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## THE INNOVATION SYSTEM IN SPAIN: STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES AND PROPOSALS



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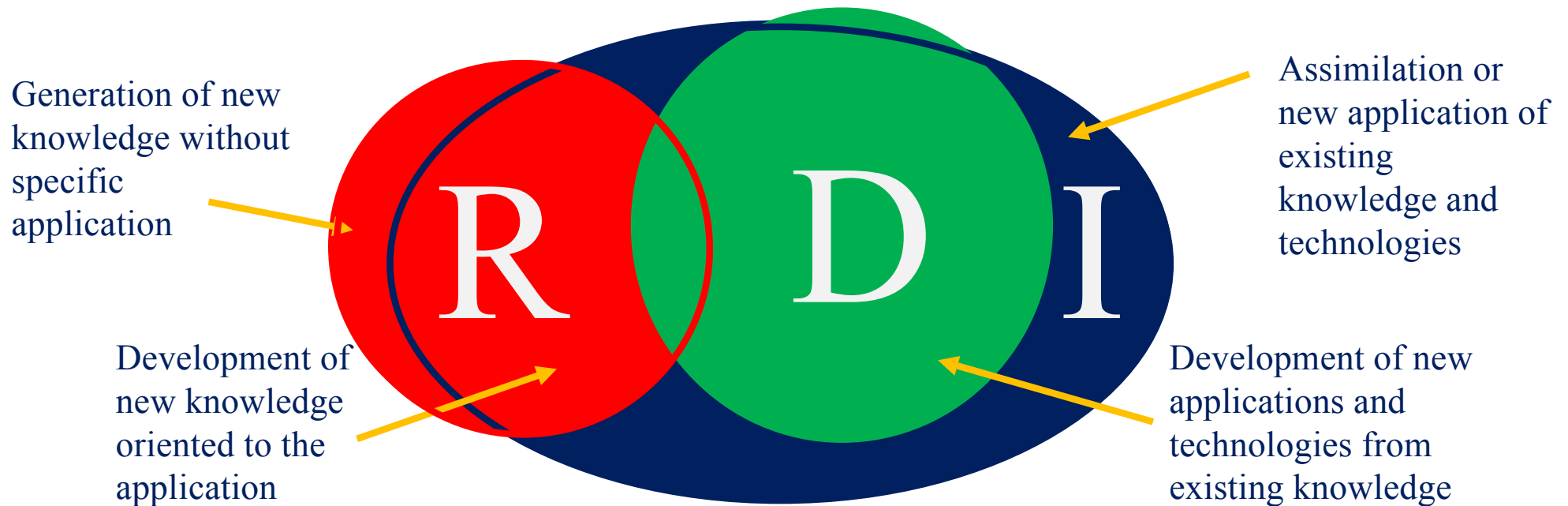
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# Research, Development and Innovation

**Research** transforms resources into knowledge through scientific talent, whereas **Innovation** turns knowledge (scientific, organizational) into wealth and social value, generating resources from organizational and individual talent.





# Categories of innovation

Innovations are divided into three broad categories:

- **Revolutionary, disruptive or discontinuous** that lead to a completely new technology or process that changes one or several markets, industrial sectors and/or social activities
- **Incremental or evolutionary** that progressively lead to small improvements in existing technologies in a continuous optimization process
- **Translational innovations** that appear when an existing technology is transferred to a new application or industrial sector



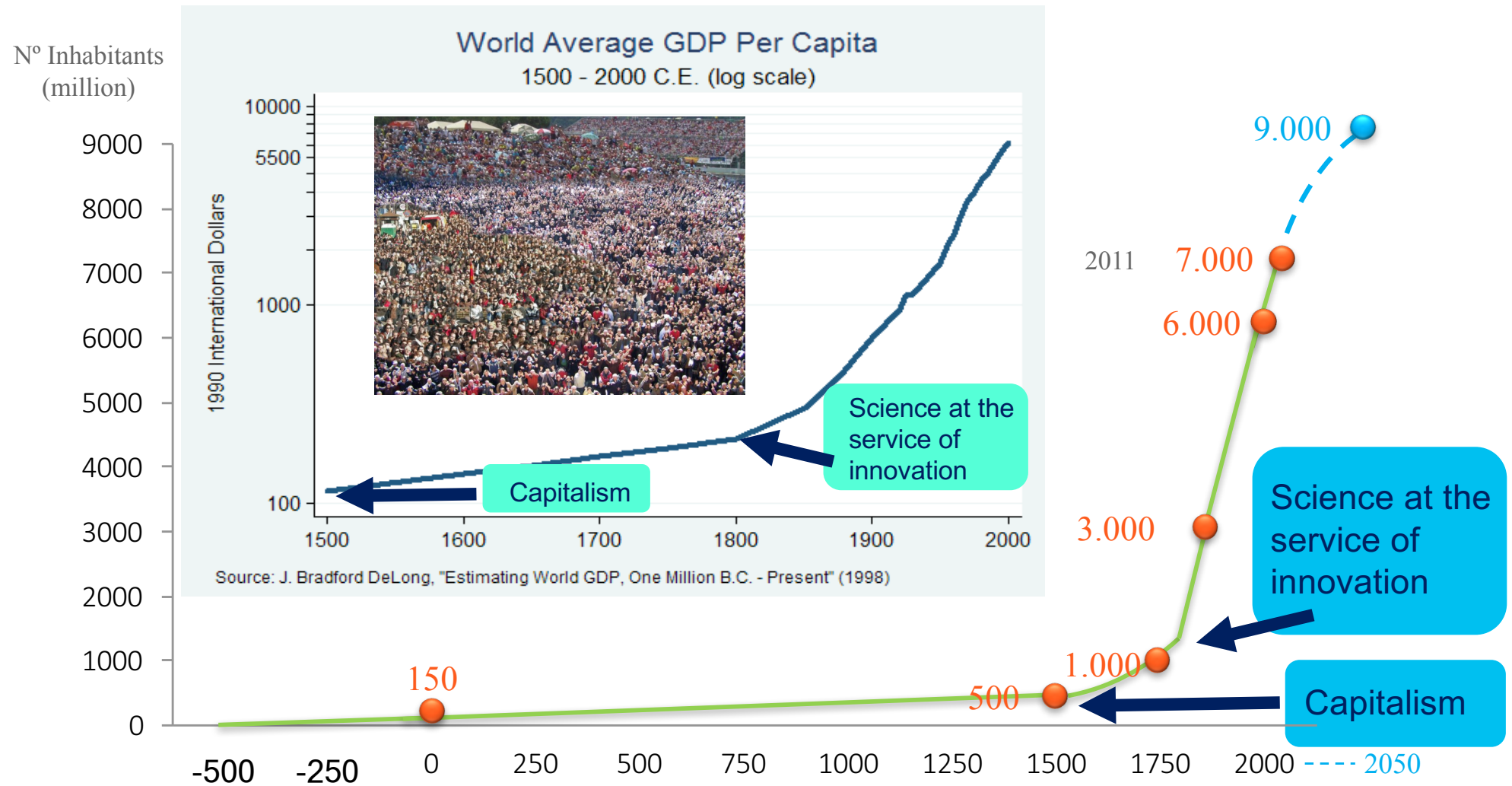
¿Cómo han conseguido sus trabajadores que Audi ahorre 108 millones?

El programa de ideas de la marca batió todos sus récords en 2017, con unas 15.000 propuestas.

Innovation is often divided into five types: **product, process, marketing, organizational and business model**

