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Economic impact assessment of Smart Specialization policies

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The smart specialisation concept became rapidly popular and got integrated into the reformed EU Cohesion Policy of the 2014-2020 planning period. However an undesirable result of this rapid implementation was that it left several implementation issues unanswered. An important unanswered issue is the implementation of economic impact assessment in a smart specialisation policy context. Integrating entrepreneurship and interregional network policies into an economic modelling framework is considered as the most prominent challenges. The presentation introduces how these two policies are implemented in the GMR-Europe model. Policy simulations demonstrate the economic impact assessment capabilities of GMR-Europe.

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