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ART-ER

The Consortium for fostering Emilia-Romagna region's sustainable growth through

- **territorial development and attractiveness**
- **innovation and knowledge**
- **internationalisation**

ART-ER is a non-profit company, established by Regional Law 1/2018

OUR PARTNERS



Emilia-Romagna Region

5 regional Universities

National Research Centres located in the region (CNR, ENEA, INFN)

The Regional Union of **Chambers of Commerce**

Other local representatives

OUR TEAM AND RESOURCES



209 people

engineers, economists, humanists

€ 21 mln turnover

Financial resources from Emilia-Romagna Region,
European Funds, our shareholders

The Bologna Research Area

CNR - National Research Council



ART-ER MAIN OFFICE
CNR – Bologna Research Area

OTHER OFFICES
4 in Bologna
1 in Brussel
1 in Silicon Valley

**S3 AREAS – Innovation
Career Guidance**
At the Emilia-Romagna
Technopoles

Research and Innovation policies in Emilia-Romagna

Emilia-Romagna Region - Overview



REGIONAL DATA

Surface: 22,453 Km²

Inhabitants: 4,454,393

Population density: 200in./km²

Provinces: 9

Municipalities: 340

GDP: 144.515 M€

GDP per Capita: 32.487 €

Enterprises: 372.719

Manufacturing: 39.731

RESEARCH & TRAINING SYSTEM

6 Universities with 11 locations

140.000+ students

Hosting the most important National Research Centres CNR, ENEA, INFN, IASF, INGV, CINECA, IOR, CNIT, SSICA, CMR

Polytechnic network system:

7 high tech institutes

100+ technical training programs

100.000 Trainees every year

Emilia-Romagna Region - Overview



MAIN INDUSTRIAL SECTORS

Automotive and Motorcycle

Agrifood

Ceramics

Mechatronics

Machine tools

Packaging

Health, Wellbeing,

Biomedical

Agricultural Machinery

Woodworking Machinery

Nautical

Evolution of R&I policies in Emilia-Romagna

- 2001** - Agreement signed between the Region, universities, research institutes, business associations that identifies **ASTER (now ART-ER) as the regional network agency for technology transfer.**
- 2002** - **Regional Law n. 7/02** "*Promotion of the regional system of industrial research, innovation and technology transfer*", following the amendment of Title V of the Constitution
- 2003** - Approval of the first PRRITT Regional Program for Industrial Research, Innovation and Technology Transfer (Lisbon strategy: towards a knowledge-based economy)
- 2004** - **L.R. n.11 / 2002** "Development of the regional information society"
- 2007** - Regional Operational Program **ERDF 2007-2013** - Axis 1 Industrial Research and Technology Transfer
- 2009/10** - **Launch of the Regional High Technology Network**

Evolution of R&I policies in Emilia-Romagna

2012 - Approval of the second **PRRIITT 2012-2014**

2014 - **The Smart Specialization Strategy (S3)** of Emilia-Romagna (real driver of the regional innovation strategy) **2014-2020**

2014 - New **ERDF-ESF 2014-2020** programming (Europe 2020 strategy: employment objectives, growth, social challenges)

2014 - **L.R. 14/2014** "Promotion of investments in Emilia-Romagna"

2017 - Establishment of **CLUST-ERs**

2019 - **L.R. n. 7** "Investments of the Emilia-Romagna Region in Big Data and Artificial Intelligence, Meteorology and Climate Change"

2021 - The new **Smart Specialization Strategy S3** of Emilia-Romagna **2021-2027**

2022 - New programming **FSER-FSE + 2021-2027**

Regional law 7/2002

Promotion of a regional system for R&D&I

- Improving the capacity of industrial system to invest in R&D&I, fostering in particular:
 - Employment of new researchers
 - Cooperation with universities and research centres
- Building a network of competence centres, organizing the “offer” of research and innovation of the public system
 - Industrial research laboratories
 - Innovation centres
 - Shared governance (ASTER, now ART-ER)

Emilia-Romagna High Technology Network

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High Technology Network is the instrument promoted by ER Region to **organise the offer of industrial research** in the Region

It is be made up of **Industrial research laboratories** and **Innovation centres**

