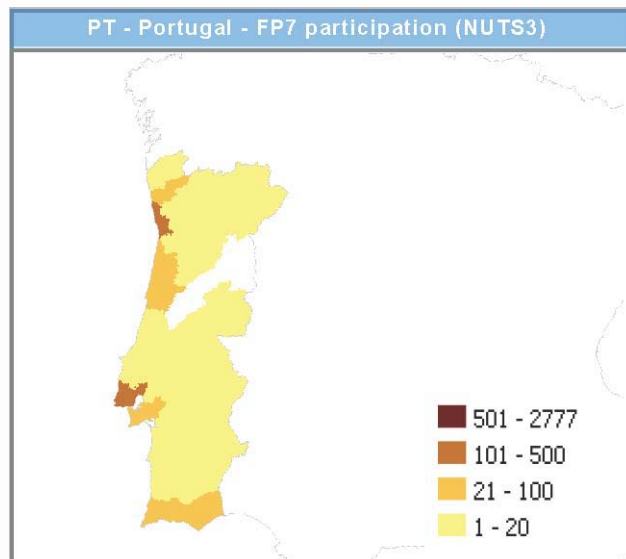




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After a decade of continuous progress in its R&D intensity, reaching 1.99% of GDP in 2009, Portugal set its Europe 2020 R&D intensity target for 2020 at an ambitious level of 2.7-3.3% of GDP, of which 1%-1.2% in the public sector. Several measures are in place in the public sector, aiming to address fragmentation and lack of



critical mass in certain R&I fields, such as the merger of several universities, with the view of homogenising their administration and management and increasing their visibility. The ongoing programme supporting R&I in enterprises, notably with young researchers, addresses a traditional Portuguese challenge of better linking education and industry. Other noticeable initiatives include the launch of the programme for the Enhancement of Marine Science and Technology, centred in areas of greatest scientific opportunity and economic impact, and the Digital Agenda 2015.

However, the knowledge transfer from public research organisations to Industry would further benefit from an increased support directed to stimulate demand for more technological innovation. In addition, the good researchers training and new PhDs levels are still not reflected in more employment in knowledge-intensive activities, which can be a sign of lack of qualified entrepreneurial initiatives and low spin-off levels. Overall, the need to improve the national trade balance, particularly on high-tech and medium-high-tech manufactured goods, calls for more action to stimulate the absorptive capacity of knowledge by the national enterprises.

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Innovation Union Scoreboard position	15 out of 27
R&D intensity target	3%
Number of eligible proposals	5.060 in response to 294 FP7 calls for proposals
Number of applicants	6.818 (2.17% of EU-27)
Success rate (EU-27 =21,5%)	19.3%
Rank in number of participants signed contracts (EU-27):	14
Rank in budget share (EU-27)	15
Top collaborative links	DE, IT, UK, ES, FR
Total Population & EU 27 Population Share	10.636.979 (2.1% of EU-27)