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Universities in their regional innovation ecosystems:
designing, implementing and monitoring RIS3

Overview of the icity.brussels activities

Brussels-Capital Region – Smart Specialisation Strategy

Facts & Figures

161 km²

1 198 726

inhabitants

63 790 €

Regional GDP per capita

18% National GDP Rate

13% Unemployment rate

1,81% Regional GERD % of GDP

Source: BISA.brussels

Brussels Paradox:

High GDP (EU Top 5) but high unemployment rate (double of EU average) as more than 50% of workers commute from outside the Region

S3 Priorities

Priority	Description
Health Personalised medicine and well-being	Pharmaceutical industry, medical devices and medical services
Environment Green Economy	Construction sector; Energy and water production and distribution; Energy efficiency; Smart city; Mobility; Circular economy; Sustainable chemistry
ICT Digital Economy	Software; ICT applied to personalised medicine and green economy

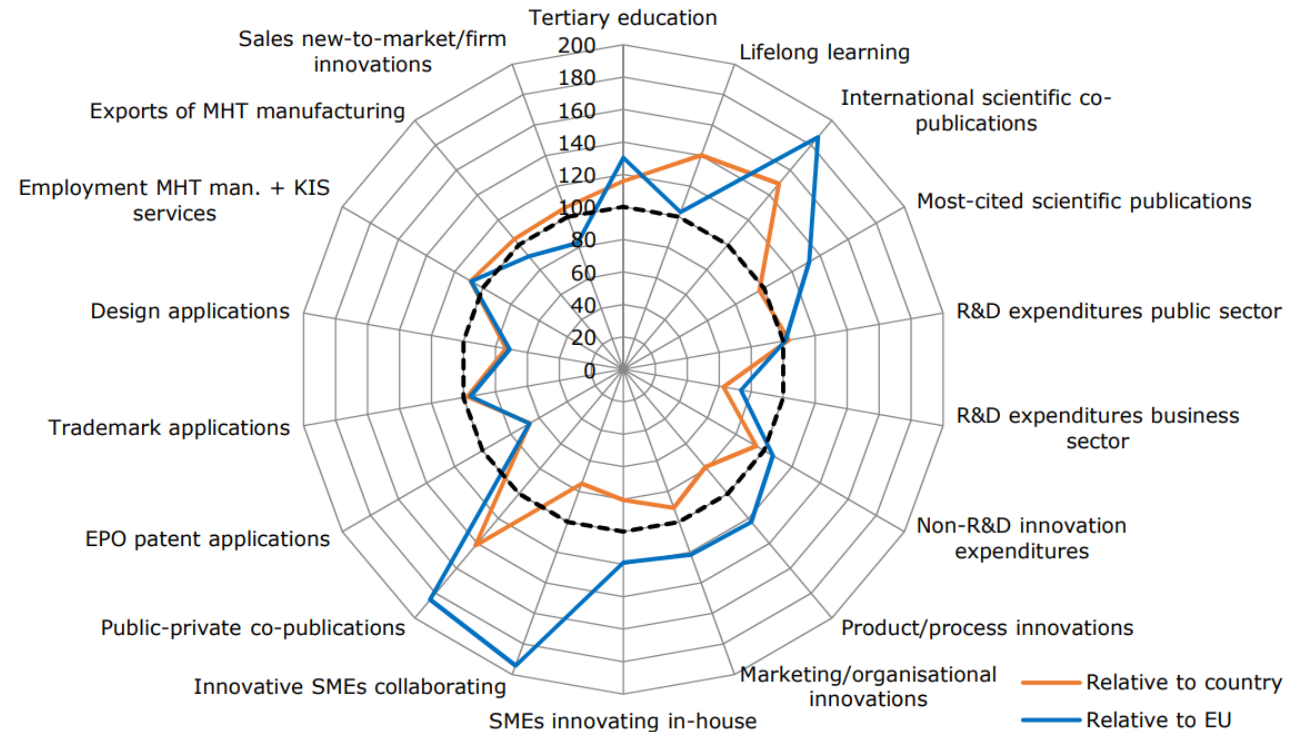
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European Innovation Scoreboard 2017

Brussels is a **Strong+** Innovator

The radar graph shows relative strengths compared to Belgium (orange line) and the EU (blue line)

Relative strengths	Relative weaknesses
Scientific publications	Business R&D expenditure
Innovative SMEs	Patent applications