It provides **competencies, technologies, solutions and instrumentations** to support innovation

Specialization Areas: Mechanics, Materials, Agrifood, Construction, Lifescience, Digital Technologies, Energy and Sustainability

Emilia-Romagna High Technology Network

Born in 2009, 36 Laboratories, funded by ERDF 2007-13

Today it includes **82 Industrial Research Laboratories** (public/private) and **16 Innovation Centres**

Annual accreditation by ER Region to verify and certify

- the capacity to provide industrial research services to customers
- a minimum amount of R&D activity (contracts/projects)

Regional Support

ERDF 2007-2013

- 100M€ to support the first 36 laboratories (2009)

ERDF 2014-2020:

- 85 M€ to fund 105 projects (48% ERDF)
- 25 M€ as providers in 480 companies' projects

Economic activity

ART-ER monitors the data relating to **personnel, contracts and projects** of the Laboratories and Centers of the Network.

They are evaluated for the maintenance of regional accreditation.

400 M€

5800+ Contracts
1300+ Projects
since 2009

11 M€

70+ Projects
started in 2021

23 M€

900+ Contracts
started in 2021

1600

Researchers (FTE)

ART-ER role

Coordination

(Yearly assembly, involvement in activities and projects, regional S3 development, B2B organisation, meeting with enterprises)