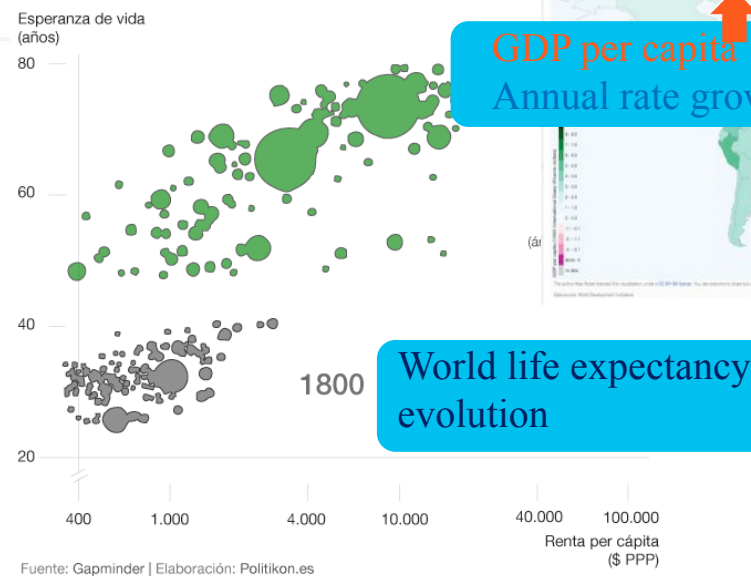
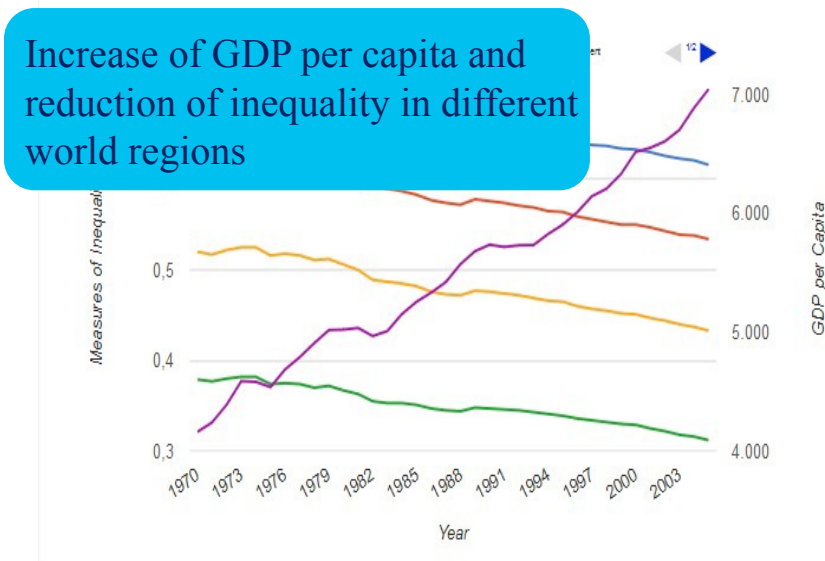
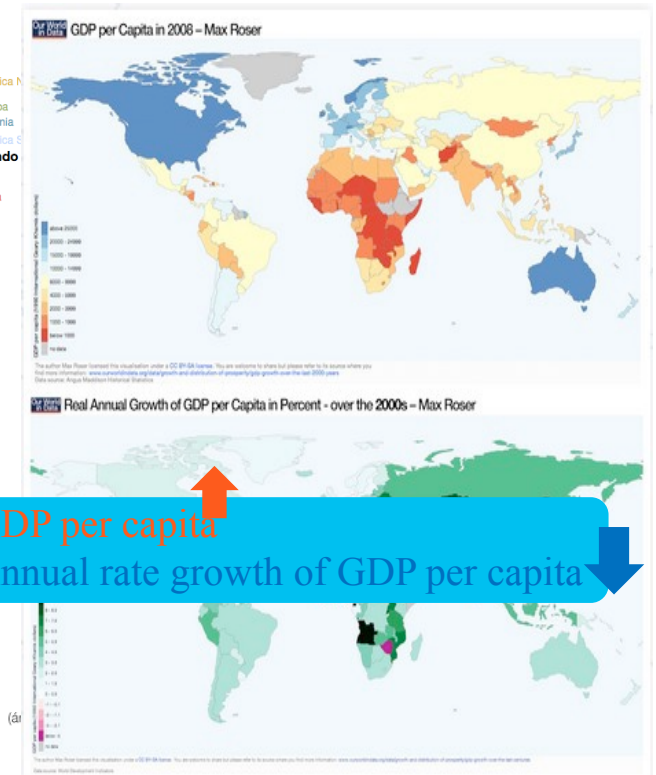
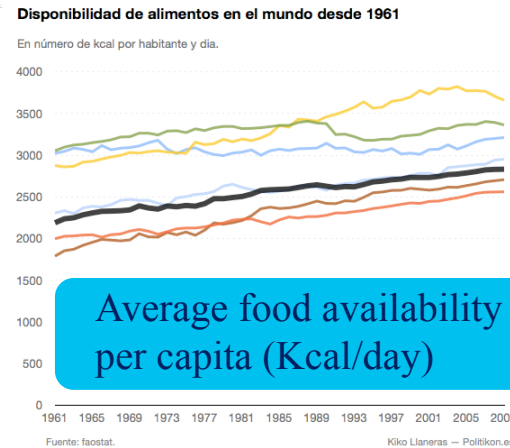
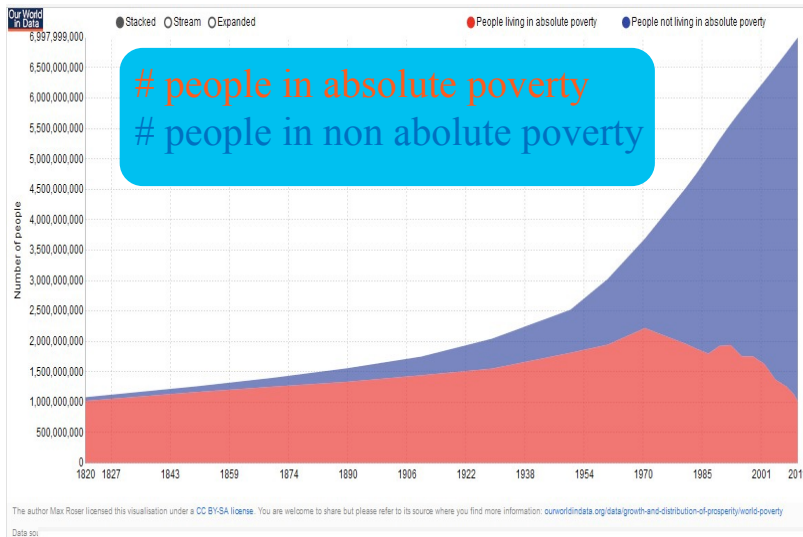
Every action directly or indirectly controlled by humans is susceptible of improvement by innovation

# Innovation, driven by capital risk and Science, has been the main driver of modern human growth ...



Source: National Institute for Demographic Studies (ined).

... positively affecting every indicator of global progress and gradually affecting everybody.





# Innovation is also a must for companies growth and leadership

## Exhibit B: The Top 20 R&D Spenders

The two biggest spenders from 2013, Volkswagen and Samsung, held their positions. Although they dominate this list, the software and Internet sector increased its presence in the top 20 this year.

Companies that have been among the Top 20 R&D Spenders every year since 2005

Rank		Company	R&D Spending		
			2014 US\$ Billions	Change from 2013	As a % of Sales
1	1	Volkswagen	\$13.5	18.9%	5.2%
2	2	Samsung	\$13.4	28.0%	6.4%
3	4	Intel	\$10.6	4.6%	20.1%
4	5	Microsoft	\$10.4	6.1%	13.4%
5	3	Roche	\$10.0	-1.8%	19.8%
6	7	Novartis	\$9.9	5.6%	17.0%
7	6	Toyota	\$9.1	-7.0%	3.5%
8	10	Johnson & Johnson	\$8.2	6.8%	11.5%
9	12	Google	\$8.0	17.1%	13.3%
10	8	Merck & Co.	\$7.5	-8.1%	17.0%
11	11	General Motors	\$7.2	-2.3%	4.6%
12	14	Daimler	\$7.0	4.8%	4.4%
13	9	Pfizer	\$6.7	-15.1%	12.9%
14	30	Amazon	\$6.6	43.8%	8.8%
15	23	Ford	\$6.4	16.4%	4.4%
16	15	Sanofi	\$6.3	0.1%	14.5%
17	13	Honda	\$6.3	-6.6%	5.4%
18	16	IBM	\$6.2	-1.2%	6.2%
19	17	GlaxoSmithKline	\$6.1	-2.4%	14.8%

“..if we want to succeed as a company, we must drive innovation into everything we do: into technology, into safety, into design and into real-world solutions for environmental issues, like the impact of energy usage on our world.”

Chairman Bill Ford's speech, 2005



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# Appearance and global dissemination of new technologies is today the fastest in history and accelerating ...












**Technology is changing our fundamental way of living** (the way we work, we make business, we eat, we move, we keep healthy, we learn and teach, we communicate and interact, ..)

**In the near future this may change the fundamental roots of our species** (more and more machine dependence, human-machine interaction, immersive VR, prosumers, reproduction and aging, collaborative economy, work scarcity,..)

*“Previous technological innovation has always delivered more long-run employment, not less. But things can change”*

(The economist, 2014. The future of jobs. The onrushing wave)



	Automation of knowledge work	Intelligent software systems that can perform knowledge work tasks involving unstructured commands and subtle judgments
	The Internet of Things	Networks of low-cost sensors and actuators for data collection, monitoring, decision making, and process optimization
	Cloud technology	Use of computer hardware and software resources delivered over a network or the Internet, often as a service
	Advanced robotics	Increasingly capable robots with enhanced senses, dexterity, and intelligence used to automate tasks or augment humans
	Autonomous and near-autonomous vehicles	Vehicles that can navigate and operate with reduced or no human intervention
	Next-generation genomics	Fast, low-cost gene sequencing, advanced big data analytics, and synthetic biology ("writing" DNA)
	Energy storage	Devices or systems that store energy for later use, including batteries
	3D printing	Additive manufacturing techniques to create objects by printing layers of material based on digital models
	Advanced materials	Materials designed to have superior characteristics (e.g., strength, weight, conductivity) or functionality
	Advanced oil and gas exploration and recovery	Exploration and recovery techniques that make extraction of unconventional oil and gas economical
	Renewable energy	Generation of electricity from renewable sources with reduced harmful climate impact

SOURCE: McKinsey Global Institute analysis



... keeping the trend of global inequality reduction, but, at the same time, putting our planet in danger.

