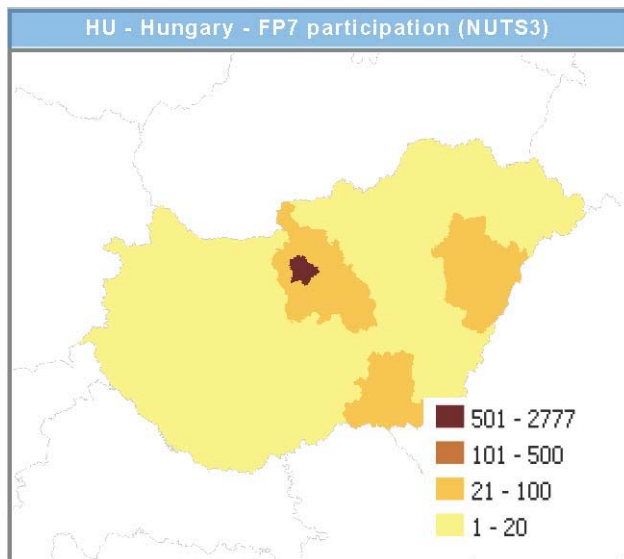




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The Hungarian government committed to an R&D intensity target of 1.8% of GDP by 2020, from 1.15% in 2009. The Science and Innovation Programme, as a chapter in the broader New Széchenyi Plan launched in January 2011, provides an intermediary target of 1.5% by 2015, setting research and innovation (R&I) policy goals and



identifying thematic priorities. It is noticeable that the R&D intensity increased in nominal terms during the financial crises, despite of the economic shrinking, demonstrating the effectiveness of the R&I strategy in Hungary and its overall benefit to the economy. The long-term perspective provided by this target accompanied by a realistic path is therefore much welcome.

However, in a context where the macroeconomic environment in recent years has been unfavourable for the innovation activities of firms, some shortcomings in the R&I policy seem to be caused by frequent reorganisations of the governance. Hungary would benefit from streamlining the portfolio of public support measures for R&I as part of the new prepared innovation strategy and provide therein well-targeted incentive

schemes in support of innovative SMEs in order to ensure that innovative firms have easier access to finance.

Innovation Union Scoreboard position	21 out of 27
R&D intensity target	1.8%
Number of eligible proposals	4.039 in response to 294 FP7 calls for proposals
Number of applicants	5.098 (1.63% of EU-27)
Success rate (EU-27 =21,5%)	20.4%
Rank in number of participants signed contracts (EU-27):	16
Rank in budget share (EU-27)	16
Top collaborative links	DE, UK, FR, IT, ES
Total Population & EU 27 Population Share	9.985.722 (2% of EU-27)