Communication support

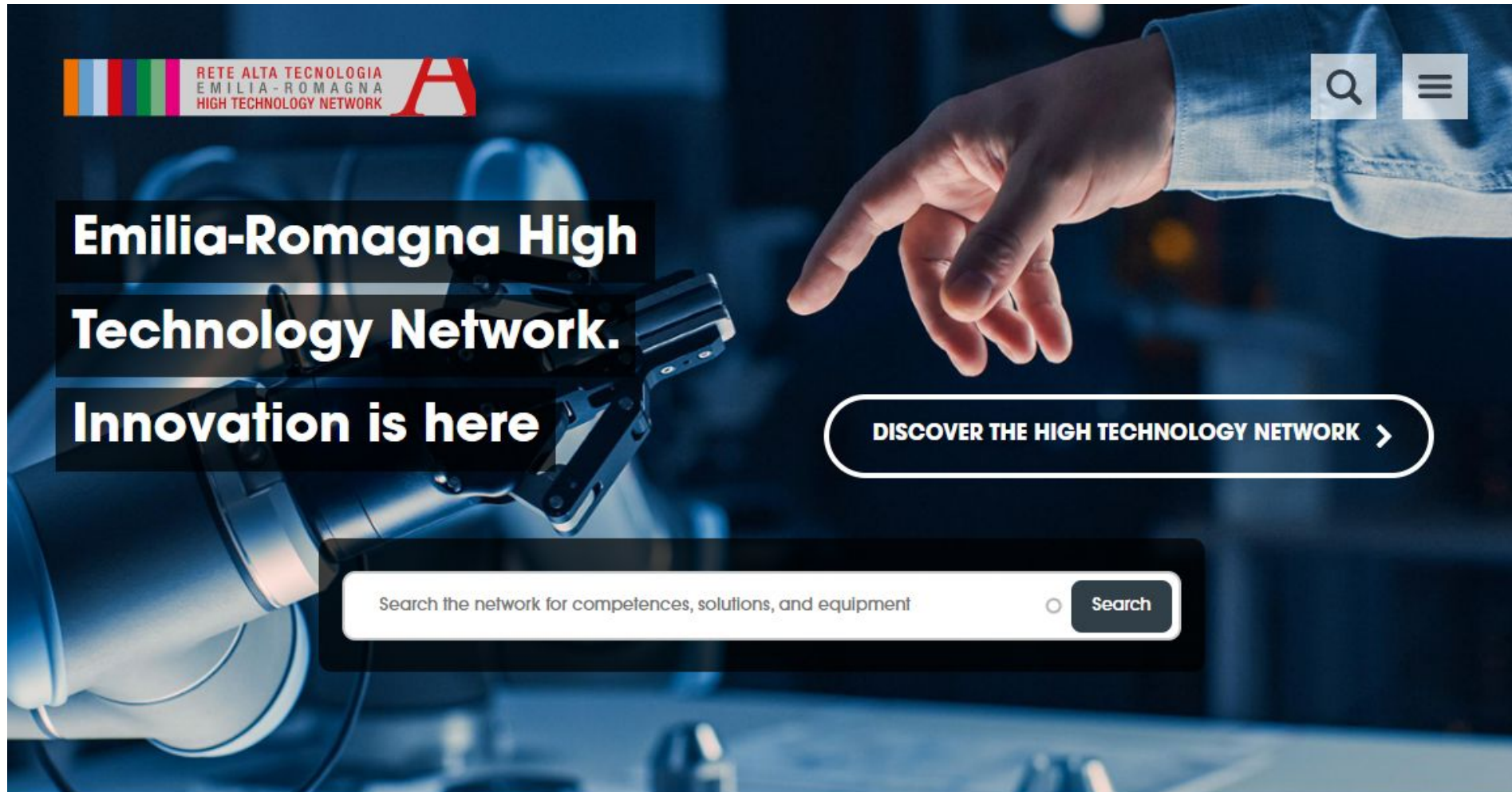
Accreditation Management

Economic activity monitoring

Website management



HTN Website
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1000+ Competencies

1900+ Equipments

340 Technology Reports

105 Regional Projects

How to get in touch with HTN



THE TECHNOPOLES



10 infrastructures in 20 locations throughout the Emilia-Romagna region, hosting and developing activities and services for industrial research, experimental development and technology transfer.

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1400+ companies involved

2700+ Technology Transfer, needs analysis and skills matching services

2000+ implemented projects

1100+ Research projects

200+ training activities

EROI - Emilia-Romagna Open Innovation

A digital open innovation community to foster collaboration, knowledge exchange

It offers: **news, discussion groups, partner search, challenges**

<http://eroi.art-er.it/>

The EROI logo is displayed in large, bold, red capital letters. Below it, the text "Emilia-Romagna Open Innovation" is written in a smaller, grey sans-serif font. The background features faint, light grey silhouettes of people and abstract shapes.

Clust-ER associations



S3 – Smart Specialization Strategy (2014-2020)

5 (+2) AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION FOR INNOVATION POLICIES

Developed by all EU Regions to receive ERDF funds



THE CLUST-ERS ASSOCIATIONS



Communities of public and private bodies (research centers, companies, training bodies) created to support the competitiveness of the most important production systems in Emilia-Romagna.

- 9** Associations
- 2** New Clust-ER: Tourism and Urban Economy
- 690+** Associates
- 390+** Companies
- 300** Research Centres, Training Bodies, others
- 32** Value Chains