**A new paradigm of growth is required** to simultaneously reduce pollution, waste and the pressure on natural resources.



**THIS CAN ONLY BE ACHIEVED AGAIN BY THE CONCURRENCY OF RESEARCH, INNOVATION AND SOCIAL AND POLITICAL COMMITMENT**

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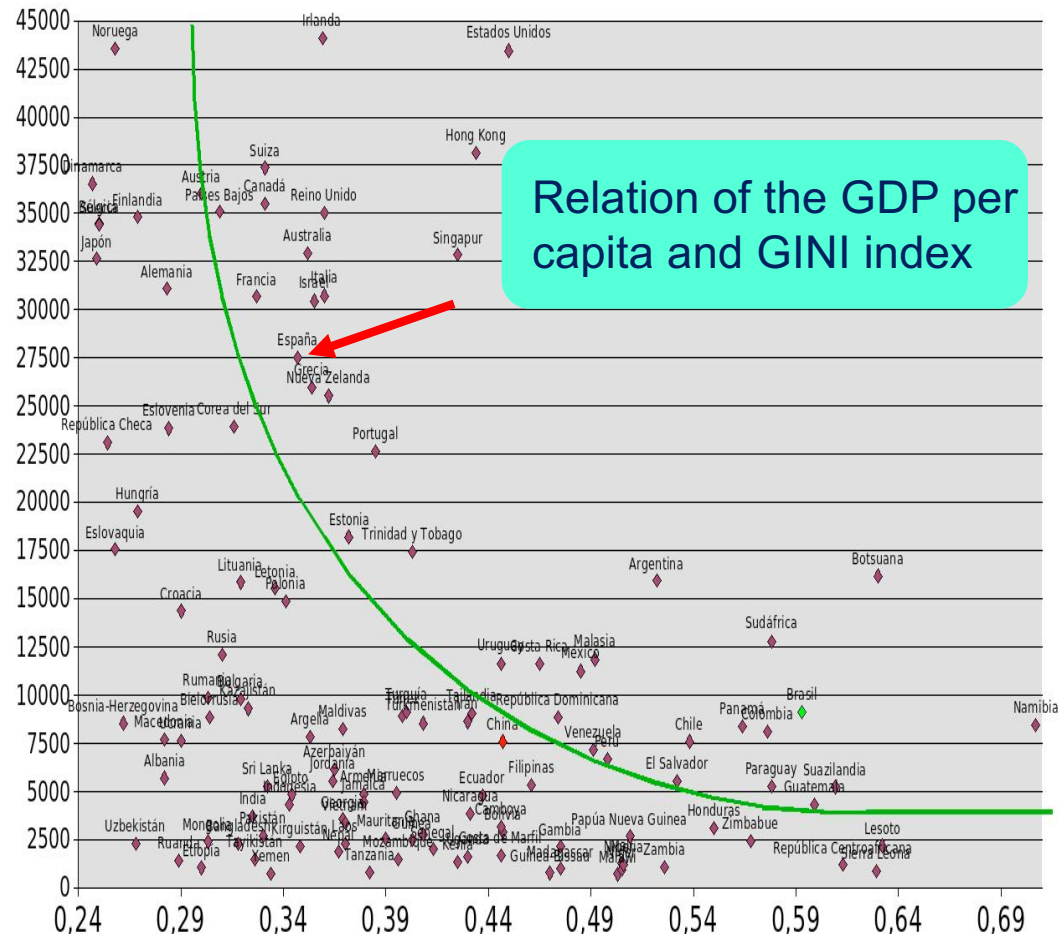
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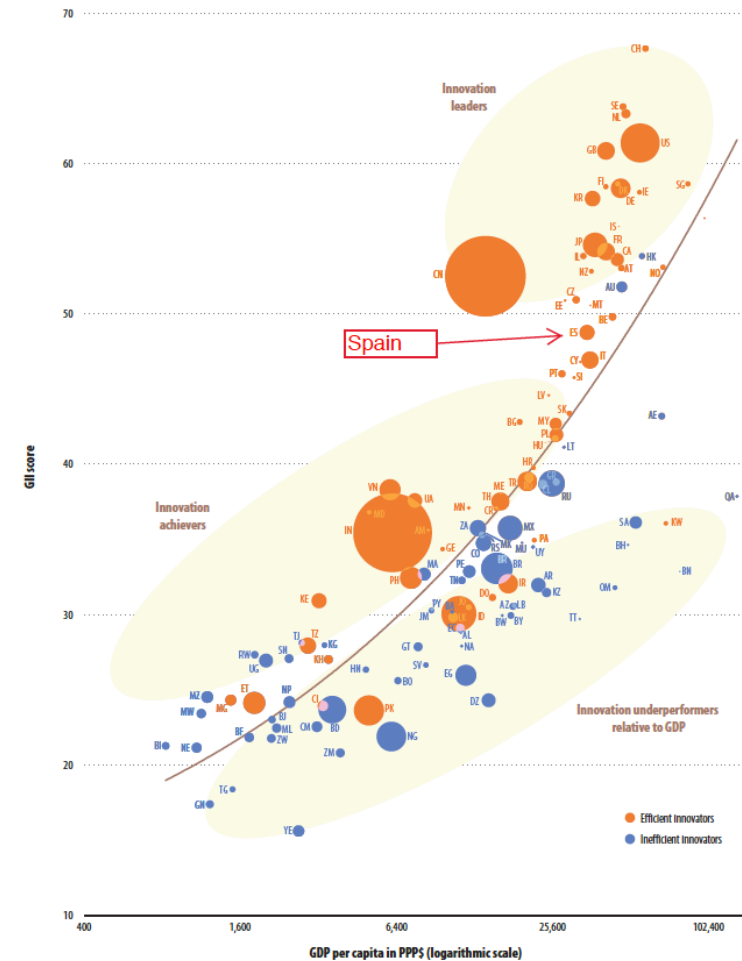
Key takeaways

# Innovation has also demonstrated to be the most relevant driver for countries growth and competitiveness



Relation between GDP per capita at purchasing-power parity and GII of the different countries

Figure 4: GII scores and GDP per capita in PPPs (bubbles sized by population)



Note: 'Efficient innovators' are countries/economies with Innovation Efficiency ratios  $\geq 0.62$ ; 'Inefficient innovators' have ratios  $< 0.62$ ; the trend line is a polynomial of degree three with intercept ( $R^2 = 0.6431$ ).



# How does Spain perform in GII?



Global Innovation Index 2017 rankings

Country/Economy	Score (0-100)	Rank	Income	Rank	Region	Rank	Efficiency Ratio	Rank	Median: 0.62
Switzerland	67.69	1	HI	1	EUR	1	0.95	2	
Sweden	63.82	2	HI	2	EUR	2	0.83	12	
Netherlands	63.36	3	HI	3	EUR	3	0.93	4	
United States of America	61.40	4	HI	4	NAC	1	0.78	21	
United Kingdom	60.89	5	HI	5	EUR	4	0.78	20	
Denmark	58.70	6	HI	6	EUR	5	0.71	34	
Singapore	58.69	7	HI	7	SEAO	1	0.62	63	
Finland	58.49	8	HI	8	EUR	6	0.70	37	
Germany	58.39	9	HI	9	EUR	7	0.84	7	
Ireland	58.13	10	HI	10	EUR	8	0.85	6	
Korea, Rep.	57.70	11	HI	11	SEAO	2	0.82	14	
Luxembourg	56.40	12	HI	12	EUR	9	0.97	1	
Iceland	55.76	13	HI	13	EUR	10	0.86	5	
Japan	54.72	14	HI	14	SEAO	3	0.67	49	
France	54.18	15	HI	15	EUR	11	0.71	35	
Hong Kong (China)	53.88	16	HI	16	SEAO	4	0.61	73	
Israel	53.88	17	HI	17	NAWA	1	0.77	23	
Canada	53.65	18	HI	18	NAC	2	0.64	59	
Norway	53.14	19	HI	19	EUR	12	0.66	51	
Austria	53.10	20	HI	20	EUR	13	0.69	41	
New Zealand	52.87	21	HI	21	SEAO	5	0.65	56	
China	52.54	22	UM	1	SEAO	6	0.94	3	
Australia	51.83	23	HI	22	SEAO	7	0.60	76	
Czech Republic	50.98	24	HI	23	EUR	14	0.83	13	
Estonia	50.93	25	HI	24	EUR	15	0.79	19	
Malta	50.60	26	HI	25	EUR	16	0.84	8	
Belgium	49.85	27	HI	26	EUR	17	0.67	47	
<b>Spain</b>	<b>48.81</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>HI</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>EUR</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>0.70</b>	<b>36</b>	
Italy	46.96	29	HI	28	EUR	19	0.73	31	
Cyprus	46.84	30	HI	29	NAWA	2	0.74	28	
Portugal	46.05	31	HI	30	EUR	20	0.71	33	
Slovenia	45.80	32	HI	31	EUR	21	0.68	44	
Latvia	44.61	33	HI	32	EUR	22	0.74	26	
Slovakia	43.43	34	HI	33	EUR	23	0.75	25	
United Arab Emirates	43.24	35	HI	34	NAWA	3	0.49	104	
Bulgaria	42.84	36	UM	2	EUR	24	0.80	15	
Malaysia	42.72	37	UM	3	SEAO	8	0.68	46	
Poland	41.99	38	HI	35	EUR	25	0.67	48	
Hungary	41.74	39	HI	36	EUR	26	0.73	30	
Lithuania	41.17	40	HI	37	EUR	27	0.59	84	
Croatia	39.80	41	HI	38	EUR	28	0.66	52	
Romania	39.16	42	UM	4	EUR	29	0.69	39	
Turkey	38.90	43	UM	5	NAWA	4	0.84	9	
Greece	38.85	44	HI	39	EUR	30	0.56	87	
Russian Federation	38.76	45	UM	6	EUR	31	0.61	75	
Chile	38.70	46	HI	40	LCN	1	0.60	77	
Viet Nam	38.34	47	LM	1	SEAO	9	0.84	10	
Montenegro	38.07	48	UM	7	EUR	32	0.63	62	
Qatar	37.90	49	HI	41	NAWA	5	0.61	68	
Ukraine	37.62	50	LM	2	EUR	33	0.83	11	
Thailand	37.57	51	UM	8	SEAO	10	0.75	24	
Mongolia	37.13	52	LM	3	SEAO	11	0.74	27	
Costa Rica	37.09	53	UM	9	LCN	2	0.69	43	
Moldova, Rep.	36.84	54	LM	4	EUR	34	0.78	22	
Saudi Arabia	36.17	55	HI	42	NAWA	6	0.53	96	
Kuwait	36.10	56	HI	43	NAWA	7	0.79	18	
South Africa	35.80	57	UM	10	SSF	1	0.53	97	
Mexico	35.79	58	UM	11	LCN	3	0.61	74	
Armenia	35.65	59	LM	5	NAWA	8	0.80	17	
India	35.47	60	LM	6	CSA	1	0.66	53	
TFYR of Macedonia	35.43	61	UM	12	EUR	35	0.59	80	
Serbia	35.34	62	UM	13	EUR	36	0.61	67	
Panama	34.98	63	UM	14	LCN	4	0.69	38	
Mauritius	34.82	64	UM	15	SSF	2	0.48	109	

