



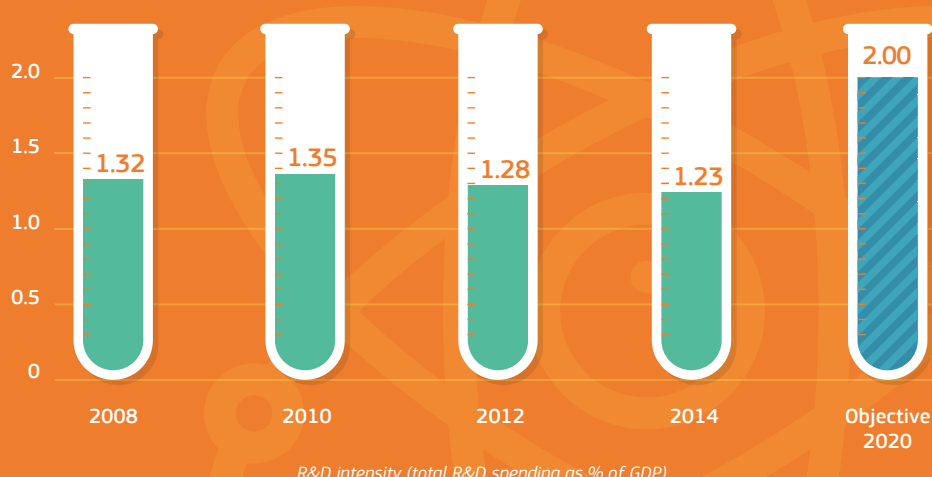
Spain

Providing incentives for academia-business cooperation to leverage business R&D investment

INVESTMENT IN R&D

R&D SPENDING

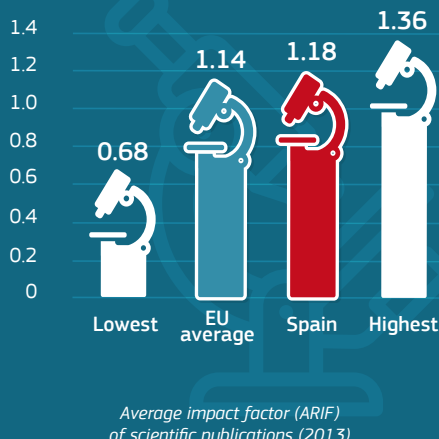
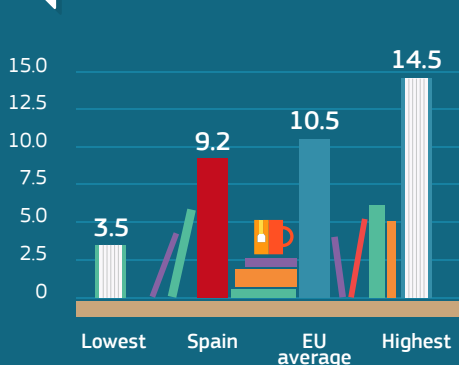
R&D investment is losing ground – and reaching the national R&D intensity target remains a challenge



STRENGTHS OF R&I SYSTEM

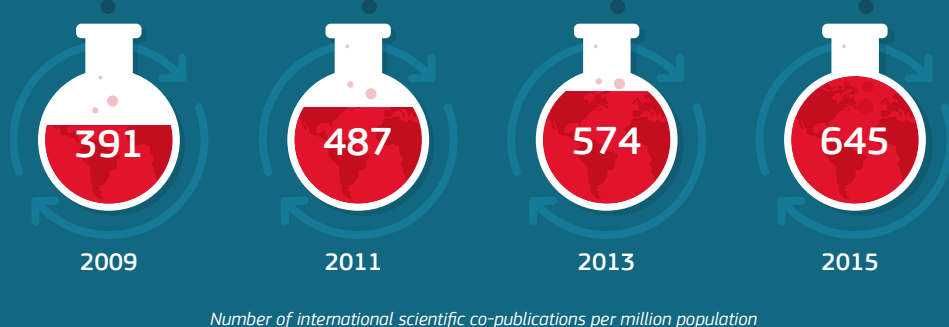
QUALITY OF RESEARCH SYSTEM

Good performance in terms of scientific outputs



INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

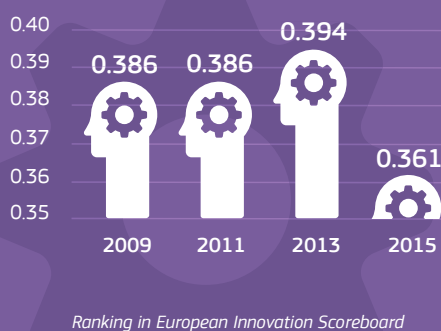
Policy makes efforts to focus the national R&I system on societal challenges and open it up to the world



KEY CHALLENGES

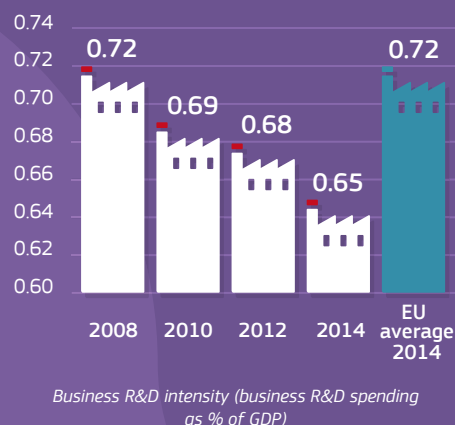
INNOVATION RANKING

Innovation performance is falling...



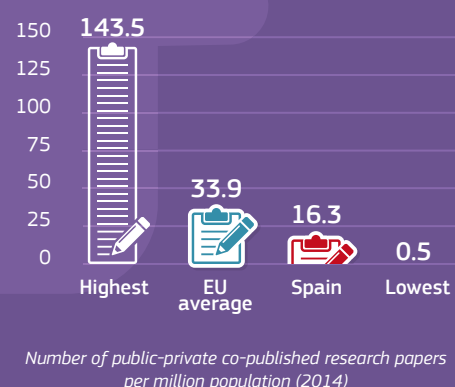
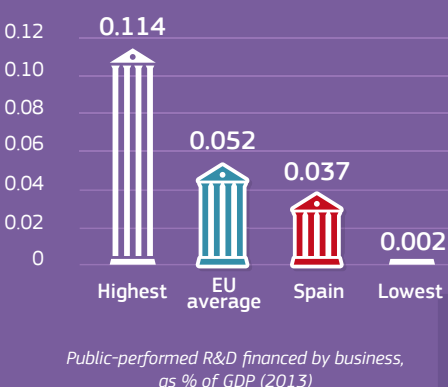
BUSINESS R&D SPENDING

...as well as business R&D investment



PUBLIC-PRIVATE COOPERATION

Weak interaction between public research and business holds back the potential for knowledge circulation



RECOMMENDATIONS

2016 EUROPEAN SEMESTER – COUNTRY SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATION



Take further measures to improve the labour market relevance of tertiary education, including by **providing incentives for cooperation between universities, firms and research. Increase performance-based funding of public research bodies and universities and foster R&I investment by the private sector**

HORIZON 2020 POLICY SUPPORT FACILITY ACTIVITIES



Spain has participated in three **Mutual Learning Exercises**:

1. **Evaluation of business R&D grant schemes** (as core country)
2. **Evaluation of complex public-private partnerships** (as observer country)
3. **Performance-based funding of public research**