

Research and innovation: indicators, trends and perspectives in Greece and the rest of Europe

What are the trends and perspectives of the European Research Area? How competitive is European research and innovation, compared to the US, Japan and China? What is the role of the national research policies? Such issues have been recently put under the spotlight, in view of the restructuring of the European programmes and policies for research.

The 7th Framework Programme for Research, as well as the Competitiveness and Innovation Programme are expected in 2007. At the same time, an experts' committee recommends the commitment of the political, business and social leaders for radical changes in favour of innovation "before it's too late". The achievement of the Lisbon goals demands more investment in knowledge and innovation, at national and European level.

How is Greece responding to the new trends? The latest indicators for research and innovation in Greece, compared to those of the other European countries, are not particularly encouraging. Greece is in 23rd place in innovation, while the economic growth seems to have weak links with the research activities and the promotion of innovation. Greece is, therefore, promoting radical changes as well through both the evaluation of the research institutes and the revision of the legal and organisational framework for scientific research, technology and innovation.

The "Innovation, Research and Technology" magazine presents statistics for research and innovation in Greece and the rest of Europe from the following recent reports: European Innovation Scoreboard 200, EU Industrial R&D Investment Scoreboard 2005 and the Aho Group Report "Creating an Innovative Europe" 2006.

The European Commissioner for Science and Research, Janez Potočnik, highlights the priorities of European research, as well as the needs for more investment and close collaboration at national and European level. He also refers to the new, more flexible Framework Programme, to the business support services provided by the Competitiveness and Innovation Programme (CIP), as well as to good examples of sustained efforts to support R&D in third countries such as China.

The Director of the National Hellenic Research Foundation (NHRF) Prof. D. Kyriakidis refers to the successful evaluation of NHRF and to its activities that concern not only basic research, but also the public awareness and understanding of science. He also highlights the restructuring of the legal and organisational framework of the Greek research system and gives his assessment of future trends in science.

European Innovation Scoreboard 2005

<http://www.trendchart.org>

EU Industrial R&D Investment Scoreboard 2005

<http://eu-iriscoreboard.jrc.es>

2006-Aho Group Report "Creating an Innovative Europe"

http://europa.eu.int/invest-in-research/index_en.htm

European Commission – DG Research

<http://europa.eu.int/comm/research>

Commissioner's Janez Potočnik website

http://europa.eu.int/comm/commission_barroso/potocnik

Greek General Secretariat for Research and Technology (GSRT)

<http://www.gsrt.gr>

National Hellenic Research Foundation

<http://www.eie.gr>

10 years "Innovation, Research and Technology"

This issue celebrates 10 years of consecutive publication of our magazine - one of the few Greek magazines specialised in research, technological development and innovation. "Innovation, Research and Technology" focuses on two main priorities of the European Commission: the Information Society and Innovation. It is circulated to more than 5,000 recipients from the Greek research, academic and business communities, and addresses the need for timely and reliable information. It is available in print and digital form.

Initially, the magazine mainly contained information on new technologies and European research programmes. Gradually, its content has been enriched to include research news and events, interviews, etc, in order to better serve its goal: to highlight the contribution of research and innovation to economic growth and competitiveness.



"Innovation, Research and Technology"

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- Brokerage event at the SEAFOOD exhibition (Brussels, 10 May 2006)
- Future Fish Eurasia Brokerage Event – 2006 (Istanbul, 8-9 June 2006)
- CERAMITEC 2006 SME Mission and Brokerage Event (Munich, 16 May 2006)

The events will offer an excellent opportunity for organisations throughout Europe to present their products and services, to search for potential partners and to develop commercial agreements or joint research projects, etc.



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