



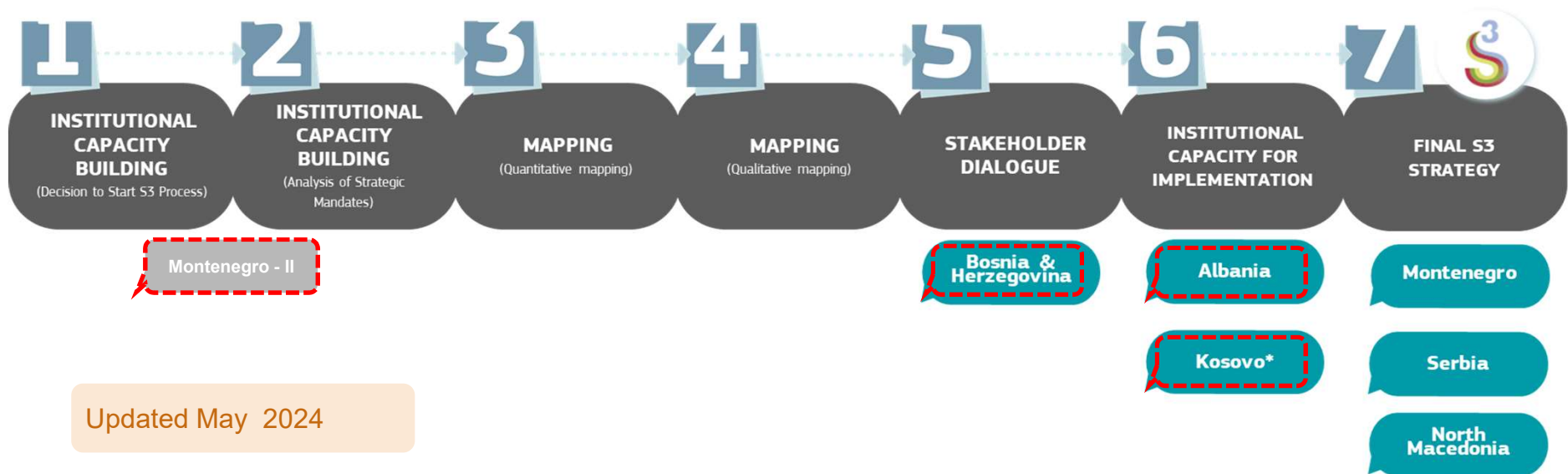
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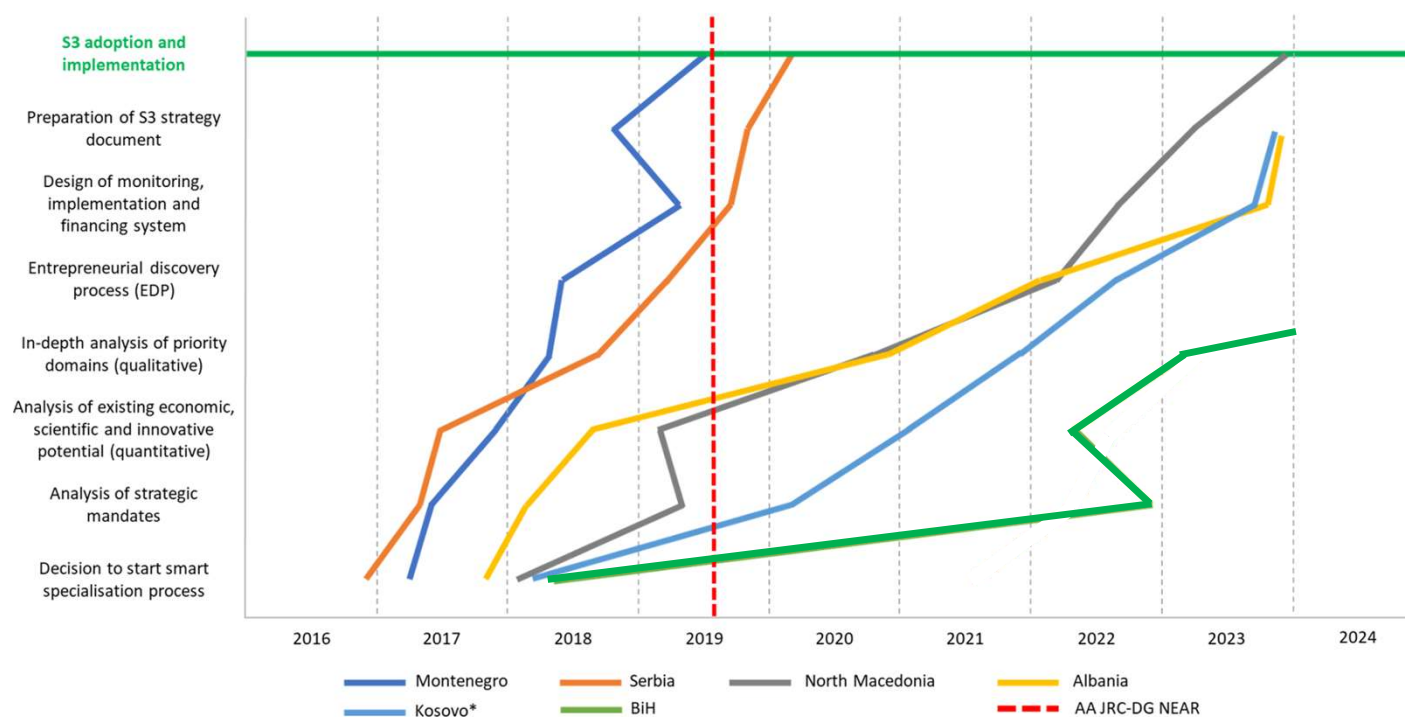
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State of play of S3 processes in the WBs