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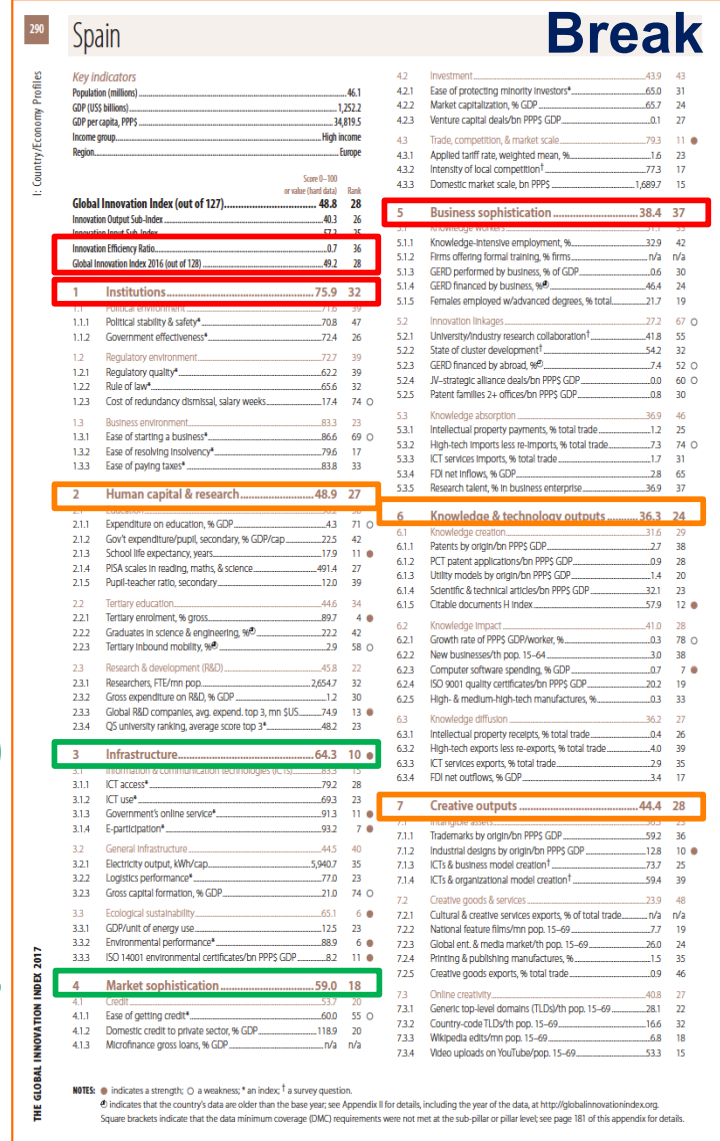
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14th Global GDP, 32nd GDP per capita

## Break down



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# Some strengths of the Spanish Innovation System

## Strengths:

- **RDI capacities** available in Universities, PROs, and R&D centers
- **Number of researchers and RDI personnel** with critical mass of scientists and technicians in some areas
- **Quality** and international **impact of the scientific production**, especially in certain areas
- Advanced **scientific** and technological **Infrastructures**
- Increasing **social appreciation of science** and researchers
- Scientific, technological and business **leadership in strategic areas** (biotechnology, energy, ICT, etc.)
- **Advanced communications infrastructures**
- **High percentage of population with tertiary education**
- High percentage of **BERD funded by government** (this indicator should be taken with care if we consider the actual budget executed)
- **Intensive use of ICT** in government and population, although not as much in companies
- **Good environmental indicators**

## Innovation in Spain – Relative Competitive Position

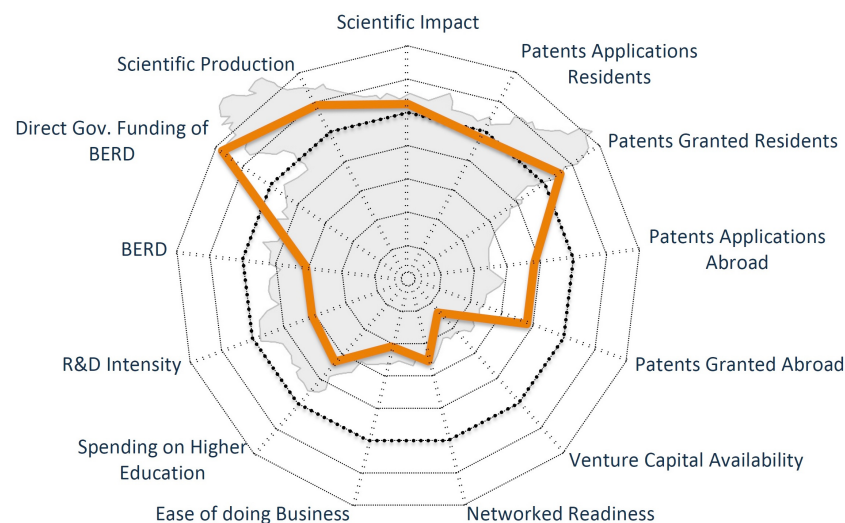


FIGURA 1.33

**Primeros 20 países en producción, productividad y calidad.**  
De entre los 30 primeros en producción.

Fuente: Elaboración propia, Scimago (marzo 2017) e INE-ONU población mundial.

Producción. Nº de documentos (2014).				Productividad. Documentos por mil hab. (2014).				Calidad. Nº de citas por documento (2013).			
POS.	DIF. 2004	PAÍS		POS.	DIF. 2004	PAÍS		POS.	DIF. 2004	PAÍS	
1º		Estados Unidos		1º		Suiza		1º		Suiza	
2º		China		2º	+1	Dinamarca		2º	+1	Países Bajos	
3º		Reino Unido		3º	-1	Suecia		3º	-1	Dinamarca	
4º		Alemania		4º		Noruega		4º	+3	Bélgica	
5º		Japón		5º	+1	Australia		5º	-1	Suecia	
6º	+5	India		6º	-1	Países Bajos		6º	-1	Reino Unido	
7º	-1	Francia		7º		Reino Unido		7º	+5	Austria	
8º		Italia		8º	+1	Bélgica		8º		Noruega	
9º	-2	Canadá		9º	-1	Canadá		9º	+2	Australia	
10º		Australia		10º		Austria		10º	-5	Estados Unidos	
11º	-2	<b>España</b>		11º	+8	Portugal		11º	-3	Canadá	
12º	+1	Corea del Sur		12º	+5	Chequia		12º	+3	Alemania	
13º	+2	Brasil		13º	-1	Alemania		13º	+1	Italia	
14º		Holanda		14º	-2	Estados Unidos		14º	-2	Francia	
15º	-3	Rusia		15º		<b>España</b>		15º	+4	<b>España</b>	
16º	+18	Irán		16º	-3	Francia		16º	+5	Portugal	
17º	-1	Suiza		17º	-3	Taiwán		17º	+9	Corea del Sur	
18º	-1	Taiwán		18º	-2	Italia		18º	+13	Chequia	
19º	+1	Turquía		19º	+1	Corea del Sur		19º	+5	Japón	
20º	-1	Polonia		20º	+1	Polonia		20º	+7	Taiwán	

# However, Spain is not a world champion in innovation.

## Symptoms of this disease

### Symptoms:

- Low productivity
- Low salaries
- High unemployment
- Low level of education demonstrated by most indicators
- Poor performance of Spanish universities in international rankings
- Poor performance in technological output (patents, high-tech goods and exports, ICT services export,...)

