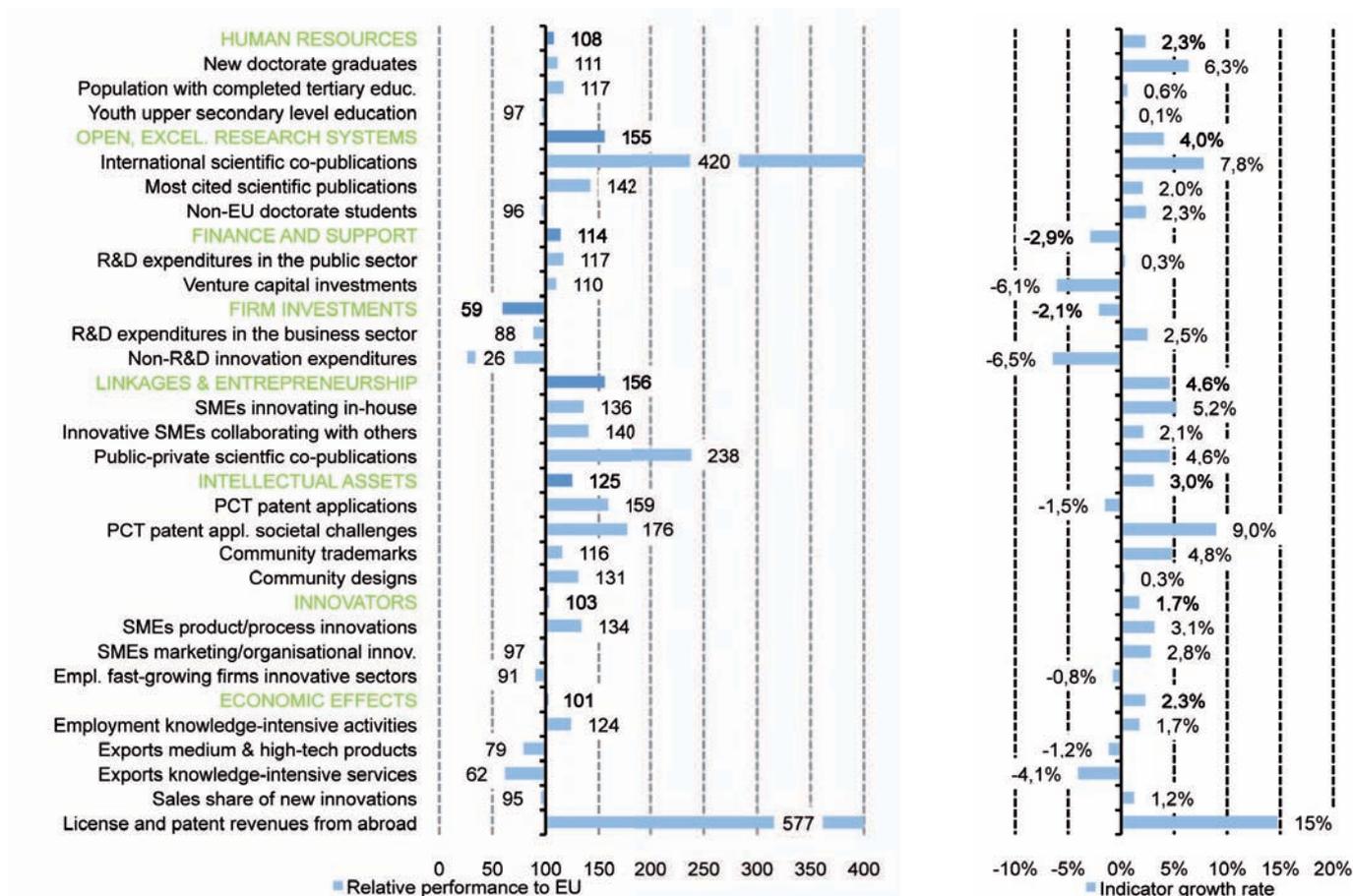
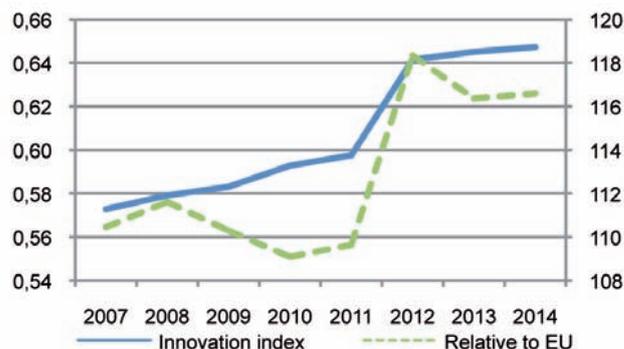


Netherlands

The Netherlands is an **Innovation follower**. Performance has been improving steadily up until 2011 then increased strongly in 2012 (among others due to an increase in the share of product or process innovators), after which it has continued to increase at a modest pace. The performance relative to the EU reached a peak of 18% above the average in 2012. In 2014, it is at 17% above the EU average.

The Netherlands is performing at or above the EU average for most dimensions, the only exception being Firm investments, because of poor relative performance in Non-R&D innovation expenditures. Excellent relative performance is observed in International scientific co-publications, License and patent revenues from abroad and Public-private co-publications. Relative weaknesses are in Non-R&D innovation expenditures and Exports in knowledge-intensive services.

Performance has improved for most dimensions and indicators. High growth is observed, in particular, for License and patent revenues from abroad (15%), PCT patent applications in societal challenges (9.0%) and International scientific co-publications (7.8%). Significant declines in performance are observed for Venture capital investments, Non-R&D innovation expenditures and Exports in knowledge-intensive services.



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