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For innovation stakeholders, Who wish to enhance regional innovation policy, **OMEN** is an EU project that will compare and carry out benchmarking activities in six European regions.

Unlike other purely investigative initiatives, **OMEN** will produce validated, pragmatic policy recommendations and address key regional policy makers in the European Union.

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European regions still suffer from a lack of effective and verifiable methodologies and tools to assess the impact of regional research and innovation policy.

The objective of OMEN is to address this issue by developing a methodological instrument that will clearly assess the achievements reached by regional innovation policies and provide policy makers with feedback and recommendations, highlighting and addressing the weaknesses that still hinder the development of competitiveness.



OMEN will address the following issues:

- Understand the constraints felt by the key actors involved in regional innovation;
- Bring these problems to the attention of regional authorities in charge of innovation strategy planning and implementation;
- Bring together policy makers and key innovator groups to discuss specific innovation issues of common interest;
- Transform all suggestions, comments and relevant issues into concrete regional innovation policy.



OMEN key actions include:

- **Regional Round Tables** - to guarantee the exchange of ideas and needs amongst all key regional innovation actors and ensure that the results of OMEN are integrated into mainstream policies;
- **White Paper** - a final report will summarise the status of innovation policy in the six OMEN partner regions and produce concrete innovation policy recommendations;
- **New Benchmarking Indicators** - the core objective of OMEN will be the formulation of new qualitative benchmarking indicators for regional innovation.

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