### 5.2.5 Patent families filed in two offices

Number of patent families filed by residents in at least two offices (per billion PPP GDP) | 2013

Rank	Country/Economy	Value	Score (0-100)	Percent rank
1	Finland	9.39	100.00	0.97
2	Japan	15.53	100.00	0.97
3	Korea, Rep.	16.31	100.00	0.97
4	Switzerland	10.55	100.00	0.97
5	Sweden	8.81	93.74	0.97
6	Malta	8.76	93.29	0.96
7	Luxembourg	8.42	89.61	0.95
8	Israel	8.02	85.39	0.94
9	Denmark	7.96	84.74	0.93
10	Germany	6.66	70.95	0.92
11	Netherlands	6.17	65.70	0.92
12	Iceland	5.10	54.28	0.91
13	United States of America	4.95	52.70	0.90
14	Austria	4.90	52.14	0.89
15	New Zealand	4.75	50.38	0.88
16	France	3.90	41.53	0.87
17	Belgium	3.79	40.32	0.86
18	Canada	2.90	30.85	0.86
19	Singapore	2.79	29.73	0.85
20	Ireland	2.55	27.15	0.84
21	United Kingdom	2.52	26.81	0.83
22	Cyprus	2.39	25.46	0.82
23	Norway	2.22	23.64	0.81
24	Slovenia	1.97	21.02	0.81
25	Italy	1.77	18.82	0.80
26	Hong Kong (China)	1.26	13.44	0.79
27	Estonia	1.05	11.20	0.78
28	Australia	1.05	11.20	0.78
29	Spain	0.79	9.82	0.76
30	Czech Republic	0.74	8.40	0.75
31	Portugal	0.73	8.37	0.75
32	South Africa	0.69	7.31	0.73
33	Ukraine	0.57	6.07	0.72
34	Turkey	0.55	5.82	0.71
35	Latvia	0.53	5.63	0.70
36	Armenia	0.52	5.52	0.69
37	Hungary	0.47	5.01	0.69
38	Belarus	0.45	4.77	0.68
39	Poland	0.44	4.68	0.67
40	Greece	0.40	4.30	0.66
41	Lithuania	0.39	4.17	0.65
42	India	0.32	3.46	0.64
43	Slovakia	0.31	3.32	0.64
44	Malaysia	0.27	2.91	0.63
45	Bulgaria	0.27	2.84	0.62
46	Moldova, Rep.	0.24	2.55	0.61
47	Montenegro (2012)	0.23	2.43	0.60
48	Chile	0.22	2.34	0.59
49	Russian Federation	0.21	2.26	0.58
50	Saudi Arabia	0.20	2.11	0.58
51	Niger	0.18	1.92	0.57
52	Mauritius	0.18	1.91	0.56
53	Burundi (2009)	0.17	1.82	0.55
54	Jamaica	0.17	1.80	0.54
55	Bosnia and Herzegovina	0.16	1.68	0.53
56	Kazakhstan	0.16	1.66	0.53
57	Serbia	0.15	1.55	0.52
58	Namibia	0.14	1.44	0.51
59	Uruguay	0.13	1.41	0.50
60	Brunei Darussalam	0.13	1.37	0.49
61	Croatia	0.13	1.34	0.48
62	Chile (2013)	0.12	1.28	0.47
63	Paraguay	0.11	1.13	0.47

SOURCE: World Intellectual Property Organization, Intellectual Property Statistics; International Monetary Fund, World Economic Outlook Database, October 2016 (PPPs GDP)  
NOTE: ■ indicates a strength; ○ a weakness

### 6.2.5 High-tech and medium-high-tech output

High-tech and medium-high-tech output (% of total manufactures output) | 2014

Rank	Country/Economy	Value	Score (0-100)	Percent rank
1	Switzerland	0.65	100.00	1.00
2	Singapore	0.65	99.72	0.99
3	Hungary	0.58	88.91	0.98
4	Slovakia	0.58	88.38	0.97
5	Ireland (2013)	0.55	84.74	0.96
6	Germany	0.54	83.01	0.95
7	Czech Republic	0.52	79.97	0.94
8	Korea, Rep.	0.52	79.79	0.93
9	Japan (2013)	0.50	76.49	0.92
10	Slovenia	0.47	71.88	0.91
11	Sweden	0.46	69.58	0.90
12	Qatar (2013)	0.44	66.55	0.89
13	United States of America (2008)	0.43	65.58	0.88
14	China (2013)	0.43	65.36	0.87
15	Austria	0.43	65.07	0.86
16	Mexico (2013)	0.42	63.52	0.85
17	Denmark	0.42	62.85	0.84
18	Philippines (2012)	0.41	61.96	0.83
19	Thailand (2011)	0.41	61.60	0.82
20	Netherlands	0.39	58.47	0.81
21	Brazil (2013)	0.38	57.40	0.80
22	Finland	0.38	56.54	0.79
23	France	0.37	55.87	0.78
24	Oman	0.37	55.05	0.77
25	United Kingdom	0.36	54.58	0.76
26	Italy	0.36	54.41	0.75
27	Romania (2013)	0.36	54.14	0.74
28	Malaysia (2012)	0.36	53.58	0.73
29	Saudi Arabia (2009)	0.36	53.41	0.72
30	Estonia	0.35	52.93	0.71
31	Belgium	0.35	51.45	0.69
32	Norway	0.33	49.71	0.68
33	Poland	0.32	47.45	0.67
34	Iran, Islamic Rep.	0.31	45.50	0.65
35	Tajikistan (2013)	0.30	44.06	0.64
36	Canada	0.29	43.52	0.63
37	Algeria (2010)	0.29	42.91	0.62
38	India	0.29	42.82	0.61
39	Bolivia	0.29	42.02	0.60
40	Morocco (2013)	0.28	41.86	0.59
41	Indonesia (2013)	0.28	41.69	0.58
42	South Africa (2010)	0.27	40.07	0.57
43	Serbia	0.27	38.87	0.56
44	Viet Nam (2012)	0.26	38.22	0.55
45	Portugal	0.26	37.95	0.54
46	Turkey	0.25	36.70	0.53
47	Australia (2013)	0.25	36.59	0.52
48	Malta (2010)	0.24	35.60	0.51
49	Russian Federation	0.24	35.52	0.50
50	Pakistan (2006)	0.24	34.36	0.50
51	Hong Kong (China)	0.23	32.67	0.49
52	Ecuador	0.22	31.63	0.48
53	Lebanon (2007)	0.22	30.81	0.47
54	Jordan (2013)	0.21	30.81	0.47
55	Ukraine	0.20	29.23	0.46
56	Bulgaria	0.20	28.58	0.45
57	Colombia (2012)	0.20	28.49	0.44
58	TR of Macedonia (2011)	0.20	27.77	0.43
59	Egypt (2013)	0.19	27.45	0.42
60	Lithuania	0.19	26.21	0.41
61	Luxembourg	0.18	25.40	0.40
62	Chile (2013)	0.17	23.85	0.39
63	Senegal (2012)	0.16	21.60	0.38

SOURCE: United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), Industrial Statistics Database; 3- and 4-digit level of International Standard Industrial Classification (ISC) Revision 3 (INDUSTAT 2016); OECD, Directorate for Science, Technology and Industry; Economic Analysis and Statistics Division, "ISC-Rev 3 Technology Intensity Definitions: Classification of Manufacturing Industries into Categories Based on R&D Intensity", 7 July 2011  
NOTE: ■ indicates a strength; ○ a weakness

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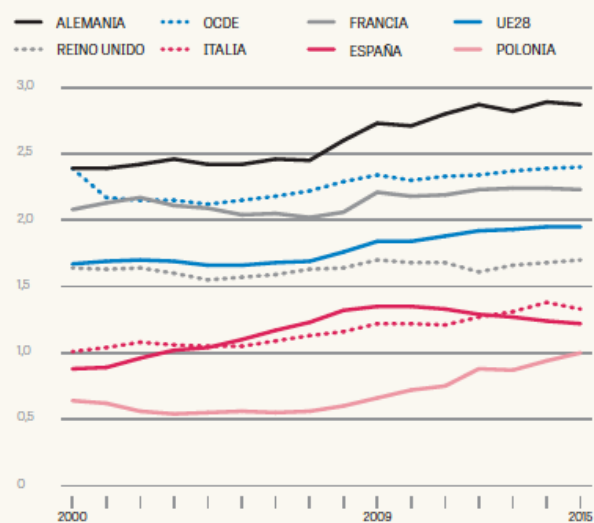
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Key takeaways

# Diagnosis. Main weaknesses of the governance and socio-economic environment

- **Poor education** at all levels and **without match** with companies' needs
- **Low social recognition of research**, despite the good opinion on Science and scientists
- **Absence of a long-term RDI strategy** and low priority of the RDI policy in the administration

● FIGURA 1.9 A  
Esfuerzo total en I+D en España y países seleccionados, y diferencia con promedio UE28 y OCDE, 2000-2015. Como porcentaje del PIB.  
Fuente: "Main Science and Technology Indicators, Vol.2016/2" (OCDE 2017) y elaboración propia.



