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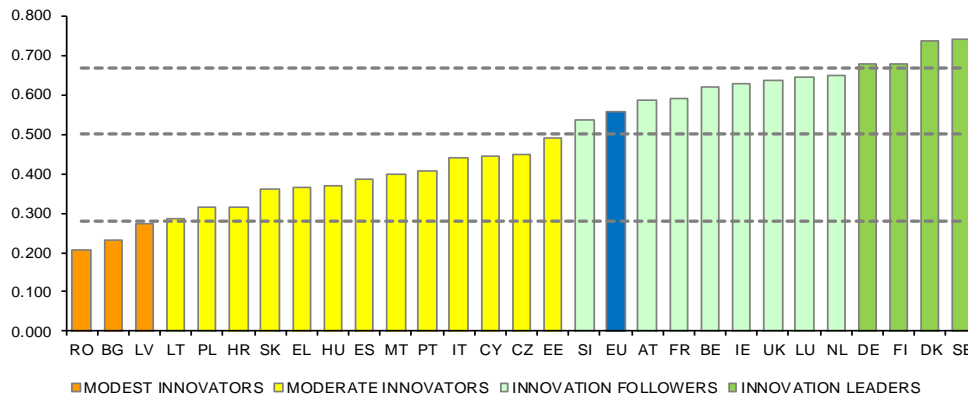
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NEWSLETTER on STI Indicators

DG RTD, A4, Analysis and monitoring of national research policies

1. Innovation Union Scoreboard 2015

EU Member States' innovation performance



Source: DG Research and Innovation - Unit for the Analysis and Monitoring of National Research Policies
Data: Innovation Union Scoreboard (2015)

On 7 May 2015 the Commission published the 2015 edition of the Innovation Union Scoreboard (IUS). The IUS shows Sweden once more as the top performer and Denmark, Finland and Germany as other

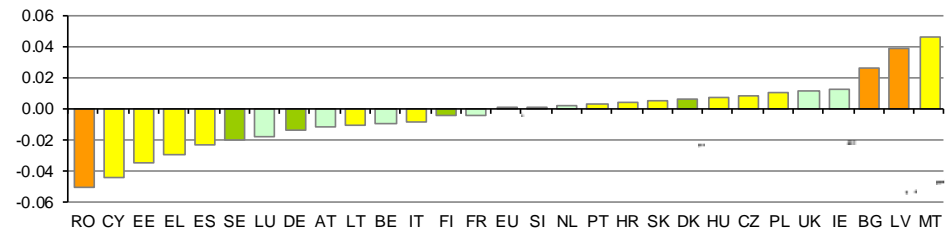
Innovation Leaders in the EU, Romania, Bulgaria and Latvia are part of the lowest performing group, the modest innovators. Compared to the year before overall performance as shown by the

summary index, improved in 15 Member States while it declined in 13 Member States. On an EU level performance was stable.

As regards the longer term trends the data show a convergence between Member States, with performance improving in the period 2007-2014 in most EU countries, except Romania, Spain and Cyprus.

In international comparison the EU is closing the gap to the US and Japan. However, South Korea, the global innovation leader, is moving further ahead and China is catching up.

EU Member States increase in performance since last year



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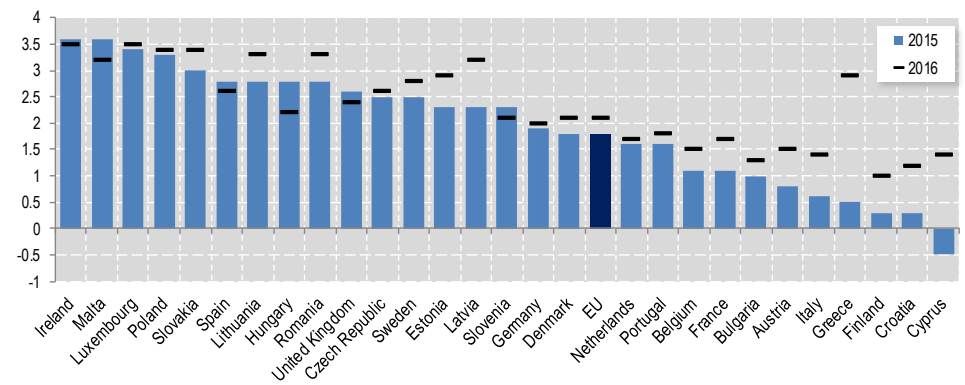
More info: [http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release MEMO-15-4928_en.htm](http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_MEMO-15-4928_en.htm)

2. Spring European Economic Forecast (DG ECFIN)

On 5 May 2015 the Commission (ECFIN) published the spring European Economic Forecast.

GDP in the EU is expected to rise by 1.8% in 2015 and 2.1% in 2016, with the strongest growth in Ireland, Malta, Luxembourg and Poland. Unemployment in the EU is forecast to fall from 10.2 % in 2014 to 9.6% in 2015 and 9.2% in 2016. The deficit to GDP ratio is expected to fall to 2.5% in 2015 and 2.0% in 2016.

GDP growth in EU Member States (spring forecast)



Source: DG Research and Innovation - Unit for the Analysis and Monitoring of National Research Policies
Data: DG ECFIN

More info: http://ec.europa.eu/economy_finance/eu/forecasts/index_en.htm

3. Skills forecast 2015 (Cedefop)

The EU agency for the development of vocational training (Cedefop) has recently published the 2015 edition of its annual **Skills Forecast**.

