

12 Providing analysis on Research and Innovation Systems

RIO Country Reports

Type of support / service available

The Research and Innovation Observatory (RIO) Country Reports analyses and assesses the development and performance of the national research and innovation system of the EU-28 Member States and related policies. The analysis of research & innovation in the RIO reports, including the challenges, policy responses and their impact, provides Member States and regional stakeholders with a timely source of analysis and evidence. In the 2017 series of reports, a stronger focus on smart specialisation is envisaged.

These short reports are co-authored by JRC and a network of independent experts on R&I. The draft reports also feed into the European Semester process. Member State contact points are able to check the reports before publication. In order to be more accessible, the reports are available in 20 EU languages.

Relevance for regional authorities

Public authorities across Europe on both regional and national level have an important role to play in research and innovation, from involvement in supporting the activities of universities in education, research and local growth, to facilitation of collaboration between various stakeholders, as well as providing locally administered funding or incentives.

Policy context

The R&I Observatory contributes to the Commission's top-level priorities "better spending", "better regulation" and "strengthening the industrial base". Its RIO country reports provide the Commission with consolidated input on national innovation policies on the 28 Member States, feeding directly into the European Semester process. The reports also inform national policy making, including as an input to the H2020 Policy Support Facility activities. RIO responds to the increased attention of Member States to innovation as a source of sustainable economic growth. It provides evidence on national and EU R&I policies, funding and system performance in support of economic growth, sustainability and societal well-being, to inform better policies at EU and national level.

How to use

The RIO-PSF website is a reference and key source of information for European and national policy makers as well as other stakeholders in the field of R&I policy. It delivers analysis, insights, statistical data and best practices on designing, implementing and evaluating research and innovation policy at EU and national levels [More](#)



The RIO Country Report 2016 is now available

The annual RIO Country Report analyses and assesses the development and performance of the national research and innovation system and related policies. The report also assesses the match between national policy priorities and the structural challenges of the research and innovation system.

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The RIO-PSF website provides up-to-date qualitative information and indicators

The EU 28 RIO reports are available on the RIO website both in English and in national languages. In their 2017 version, they offer insights on the following specific issues:

- Main R&I policy developments in 2016
- Economic Context
- Main R&I actors
- R&I trends
- National Innovation challenges
- Focus on creating and stimulating markets.

You may contact the RIO team via <https://rio.jrc.ec.europa.eu/en/contact>

Impact

This work has extended the European Commission's ongoing efforts to help define and implement efficient Research and Innovation policies. Through its aim to monitor and inform EU strategy and goals, as well as facilitate policy learning, it provides Member States and regions with information and analysis that could feed into the definition of future R&I strategies.