## 2.3.2 Gross expenditure on R&D (GERD)

Rank	Country/Economy	Value	Score (0-100)	Percent rank
1	Israel	4.30	100.00	1.00
2	Korea, Rep.	4.23	98.40	0.99
3	Japan	3.49	81.17	0.98
4	Sweden	3.28	76.24	0.97
5	Austria	3.10	71.91	0.96
6	Denmark	3.02	70.12	0.95
7	Switzerland (2012)	2.97	68.87	0.94
8	Finland	2.93	68.01	0.94
9	Germany	2.88	66.89	0.93
10	United States of America	2.80	65.04	0.92
11	Belgium	2.46	57.06	0.91
12	France	2.23	51.63	0.90
13	Iceland	2.22	51.34	0.89
14	Slovenia	2.21	51.30	0.88
15	Singapore (2014)	2.20	50.91	0.87
16	Australia (2013)	2.20	50.89	0.86
17	China	2.09	48.51	0.85
18	Netherlands	2.01	46.52	0.84
19	Czech Republic	1.98	45.91	0.83
20	Norway	1.93	44.59	0.83
21	United Kingdom	1.71	39.50	0.82
22	Canada (2014)	1.61	37.29	0.81
23	Ireland (2014)	1.55	35.71	0.80
24	Estonia	1.48	34.18	0.79
25	Hungary	1.39	32.07	0.78
26	Italy	1.34	30.87	0.77
27	Luxembourg	1.29	29.70	0.76
28	Portugal	1.28	29.43	0.75
29	Malaysia (2014)	1.20	29.11	0.74
30	Spain	1.22	28.08	0.73
31	Slovakia	1.19	27.36	0.72
32	Brazil (2014)	1.17	26.91	0.72
33	New Zealand (2013)	1.15	26.59	0.71
34	Russian Federation	1.13	26.06	0.70
35	Lithuania	1.04	23.93	0.69
36	Poland	1.01	23.20	0.68
37	Turkey (2014)	1.01	23.14	0.67
38	Bulgaria	0.98	22.54	0.66
39	Greece	0.96	21.97	0.65
40	Serbia	0.88	20.20	0.64
41	United Arab Emirates	0.87	19.85	0.63
42	Croatia	0.85	19.57	0.62
43	India (2011)	0.83	19.05	0.61
44	Saudi Arabia (2013)	0.82	18.73	0.61
45	Kenya (2010)	0.79	17.99	0.60
46	Malta (2014)	0.76	17.44	0.59
47	Hong Kong (China) (2014)	0.74	16.93	0.58
48	South Africa (2013)	0.73	16.59	0.57
49	Egypt	0.72	16.51	0.56
50	Morocco (2010)	0.71	16.32	0.55
51	Tunisia (2014)	0.65	14.92	0.54
52	Thailand	0.63	14.24	0.53
53	Latvia	0.62	14.23	0.52
54	Ukraine	0.62	14.06	0.51
55	Argentina (2014)	0.61	13.95	0.50
56	Ethiopia (2013)	0.60	13.76	0.50
57	Costa Rica (2014)	0.58	13.28	0.49
58	Mali (2010)	0.58	13.27	0.48
59	Mexico	0.55	12.51	0.47
60	Botswana (2013)	0.54	12.27	0.46
61	Senegal (2010)	0.54	12.27	0.45
62	Tanzania, United Rep. (2013)	0.53	12.00	0.44
63	Belarus	0.52	11.71	0.43
64	Romania	0.49	11.03	0.42

SOURCE: UNESCO Institute for Statistics, UIS online database  
NOTE: ● indicates a strength; ○ a weakness

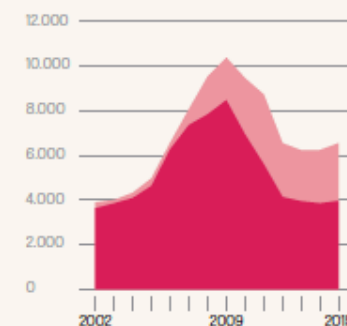
● FIGURA 2.4

## Política 46 (Investigación, Desarrollo e Innovación). 2002-2015.

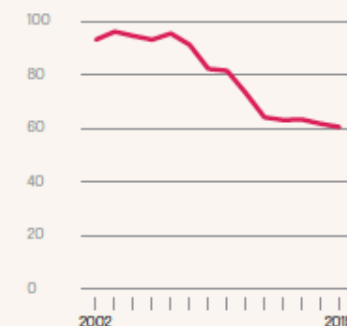
Fuente: Elaboración propia a partir de los Informes de Liquidación de los Presupuestos de 2002 a 2014 de la Intervención General de la Administración del Estado (IGAE). La IGAE ha facilitado a Cotec los datos correspondientes a 2015, a pesar de no haberse publicado todavía el Informe de Liquidación de ese año.

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## Presupuesto vs Ejecución. En millones de €.



## Porcentaje de ejecución.

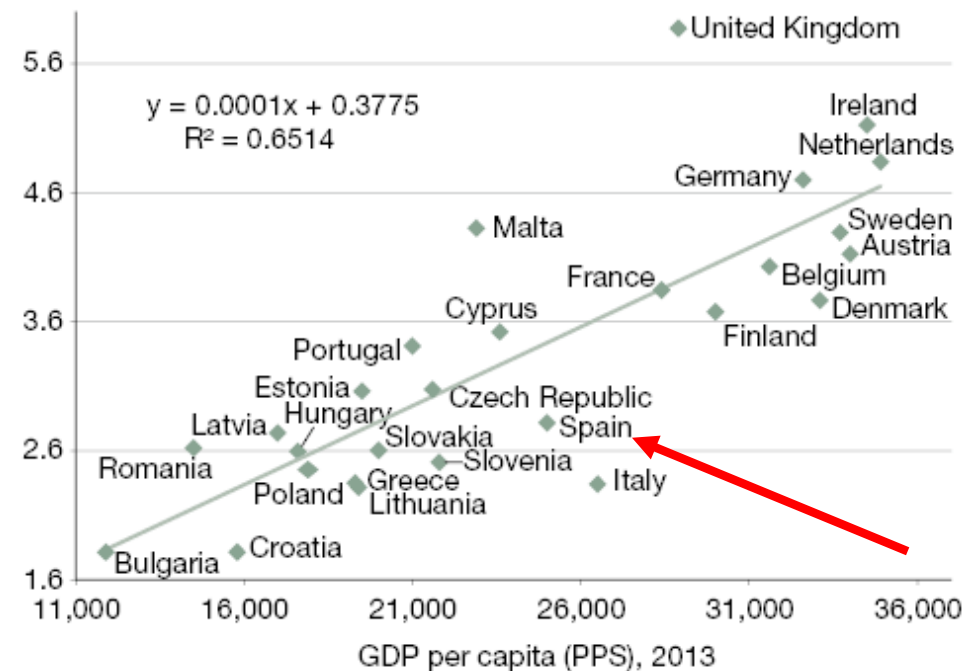




# Diagnosis. Main weaknesses of the governance and socio-economic environment

- **Bad coordination with Europe and between autonomous regions** (repetitions, poor complementarity, no differentiation policies and significant regional disparities, ...)
- **Very rigid management** (e.g. justification not based on results but on fulfilment of the initial budget, difficulties in changing objectives and budget application, contracts, purchase, ..)
- **Difficulties for creating new companies** (burocracy, financing, tax policy,...)
- **Difficulties in the promotion of emergent technologies** (regulation, tax policy, public spending not used as attractor of innovation, ...) (e.g. new ways of energy production, microfluidics, ...)
- **Poor policy for talent attraction and retention** (recognition, incentives, continuity, ...)

Country capacity to attract talent (on 1-7 scale), 2014-15



# Diagnosis. Main weaknesses of Spanish companies regarding Innovation

- R&D is not considered an essential component of innovation by most Spanish companies. As consequence the BERD and R&D employment are much lower than the European average.
- Absence or poor innovation and IP protection strategies
- Poor management of R&D projects (organization, professionals)
- Few sufficiently flexible finance instruments for technology-based companies despite the many funding players (SME-instruments, NEOTEC)



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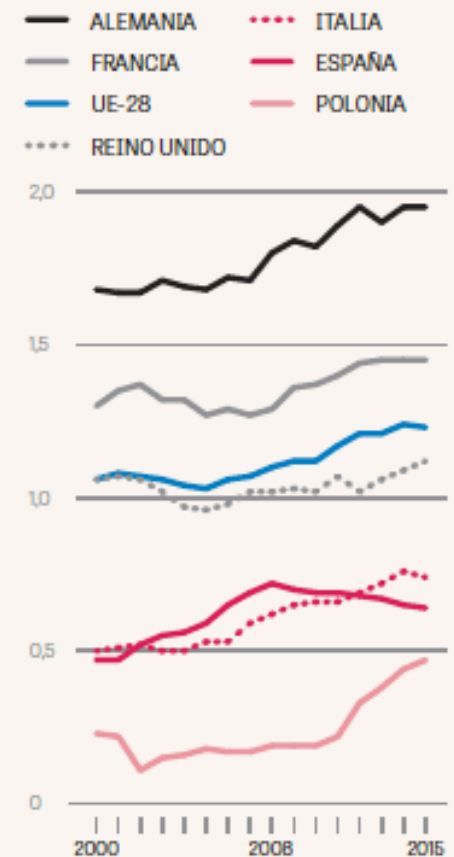


FIGURA 1.26

**Gasto empresarial en I+D como porcentaje del PIB.**

España, UE-28 y países seleccionados, 2000 – 2015.