* This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244/1999 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence.

Smart Specialisation progress across the Western Balkan economies (Dec 2023)



Duration of the S3 process in particular stages

	Montenegro	Serbia	North Macedonia	Albania	Kosovo*	BiH	Türkiye - Trakya	Average
Decision to start smart specialisation process	2	2	2	3	5	30	3	7
Analysis of strategic mandates	3	1	4	1	3	1	3	2
Analysis of existing economic, scientific and innovative potential (quantitative)	3	5	9	27	6	8	5	9
In-depth analysis of priority domains (qualitative)	1	6	7	12	7	7	6	7
EDP - Entrepreneurial discovery process	11	3	5	21	8			10
Design of monitoring, implementation and financing system	2	4	1	1	2			2
Preparation of S3 strategy document	8	4	8					7
DESIGN PHASE duration including pauses	27	39	70	69	67	65	27	52

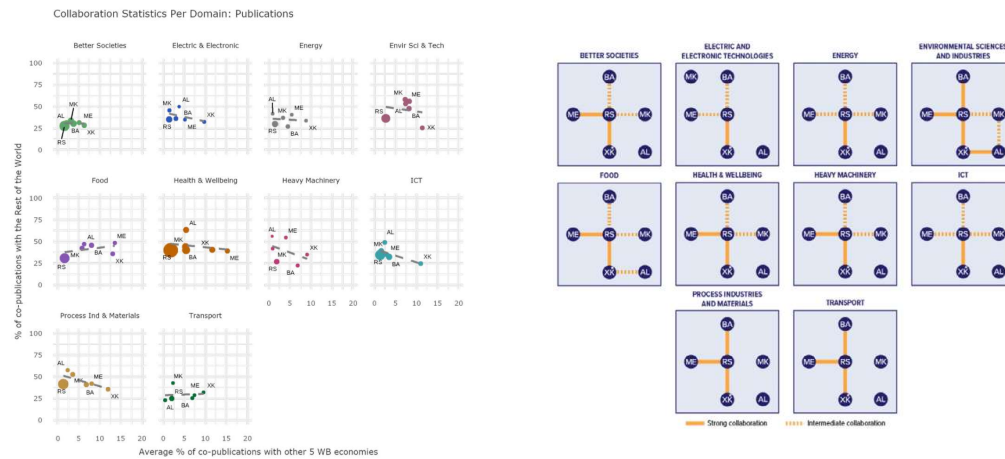
Recent S3 framework-related publications

- “*Measuring territorial innovation strengths*” (Hollanders et al., 2024)
- “*Methodological guidelines for qualitative analysis of economic, innovation and scientific potential in the EU enlargement and Neighbourhood Region*” (Radovanovic and Bole, 2023)
- “*Guidelines for the stakeholder dialogue in the process of designing and implementing Smart Specialisation strategies in the EU Enlargement and Neighbourhood Region*” (Radovanovic and Bole, 2023)



Potential for knowledge-based cooperation

- “Smart Specialisation in the Western Balkans: potential for knowledge-based economic cooperation” (Radovanovic et al. 2024)



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Learning corner

Useful documents to complement your knowledge on the Smart Specialisation approach.

Smart Specialisation Framework and Guidelines

Smart Specialisation design framework for the EU Enlargement and Neighbourhood Region

Smart Specialisation (Innovation) framework for the EU

Massive Open Online Course (MOOC)

The MOOC explores Smart Specialisation Strategy (S3) design phases, tailoring them to each territory. It covers 7 modules, sharing guidance, methods, and practical examples from the Enlargement and Neighbourhood region.

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