Greece and Apulia, Executives of the Chamber of Commerce of Achaia
- During a series of meetings and events organized the collected feedback from this processς was positive. Stakeholders consider this tool as a new mean for them to support their effort to design business support policies and activities. The innovative feature lies in the fact that:
 - It easily gathers important information from various source, It provides a way to combine this information with feedback coming directly from the business world of the Region
- Another important factor to support the tool's importance is connected with the interest expressed from the R&D sector to utilize the information gather in order to be able to provide targeted research analysis specifically focused on the Regional needs and not only on generalized statistical data.

Further work

- Collection of information from additional sources on National (e.g. additional data from AADE in Greece and ARTI in Italy, or EU level).
- Vertical extensions leading to the collection and presentation of reports on specific sectors (e.g. Tourism economy. Labor market, Creative industries).
- Inclusion of functionalities (through the utilization of machine learning technology) for the provision of reports on projections.

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Thank you!

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