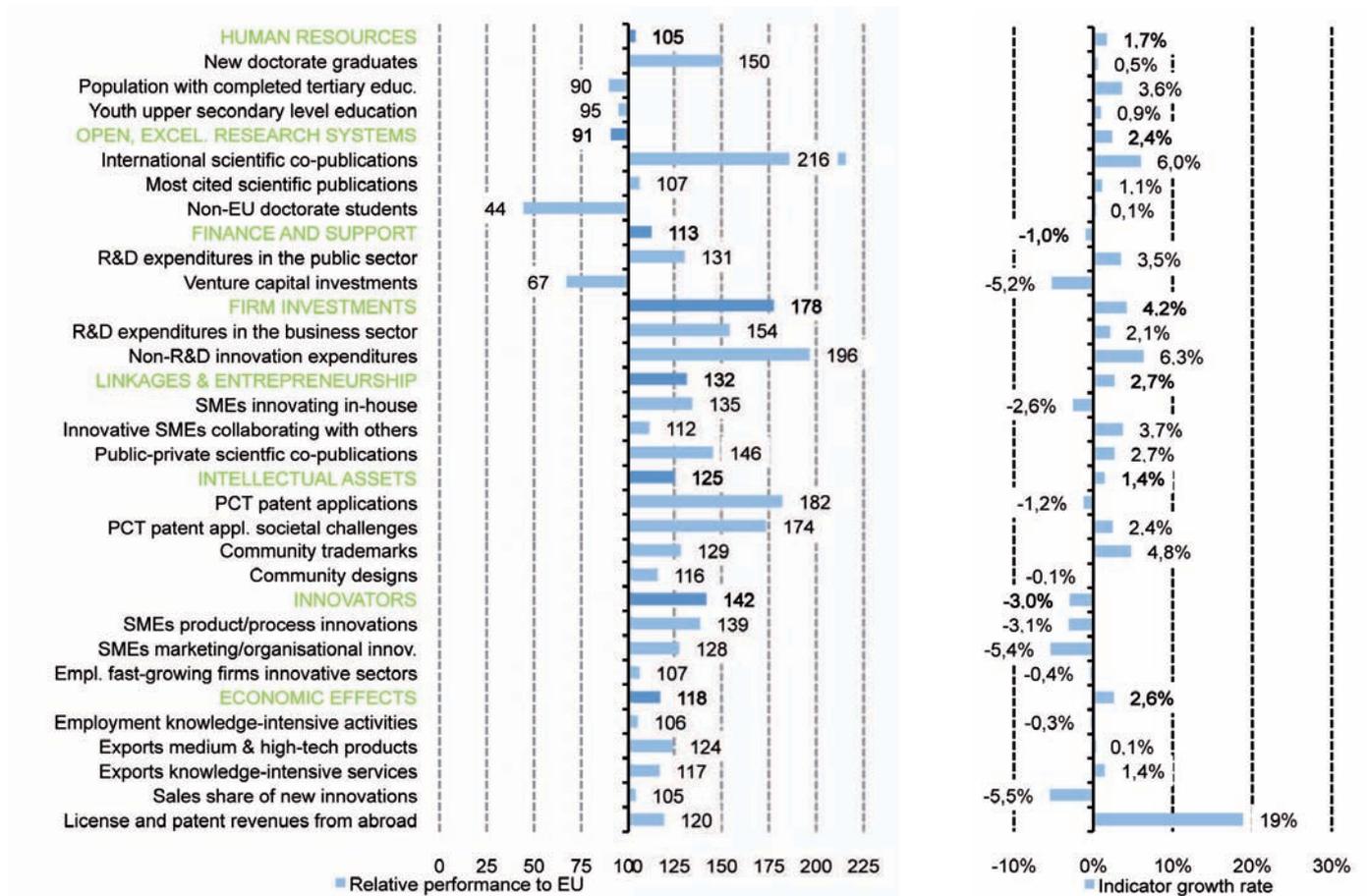
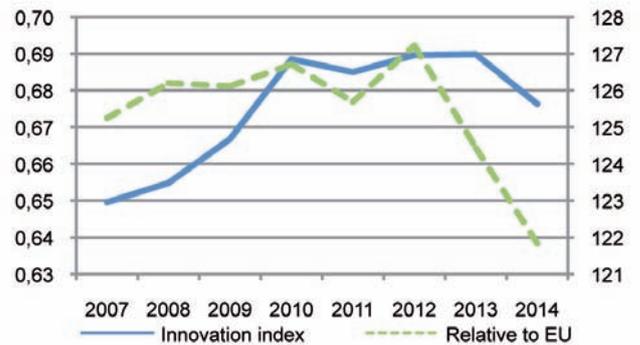


### Germany

Germany is an **Innovation leader**. Innovation performance has been increasing up until 2010 after which it remained fairly stable until 2013 and declined in 2014. Relative to EU, performance was the highest at 27% above the average in 2012, but has dropped to 22% above the EU in 2014.

Germany's strongest dimensions are Firm investments and Linkages and entrepreneurship. In all other dimensions except Open, excellent and attractive research systems the country is also performing above the EU average. Below average performance is observed for Non-EU doctorate students, Venture capital investments, Population with completed tertiary education and Youth with upper secondary level education.

Performance has improved most strongly in License and patent revenues from abroad (19%), Non-R&D innovation expenditures (6.3%) and International scientific co-publications (6.0%). Strong performance declines are observed for Sales share of new innovations (-5.5%), SMEs with marketing or organizational innovations (-5.4%) and Venture capital investments (-5.2%).



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