

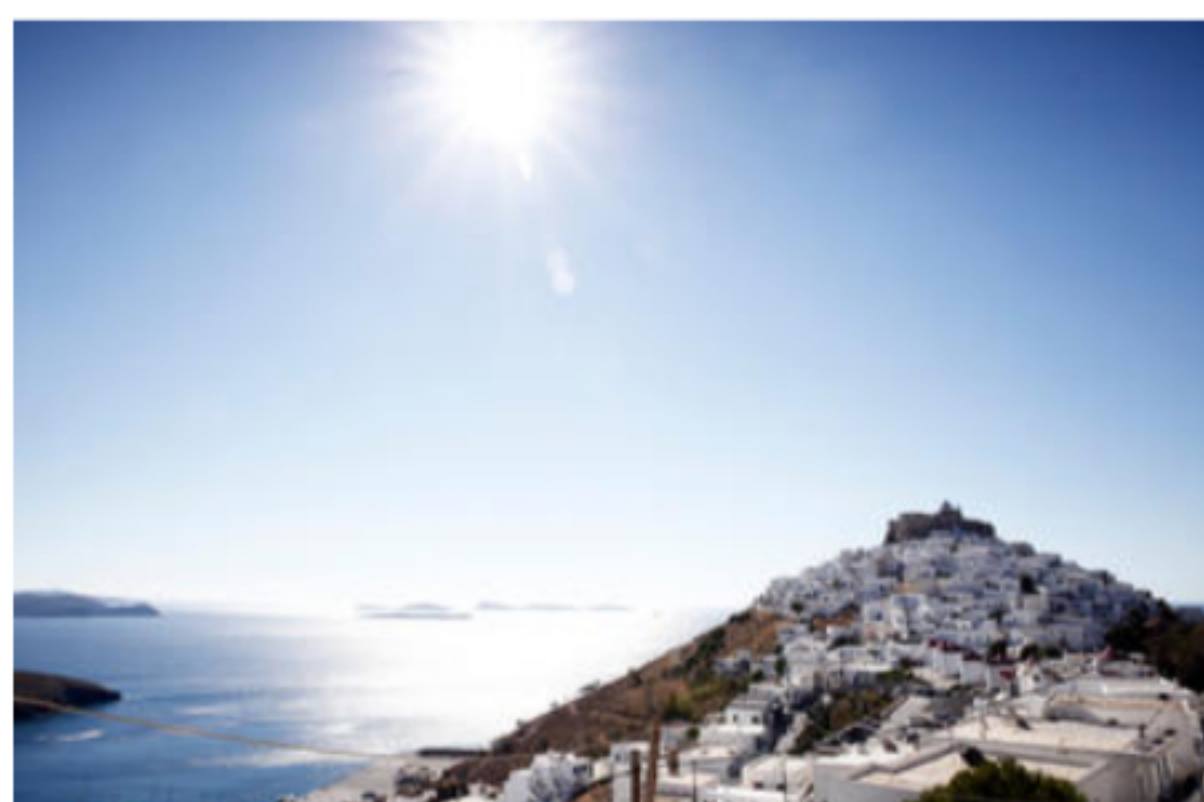


The Balkans at the forefront

After years in which universities and research institutes in South-Eastern Europe have struggled to attract and retain talent from the region, often emigrating to Western Europe, cohesion policy investments seek to at least partially reverse this trend by funding the creation of new cutting-edge research centres and flagship projects. Is this strategy working?



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In Gabrovo, in central Bulgaria, the "Centre of Competence" was designed to forge links between academia and the business world and to foster innovation. The Centre houses fourteen labs equipped with state-of-the-art research and analysis equipment, in many cases unique to both Bulgaria and the entire Balkan peninsula



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