



**HELLENIC REPUBLIC  
REGION OF EPIRUS  
INTERMEDIATE MANAGING  
AUTHORITY**

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**SUBJECT : Application of Epirus Region for joining the S3 Platform**

Dear Madam / Sir,

We kindly ask to accept the request of the Epirus Region for joining the S3 Platform. For this purpose, in accordance with the procedure described in your website, we provide the following information:

1. The designated department/body and persons (including contact details) that will be responsible for the work with the platform:

Department	Person	Contact Details
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2. Additional contact details regarding DAE and ICT related issues:

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3. A chart/diagram illustrating the bodies and responsibilities regarding the drafting and coordination of innovation strategies including names and contacts (in this diagram the regional/national coordination should be clarified if relevant for the region/country):

See Appendix A.

4. Commitment to develop a webpage on smart specialisation, which will be eventually linked to the S3 portal:

Under the address <http://epirusinnovationcouncil.blogspot.gr> we developed and continuously update a website, as information page of **Epirus Regional Council for Research and Innovation**, regarding Smart Specialisation issues, connected with the S3 Platform.

5. We commit to use either Technical Assistance funds of the Regional Operational Programme of Epirus 2007-2013 or additional resources of Epirus Region's budget, in order to participate to the works of the S3 Platform.

6. As the planning of our regional innovation strategy is not yet completed, we provide a concise list of areas we would like to develop, as potential co-operation subjects with other regions:

	Areas	Detailed
1.	Primary sector	a. Restructuring crops b. Organic farming and animal husbandry c. Aquaculture
2.	Secondary sector	a. Agricultural food products
3.	Tertiary sector	b. Tourism c. Culture
5.	Environment	a. Management, monitoring & protection (NATURA & RAMSAR areas) b. Wastewater management, waste & solid waste c. Renewable Energy

We remain at your disposal for any clarification.

**The Governor of Epirus Region**

**Alexandros Kachrimanis**

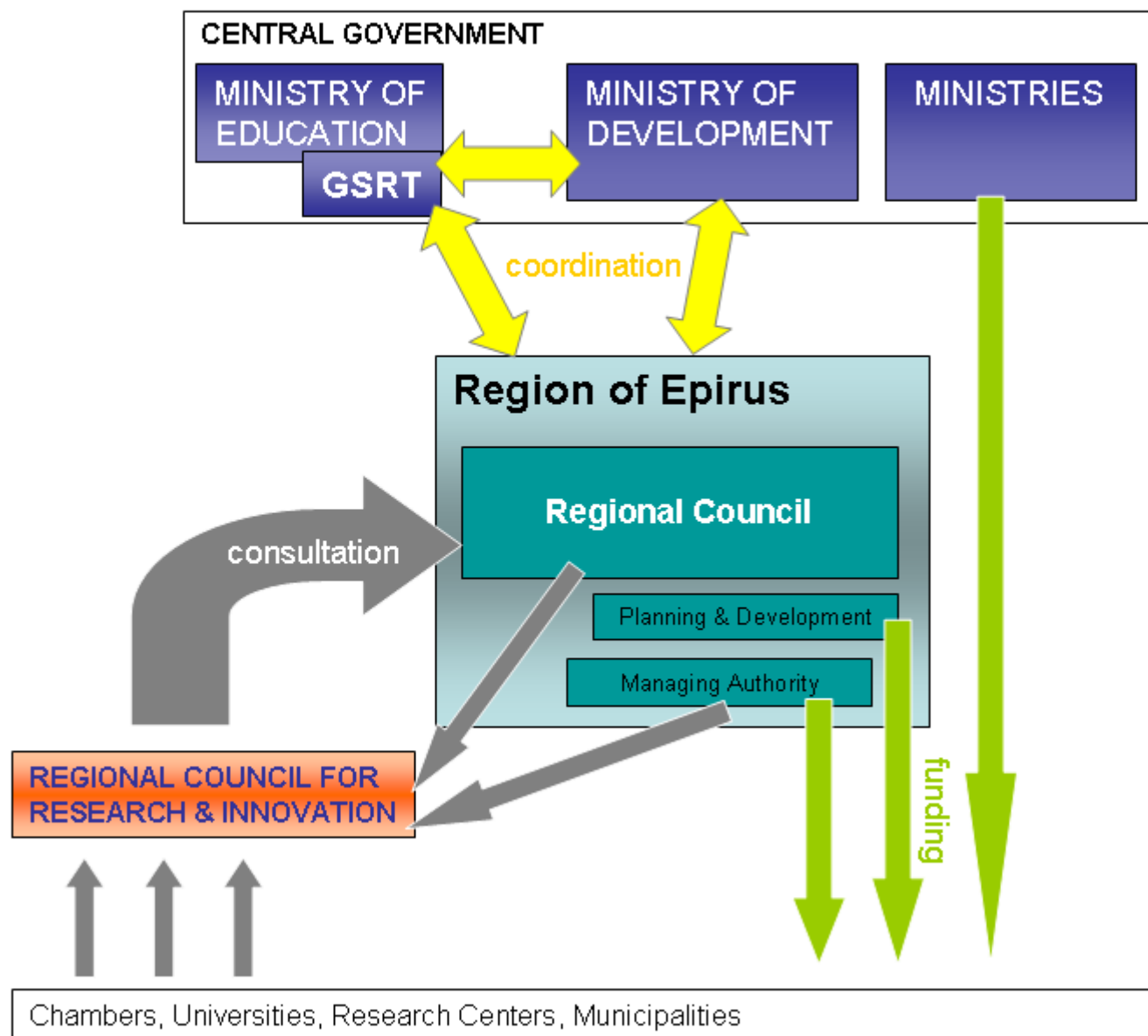
**Attachments:** Appendix A.

**Internal distribution**

1. Governor's office
2. Archive
3. Head of IMA.
4. Heads of Units.

## Appendix A

Diagram illustrating the bodies and responsibilities regarding the drafting and coordination of innovation strategies



### **Roles & responsibilities:**

The Central Government through the **Ministry of Development** provides directions for the development of Smart Specialization Strategy.

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The **Epirus Regional Council for Research and Innovation** involves actors (stakeholders) at the local level and advises Epirus Region who is responsible for the regional planning strategy for smart specialization. Contact: Mrs. E. Rokkou,  
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The **Region of Epirus** through Planning & Development dept. and the Managing Authority, coordinates and funds local stakeholders, in order to fulfill the objectives of the strategy for smart specialization.

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