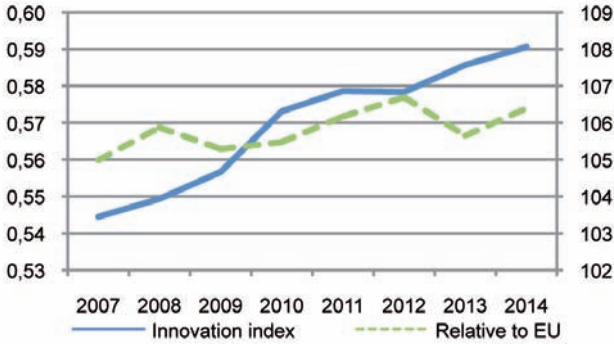


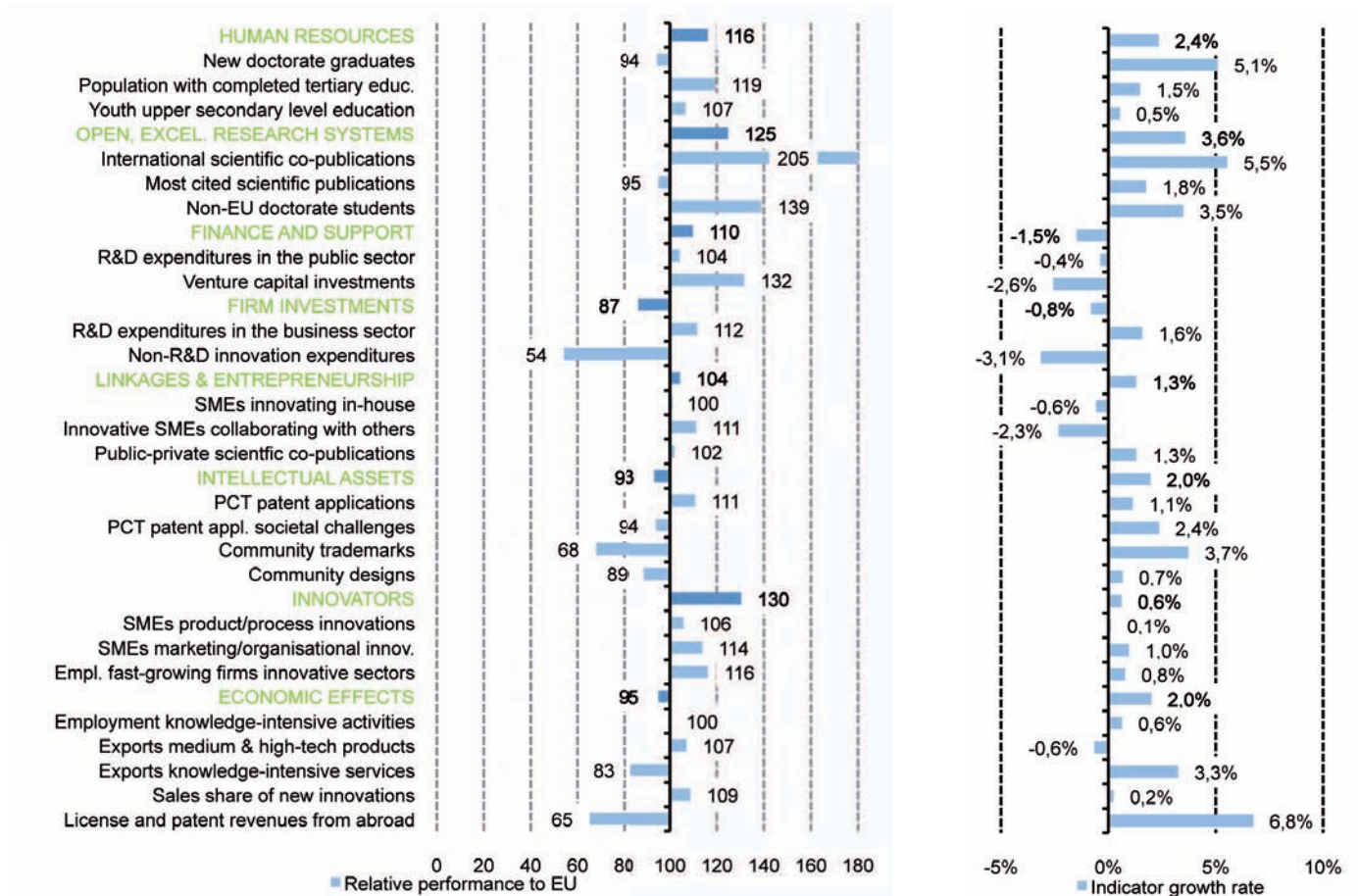
France

France is an **Innovation follower**. Innovation performance has been increasing between 2007 and 2014. The performance level relative to the EU reached a peak of 8% above the average in 2012, and is at 6% above the EU average in 2014.



France's relative strengths in terms of dimensions are in Innovators, Open, excellent and attractive research systems and Human resources. The best performing single indicator is International scientific co-publications. France is experiencing relative weaknesses in Firm investments, Intellectual assets and Economic effects, although for the last two dimensions, the performance is near the EU average. Performance is particularly weak in Non-R&D innovation expenditures.

France has experienced positive growth for most indicators, particularly in License and patent revenues from abroad (6.8%), International scientific co-publications (5.5%) and New doctorate graduates (5.1%). The sharpest performance decline is observed for Non-R&D innovation expenditures (-3.1%), followed by Venture capital investments (-2.6%) and Innovative SMEs collaborating with others (-2.3%).



Note: Performance relative to the EU where the EU = 100.