Source: <http://ec.europa.eu/DocsRoom/documents/24166>

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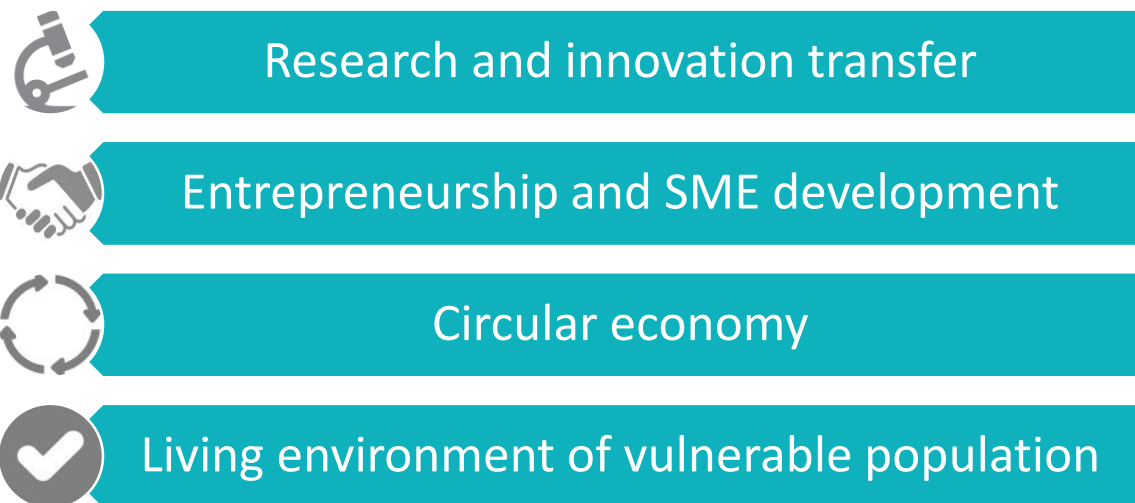
ERDF Regional Operational Programme 2014-2020

- ▶ Contribution to the Union strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth and the achievement of economic, social and territorial cohesion

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PRIORITY AXES

Transversal Axe: ICT



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Context

Funded by

- The ERDF & Innoviris (Regional Innovation Plan)
- A joint initiative of ULB, VUB & Sirris
- Total budget: € 13,2 M

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Program components

1. A new ICT-Park building clustering ULB and VUB labs active in the digital transformation
2. A new Smart Connected Innovation Lab as part of the Regional Development Program
3. A team of professionals connecting companies with 200+ ICT experts
4. 50+ ICT projects with a consolidated 20M€ budget

Partners in the project:



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icity.brussels' mission

1

Boosting ICT innovation in the heart of Europe

2

Supporting digital transformation in companies

3

Providing access to academic ICT specialists

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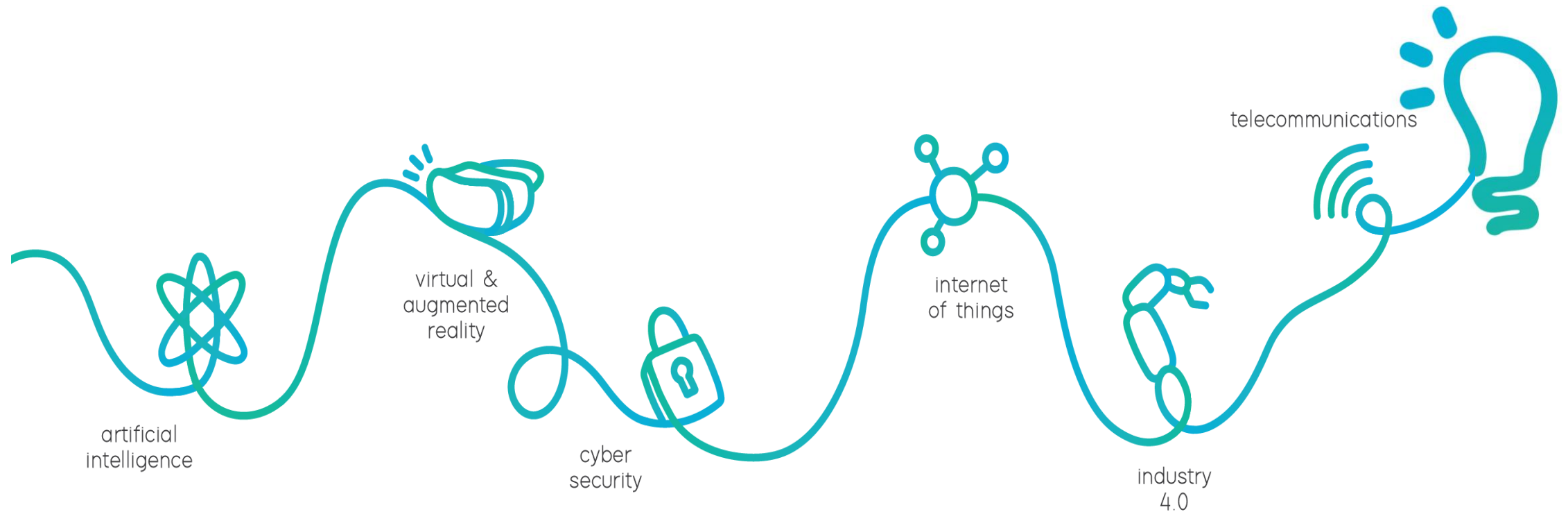
Creating exposure for established ICT academics and academic work