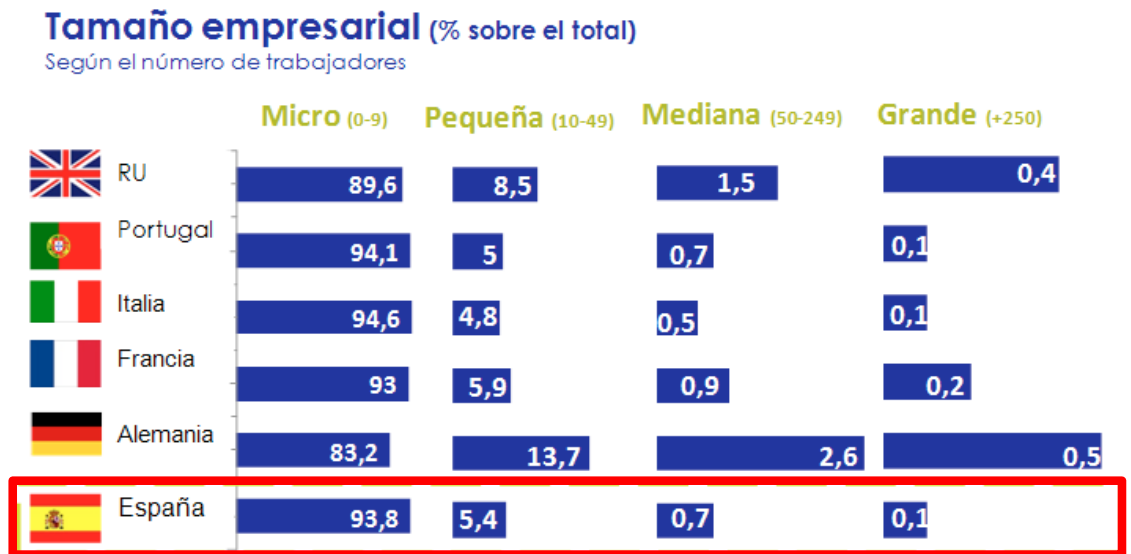
Fuente: "Main Science and Technology Indicators. Volume 2016/2" OCDE (2017).



# Diagnosis. Main weaknesses of Spanish companies regarding Innovation

- **Small average size**
- Low number of businesses involved in RDI systematically.
- Low level of companies digitalization (Ind4.0) and of internationalization, particularly SMEs.

- **Low workers profile**  
(#researchers, #graduates in SEM, #workers in knowledge intensive services, ..)
- Inefficient knowledge management and **low technology-absorption capacity of SMEs**



Fuente: Eurostat (2013) y "Centre for entrepreneurship, SMEs and local development", OECD (2013)

The level of effort in R&D of Spanish companies is half of the European average. In 2015, Spanish companies executed 52.5% of total R&D expenditure, one of the lowest percentages in Europe (63.3% average in 2015)

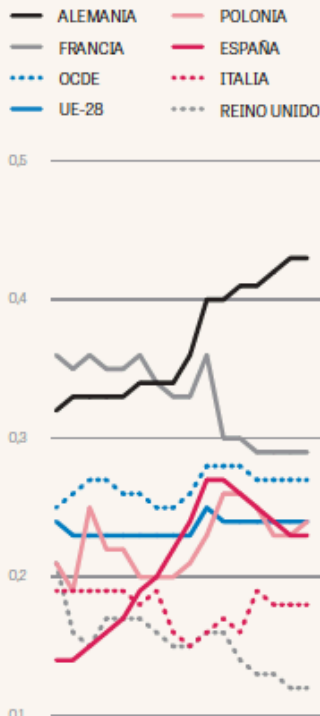


# Diagnosis. Main weaknesses of Spanish universities

● FIGURA 1.16

**Gasto en I+D del sector Administración Pública.**  
Como porcentaje del PIB.  
España, UE-28, OCDE y países seleccionados, 2000 - 2015.

Fuente: "Main Science and Technology Indicators. Volume 2016/2" OCDE (2017).



● FIGURA 1.18

**Investigadores de la Administración Pública (EJC).**  
Por cada mil ocupados.  
España, UE-28, OCDE y países seleccionados, 2000 - 2015.

Fuente: "Main Science and Technology Indicators. Volume 2016/2" OCDE (2017).



● FIGURA 1.15

**Investigadores del sector público (EJC) de las comunidades autónomas por cada mil ocupados, 2015.**

Nota: Sin datos de Navarra. Cifras de población ocupada del 4º trimestre.

Fuente: "Estadística de I+D" (INE, 2016), Contabilidad Regional (INE, 2016) y elaboración propia.

**Administraciones públicas.**



- Low level of investment in public R&D
- Rigidity of the models of governance
- Structures and policies mainly oriented to research output and not to technology production and transfer
- Inappropriate policy of recognition and incentives for TT
- No internal innovation strategy
- No differentiation or specialization strategy
- Absence or inappropriate policy of talent attraction and retention, both for students and staff



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# Diagnosis. Main weaknesses of the Spanish TT system

- Absence or inappropriate policy for IP protection, spin-off creation and services and know-how commercialization
- Weak strategy of TT in most universities with very low involvement of companies
- Few people really involved in TT (IP, commercialization, search of opportunities, ...)
- Based on short term projects and consulting and not in strategic collaborations and/or long-term big projects (new models of knowledge generation – M2 models)
- Absence of co-investment policies with higher risk but with much higher and recurrent pay-back
- Very few real ecosystems with companies, universities technological centers and other institutions
- Barriers to mobility of RDI personnel between public and business sectors

## 5.2.1 University/industry research collaboration

Average answer to the survey question: In your country, to what extent do bus and development (R&D)? [1 = do not collaborate at all; 7 = collaborate extens

Rank	Country/Economy	Value	Score (0-100)	Percent rank	Rank	Country/Economy
1	Switzerland	5.80	80.00	1.00	65	Pakistan
2	Finland	5.72	78.62	0.99	66	Uruguay
3	Israel	5.60	76.67	0.98	67	TFYR of Macedonia
4	United States of America	5.57	76.22	0.98	68	Argentina
5	Netherlands	5.50	75.00	0.97	69	Botswana
6	United Kingdom	5.47	74.51	0.96	70	Madagascar
7	Singapore	5.47	74.47	0.95	71	Bulgaria
8	Germany	5.35	72.52	0.94	72	Panama
9	Belgium	5.26	71.00	0.93	73	Cyprus
10	Qatar	5.23	70.53	0.93	74	Latvia
11	Malaysia	5.20	70.00	0.92	75	Rwanda
12	Sweden	5.16	69.33	0.91	76	Viet Nam
13	Ireland	5.11	68.52	0.90	77	Romania
14	Denmark	4.84	63.99	0.89	78	Slovakia
15	Austria	4.81	63.58	0.89	79	Brunei Darussalam
16	Iceland	4.78	63.05	0.88	80	Poland
17	Japan	4.75	62.54	0.87	81	Côte d'Ivoire
18	New Zealand	4.75	62.50	0.86	82	Mozambique
19	Norway	4.74	62.37	0.85	83	Namibia
20	Luxembourg	4.65	60.83	0.84	84	Brazil
21	Hong Kong (China) (2015)	4.59	59.78	0.84	85	Cameroon
22	Canada	4.58	59.63	0.83	86	Armenia
23	India	4.54	58.93	0.82	87	Mauritius
24	United Arab Emirates	4.51	58.47	0.81	88	Montenegro
25	Kenya	4.46	57.63	0.80	89	Serbia
26	South Africa	4.44	57.36	0.80	90	Mali
27	Indonesia	4.42	57.03	0.79	91	Benin
28	Korea, Rep.	4.36	56.00	0.78	92	Honduras
29	China	4.32	55.27	0.77	93	Morocco
30	Tajikistan	4.31	55.19	0.76	94	Ecuador
31	France	4.29	54.79	0.75	95	Cambodia
32	Australia	4.27	54.49	0.75	96	Albania
33	Lithuania	4.12	51.93	0.74	97	Iran, Islamic Rep.
34	Estonia	4.08	51.37	0.73	98	Tunisia
35	Portugal	4.03	50.46	0.72	99	Hungary
36	Malta	4.00	50.00	0.71	100	Peru
37	Jordan	3.84	47.31	0.70	101	Dominican Republic
38	Ethiopia	3.83	47.19	0.70	102	Trinidad and Tobago
39	Uganda	3.79	46.48	0.69	103	Croatia
40	Thailand	3.77	46.15	0.68	104	Burundi
41	Slovenia	3.76	45.98	0.67	105	Bosnia and Herzegovina
42	Bahrain	3.73	45.44	0.66	106	El Salvador
43	Italy	3.68	44.68	0.66	107	Georgia
44	Russian Federation	3.68	44.63	0.65	108	Algeria
45	Czech Republic	3.66	44.39	0.64	109	Kyrgyzstan
46	Colombia	3.66	44.30	0.63	110	Malawi
47	Senegal	3.64	43.97	0.62	111	Nigeria
48	Lebanon	3.64	43.94	0.61	112	Greece
49	Sri Lanka	3.63	43.83	0.61	113	Kuwait
50	Mexico	3.63	43.75	0.60	114	Mongolia
51	Oman	3.61	43.44	0.59	115	Nepal
52	Azerbaijan	3.56	42.67	0.58	116	Bangladesh
53	Tanzania, United Rep.	3.54	42.28	0.57	117	Moldova, Rep.
54	Spain	3.51	41.77	0.54	118	Zimbabwe
55	Guatemala	3.51	41.77	0.54	119	Paraguay
56	Zambia	3.49	41.42	0.53	120	Bolivia, Plurinational S
57	Philippines	3.48	41.35	0.52	121	Egypt (2015)
58	Turkey	3.47	41.15	0.52	122	Guinea (2015)
59	Chile	3.47	41.14	0.51	123	Yemen
60	Costa Rica	3.45	40.91	0.50	n/a	Belarus
61	Kazakhstan	3.45	40.86	0.49	n/a	Burkina Faso
62	Jamaica	3.45	40.77	0.48	n/a	Niger
63					n/a	Togo