AGRIFOOD

BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTIONS

MECHATRONICS AND MECHANICS

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

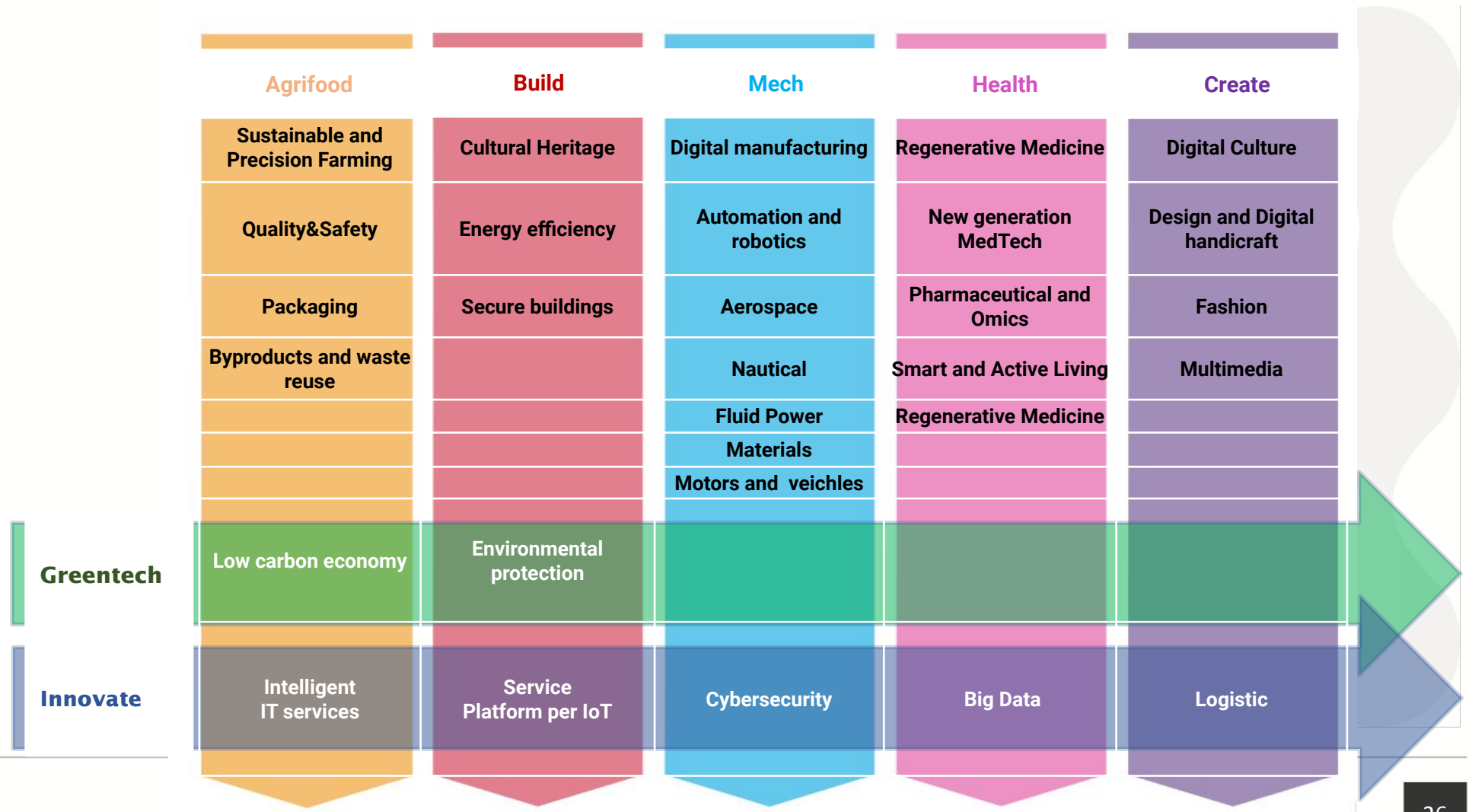
SERVICES INNOVATION

CULTURE AND CREATIVE INDUSTRIES








ENERGY AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Clust-ER organization: the Value Chains

Each Clust-ER focuses its action on strategic lines of research and innovation enabled through working groups, representing the most relevant **value chain** for Emilia-Romagna regional production system



Clust-ER Members

		Members	Laboratories	Companies	Other
AGRIFOOD		82	32	41	9
BUILD		109	21	67	21
MECH		128	37	84	7
HEALTH		109	31	60	18
CREATE		88	19	47	22
INNOVATE		80	26	42	11
GREENTECH		101	29	61	11
TOTAL		697	195	403	99

Emilia-Romagna Region Smart Specialisation Strategy S3 2021 - 2027

New approach 2021-2027

Challenge based

The challenges of EU cohesion policy 2021-27:
A Europe more
green
smart
connected
social
close to citizens



Social driven

Innovation and research in response to social challenges, not only as a factor of competitiveness.

Not only technology, but also **social, organizational, creative innovation**



Cross sectorial

Definition of priorities with a **strong multidisciplinary and transversal dimension** with respect to sectors

15 Cross-Sectoral Thematic Areas

15 CROSS-SECTORAL THEMATIC AREAS



Sustainable Transition

- Clean, affordable and secure energy
- Circular economy
- Climate and natural resources (air, water and land)
- Blue growth
- Innovation in materials



Digital Transformation

- Digitalisation, Artificial Intelligence, Big Data
- Manufacturing 4.0 and future evolutions
- Connectivity of ground and space systems
- Sustainable and innovative mobility and motor industry



Health, Wellbeing, Nutrition

- Wellbeing, nutrition e lifestyle
- Health



Territory, Cities, communities

- Cities and communities of the future
- Heritage and identity of the region
- Social innovation and social participation
- Inclusion and social cohesion, education, jobs, territories



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