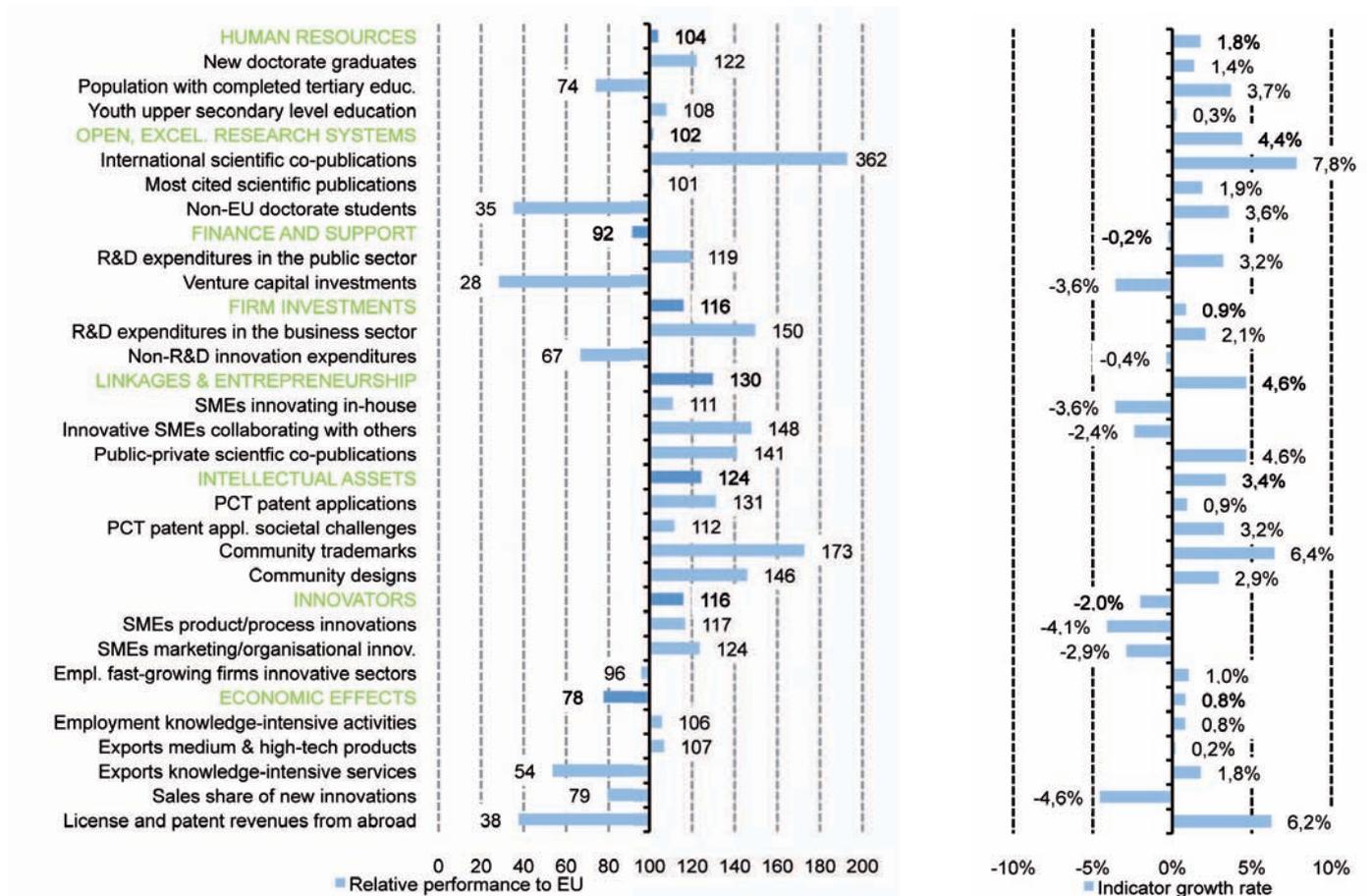
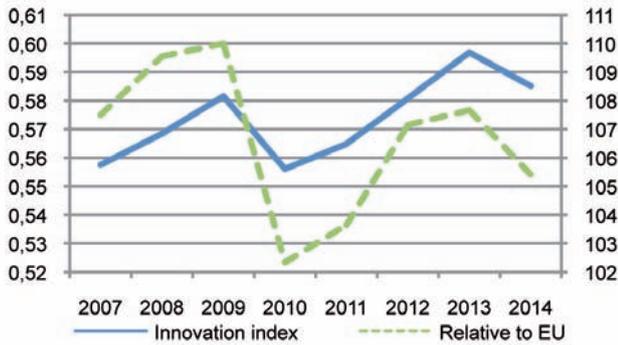


**Austria**

Austria is an **Innovation follower**. Innovation performance was increasing until 2009, but declined in 2010. The innovation performance more than fully recovered since but there has been another decline in performance in 2014. The performance relative to the EU peaked at 10% above the average in 2009 and is at 5% in 2014.

Austria performs better than the EU average for most dimensions, except Economic effects and Finance and support, the latter because of poor relative performance in Venture capital investments. In terms of indicators, relative strengths for Austria are particularly International scientific co-publications and Community trademarks. Relative weaknesses are in Venture capital investments, Non-EU doctorate students and License and patent revenues from abroad.

Most dimensions and indicators show positive growth. The strongest increases in performance are observed for International scientific co-publications (7.8%), Community trademarks (6.4%) and License and patent revenues from abroad (6.2%). Significant declines in performance are observed in Sales share of new innovations (-4.6%) and SMEs with product or process innovations (-4.1%).



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