SOURCE: World Economic Forum, Executive Opinion Survey 2016-2017  
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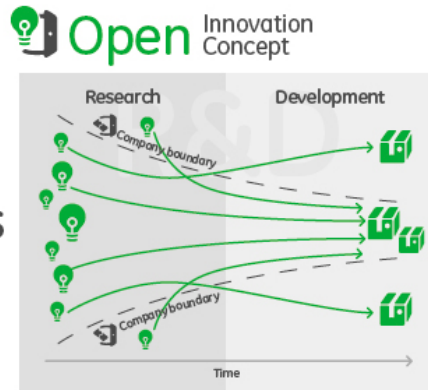


- A pedagogical effort is essential to **gain social recognition of the value of education, R&D, innovation and risk**
- This should be translated in an intense and **stable policy of investment and incentives** at all levels, prioritizing technology creation, transfer and assimilation.

## **Budget fluctuation is worse than scarcity**

- **Major changes in education** are required at all levels, including bigger resources, more innovative methods and mobility promotion
- **Talent creation, attraction and retention** at all levels of education **should be a state priority**
- **Flexibility is also key**, changing the paradigm of bureaucratic fulfilment by exigency on results
- **Coordination and specialization** of countries, regions, universities and companies is essential in this incredibly competitive world with such huge actors
- **Administration should promote and not stop emergent technologies and start-ups** (e.g. regulations, tax policy, venture capital, grants with shared risk, .. )

# A paramount change is needed in the SIS to accomplish the challenges of this new world



- **Size matters in companies** (incentives for moving from SE to ME)
- **Size matters in R&D agents** (strategic networks and consortia including universities, centers of excellence, TT centers and companies is the appropriate ecosystem for innovation)
- An adequate **innovation strategy is a must for any company** independently of its size and possibilities. It is a more a question of culture than money. **If you cannot make research or innovation directly, do it openly or wikily** and, if possible, in a strategic manner within a consortium or cluster
- Use the talent in your organization for **rapidly assimilate and integrate new technologies and innovations**

**Your company is worth the value of your list of clients and of your know-how, so protect them and take care of both**

# A paramount change is needed in the SIS to accomplish the challenges of this new world



- Talent attraction both for students and researchers from everywhere should be the main goal of any University
- An adequate innovation strategy for the institution itself is required
- Universities must promote permanent and strategic collaborations within bigger consortia in big long-term projects
- Professional structures are essential for a proper TT strategy (commercialize R&D results, define a well designed IP protection policy and a proper strategy for spin-off creation favoring long-term payback)
- Long-term investment, sharing risks along the aims of a well defined strategic plan is key in the new economy
- Continuous evaluation of the performance of the institution and its employees as well as their alignment with the global strategy is the only way to advance. Money only buys time if the objectives are clear and assumed by all stakeholders

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The exponential growth of knowledge, technology, information and communication is changing our way of living such that **we can foresee a disruption in our civilization**



Permanent scientific and technological improvements and the resulting **innovation** seem unstoppable, being **the only way for reducing inequalities worldwide while keeping human progress**



As a counterpart, **technology is both partly responsible and the only solution for the challenges that we and our planet face today that seem to worsen in the near future**



This landscape demands to people, companies, institutions and countries permanent adaptation and new capacities for new demands. **Only those with the determination to maintain the effort in R&D, innovation and adaptation will keep the track**



# Key take-aways

Rank	Country	Type	Final Score	Contributions Score	Detractions Score
1	Finland	Schumpeterian	15.6	14.1	13.9
2	Sweden	Schumpeterian	14.2	13.9	11.1
3	United Kingdom	Schumpeterian	13.7	13.7	10.4
4	Singapore	Advanced Asian Tiger	12.3	15.0	5.9
5	Netherlands	Schumpeterian	12.1	9.6	12.4
6	Denmark	Schumpeterian	11.6	13.5	6.2
7	Belgium	EU Continentalist	11.4	9.4	11.3
8	Ireland	EU Continentalist	10.9	8.7	11.2
9	Austria	EU Continentalist	10.5	9.2	9.7
10	United States	Adam Smithian	10.5	8.5	10.4
11	France	EU Continentalist	10.2	10.2	7.8
12	Germany	EU Continentalist	9.4	7.0	10.3
13	Norway	EU Continentalist	9.4	7.8	9.2
14	Japan	Advanced Asian Tiger	9.2	11.3	4.3
15	Taiwan	Advanced Asian Tiger	9.2	12.3	3.1
16	Slovenia	EU Up and Comer	9.0	9.2	6.5
17	Portugal	EU Continentalist	8.8	7.5	8.4
18	Estonia	EU Up and Comer	7.3	4.3	9.5
19	Iceland	EU Continentalist	7.1	9.0	3.0
20	Switzerland	EU Continentalist	6.8	8.8	2.5

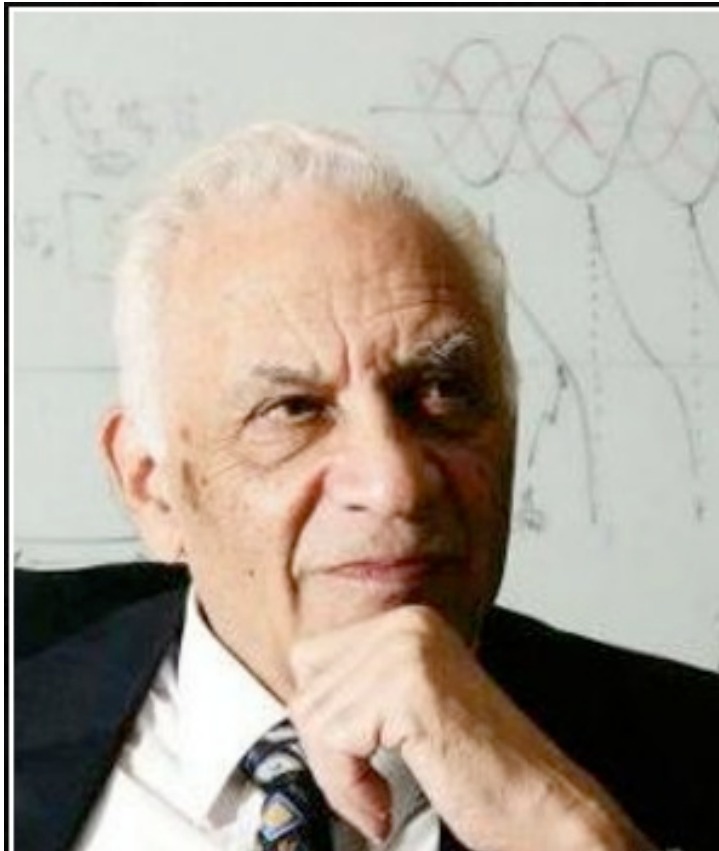
In average, **Spain** and all its agents (administration, universities and companies) **perform poorly in innovation**

A jump in education (scientific, cultural and civic) is the necessary (but not sufficient) condition for the changes required

People talent and commitment as well as efficient organizational structures and rules are the essential ingredients to face world competitiveness

Only a global agreement to change the model of education, talent and effort recognition as well as in the socio-economic priorities would allow our country to reduce the inequality and improve the quality of life in the long term

# Finally, let's be positive



If you think something is impossible,  
don't disturb the person who is  
doing it!

— Amar Bose —

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