According to this forecast the EU labour force (economically active population in the 15+ age group) will increase from 243.6 million in 2015 to 244.5 million in 2019, but then start to shrink to reach 242.8 million in 2025 (-0.3% compared to 2015). In 15 Member States the Labour Force will shrink in the period 2015-2025, most strongly in the Baltic States (Lithuania-19.8%, Latvia -12.1%, Estonia -7.4), in Bulgaria (-6.4%) and Greece (-6.4). The Labour Force will grow strongest in this period in Luxembourg (+23.3%), Denmark (+9.6%) and Belgium (+8.5%).

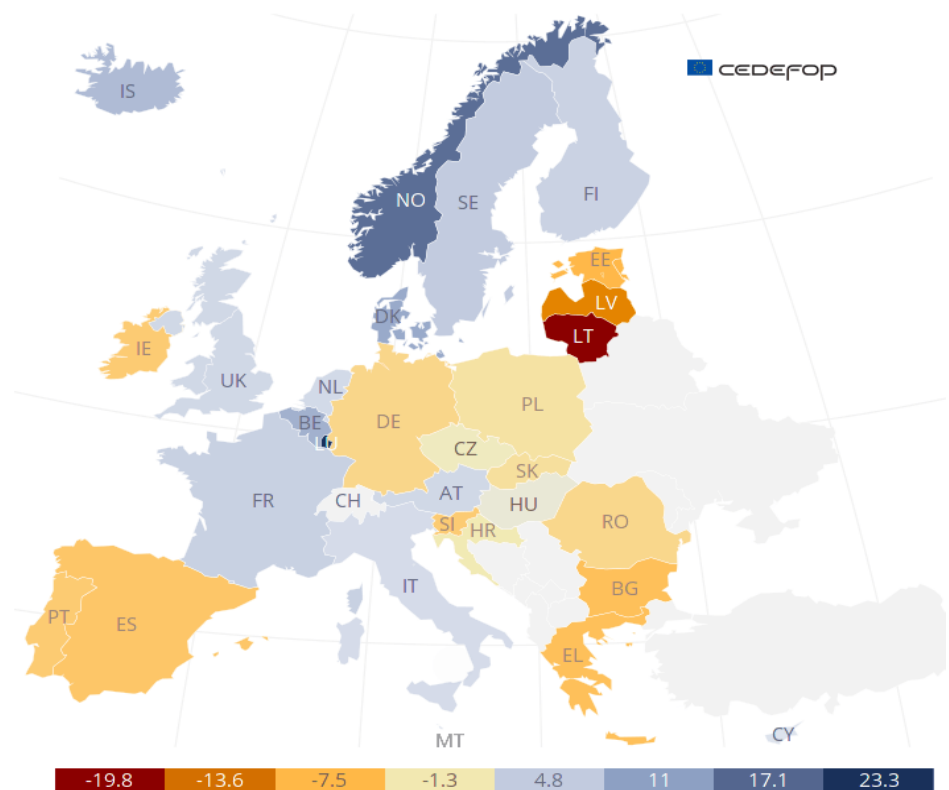
The forecast shows that the number of people with low qualifications is shrinking by about 2% per year in the EU, the number of people with medium qualification by 0-1% per year while the number of people with high qualifications will continue

to increase by nearly 2% per year, as a growing share of people leave education with higher qualifications (tertiary degrees).

European map visualisation

Labour force growth rate (%) period from year 2015 to 2025

All, All



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More info: <http://www.cedefop.europa.eu/en/publications-and-resources/data-visualisations/labour-force>

Calendar of data releases and indicator based publications <i>Update of: 07/05/2015 (grey= already published)</i>			
2015	Eurostat data updates	Commission indicator based reports	Data and indicator based reports other organisations
January			
February	GBAORD final (2013) Tertiary attainment (2014, prov.) High growth enterprises data (provisional, 2013) IPR (patent 2012), Community Trademarks (2013), RCD (2013)	Winter forecast (ECFIN)	European Patent Office , EPO annual results (2014)
March	R&D intensity (2013 update)	Europe 2020 publication (ESTAT)	Times Higher Ed. World Reputations Ranking
April	Education headline indicators (LFS)	Skills forecast (Cedefop)	OECD R&D expenditure data
May	High tech trade (2014) Venture capital (2014) Education enrolment, graduates	Innovation Union Scoreboard (GROW) Spring Forecast (ECFIN)	IMD World Competitiveness Yearbook
June	Education spending		
July	IPR (Patents, 2012), Community Trademarks (2014), RC Designs (2014)		UNESCO UIS STI stats release WIPO/Cornell/INSEAD Global Innovation Index
August			Academic Ranking of World Universities (Shanghai)
September	GBAORD (2014 preliminary) Knowledge intensive activities (2014) Employment high-tech (2014) HRST (stocks and job mobility, 2014) Final high growth enterprise data (2013)		WEF Global Competitiveness Report OECD Education at a Glance
October		European Competitiveness report (GROW)	World Bank Doing Business OECD STI Scoreboard (2-yearly) BDI/Telekom Innovation Indicator
November	R&D intensity (2014 preliminary, 2013 final) Economic data on high-tech (2014) HRST (education inflows, 2013)	Education Monitor (EAC) Autumn Forecast (ECFIN) Industrial R&D Investment Scoreboard (JRC) Annual Growth Survey (ECFIN)	Top500.org: Top 500 Supercomputer list
December	ICT household data (2015) ICT enterprise data (2015) IPR Statistics (patents 2013), CTM (2014), RCD (2014)	SheFigures (3-yearly (RTD)) Joint Employment Report (EMPL)	WIPO World Intellectual Property Indicators

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