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### Smart-up BSR

## **Experiences from the SWOTs**

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Today

#### We will

- present the SWOTs that have been done
- discuss the experiences, learnings and challenges

### The idea of scenarios and SWOTs in this project is to

- get material and ideas for the future update of RIS3
- get an idea of how scenarios can be used in smart specialisation



## Scenario SWOTting in Helsinki-Uusimaa

In our region we had a SWOT workshop in a meeting of the Regional Management Comittee (MYR).

The members in this group

- are decision makers from our member municipalities
- or come from Chambers of Commerce, Labor organisations, Economic development organisations, State authorities, Universities and research institues







- There were 20 participants
- We had learning cafe / word cafe with four groups of people and five "tables"
- The workshop took 2,5 hours
- The results will be discussed in the next meeting of MYR



### Our synthesis of the SWOTs

#### STRENGHTS

- extensive cooperation of different actors and individuals 7
- know-how and good language skills 6
- working society and good conditions for businesses 4
- cyber safety and technological know-how 4
- foresight and readiness for change 3
- the stregth of the region increases nationally 3
- individuals take responsibility for themselves and for the society 3
- good transportlinks foster the unity of the region 3
- wellbeing of people and environment 3
- safety of physical environment 2
- ability to solve wicked problems 2
- courage of children and young people to be themselves 2
- economic growth 2

#### POSSIBILITIES

- technological pioneering 7
- data as engine of science and economy 7
- digital communities active in developing 5
- community 3
- new kinds of food production and local food 3
- strong R&D&I ecosystem3
- good location 3
- building up stronger brands 3
- specialisation and export of know-how 3
- safety and confidence 2
- innovatiove and active young people 2
- foresight and grasping the opportunities 2
- high level and wide base of education 2
- transport and job opportunities in Russia 2

#### WEAKNESSES

- lack of co-operation internally and externally 3
- low level of motivation and know-how 2
- inadequate investment to R&D and education 2

#### THREATS

- threat of war or internal conflicts 4
- uncontrolled immigration to the Nordic countries (climate refugees) 3
- internal competition in Finland 2
- emigration and depopulation 2
- cyberthreats 2
- the functional capacity of EU is inadequate 2
- disappearence of Finnish identity and language 2
- shortage of labour 2

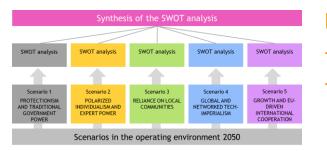
# Presentations of the SWOTs done





### How?

Imagine that you live in the world described in the scenario, and analyse what attributes in this world are strengths, opportunities, weaknesses and threats) in your region.



#### **Participants**

- Minumum: with your hadpicked colleagues
- Maximum: a group of relevant stakeholders
  - you can collect a group of key stakeholders
  - or you can use an already existing stakeholder group



#### Process

- If you choose minimum amount of participants, you can organize brainstorming session at your office where you fill out the templates
- If you choose maximum amount of participants you can organize a workshop and use e.g. learning cafe –method or some other simple group working method



### Smart-up BSR, WP2

"The regions will revisit their RIS3 strategies, roadmaps and implementation plans."

The output deadline in the project plan

Scenarios and SWOTs

period 2 (by the end of Sept 18)





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# **Thanks!**





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