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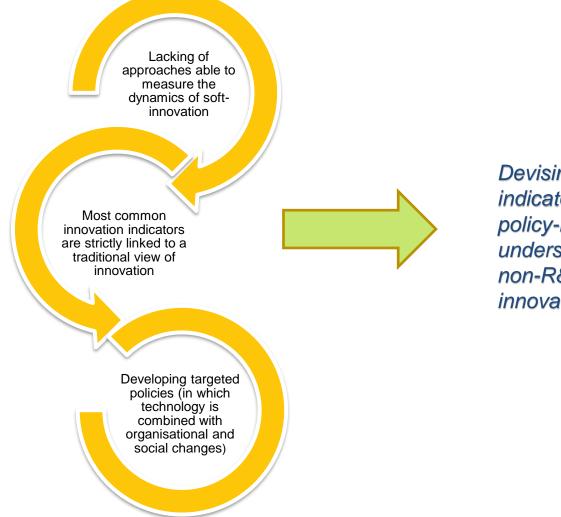
#### Final dissemination event

Key tools for assessing and improve and assess soft innovation policies

Bruxelles, 10th of May 2023



### THE STARTING POINT...



Devising new tools and indicators that allow policy-makers to better understand and assess non-R&D-driven innovation dynamics



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#### Study visits on site



2019 Puglia











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# Key Findings

- Innovation does not only result from R&D and technological change. Soft innovation is important to regions' economic growth and social well-being.
- Non-R&D and R&D innovation are complementary: Technological and R&D-based innovation require complementary organisational, social and consumer changes to generate effects.
- To support soft innovation means to engage deeply with the specificities of a territory and sector, to develop targeted policies.
- Soft innovation is particularly critical for the SMEs digitalization and for the transition to sustainability.



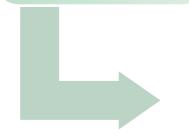


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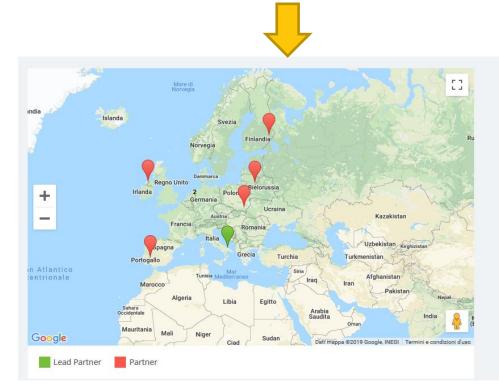
#### KNOWLEDGE DISSEMINATION

- 4 Videos
- 5 Publications





#### 7 policy instrument influenced





#### 7 regional action plans

At least **82 people with increased professional capacity** due to their participation in the project activities





"Monitoring soft innovation is as important as it is difficult and requires significant efforts from the policy maker."





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### Thank you!

Questions welcome



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