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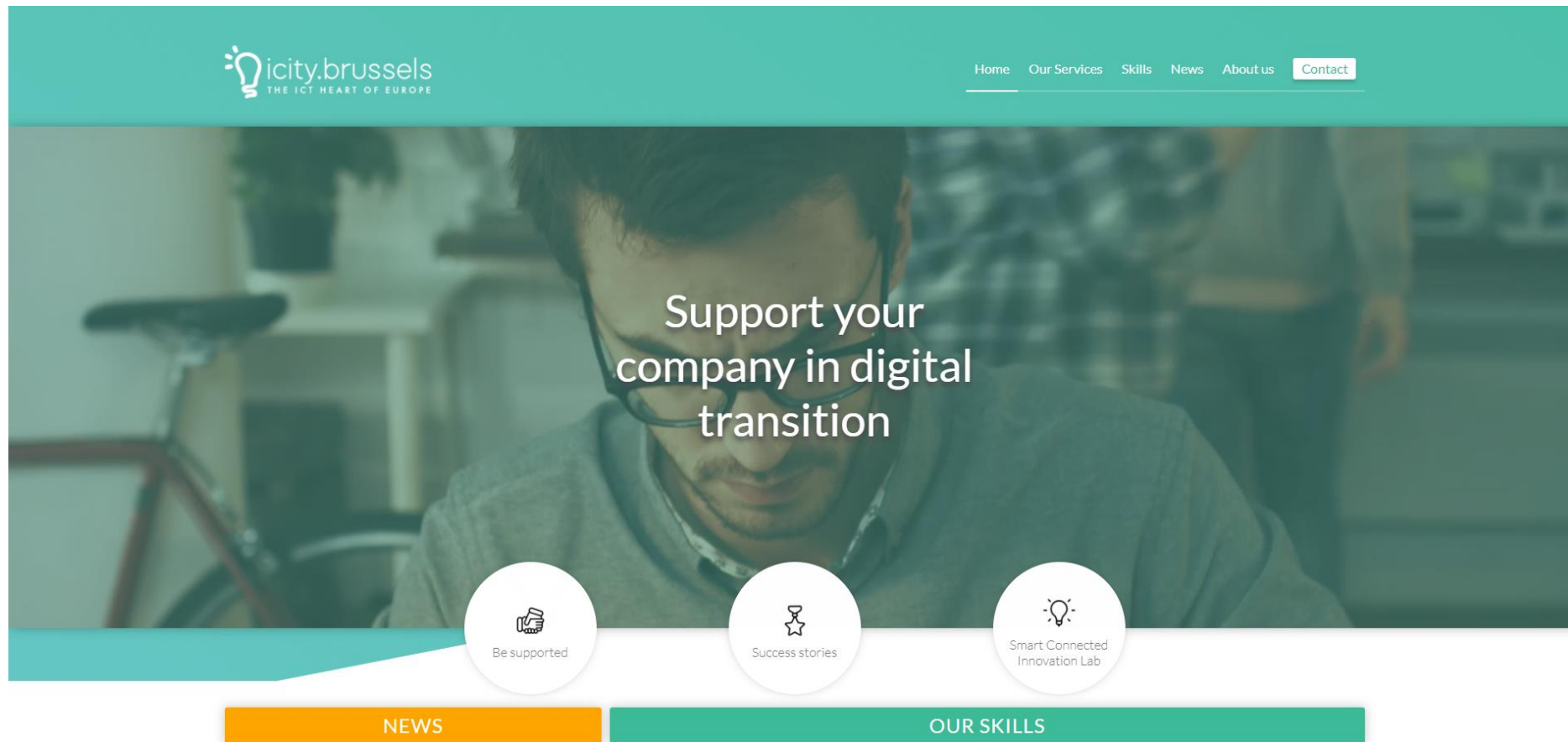
icity.brussels' focus

icity.brussels thematically focusses on these 6 key research domains:



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