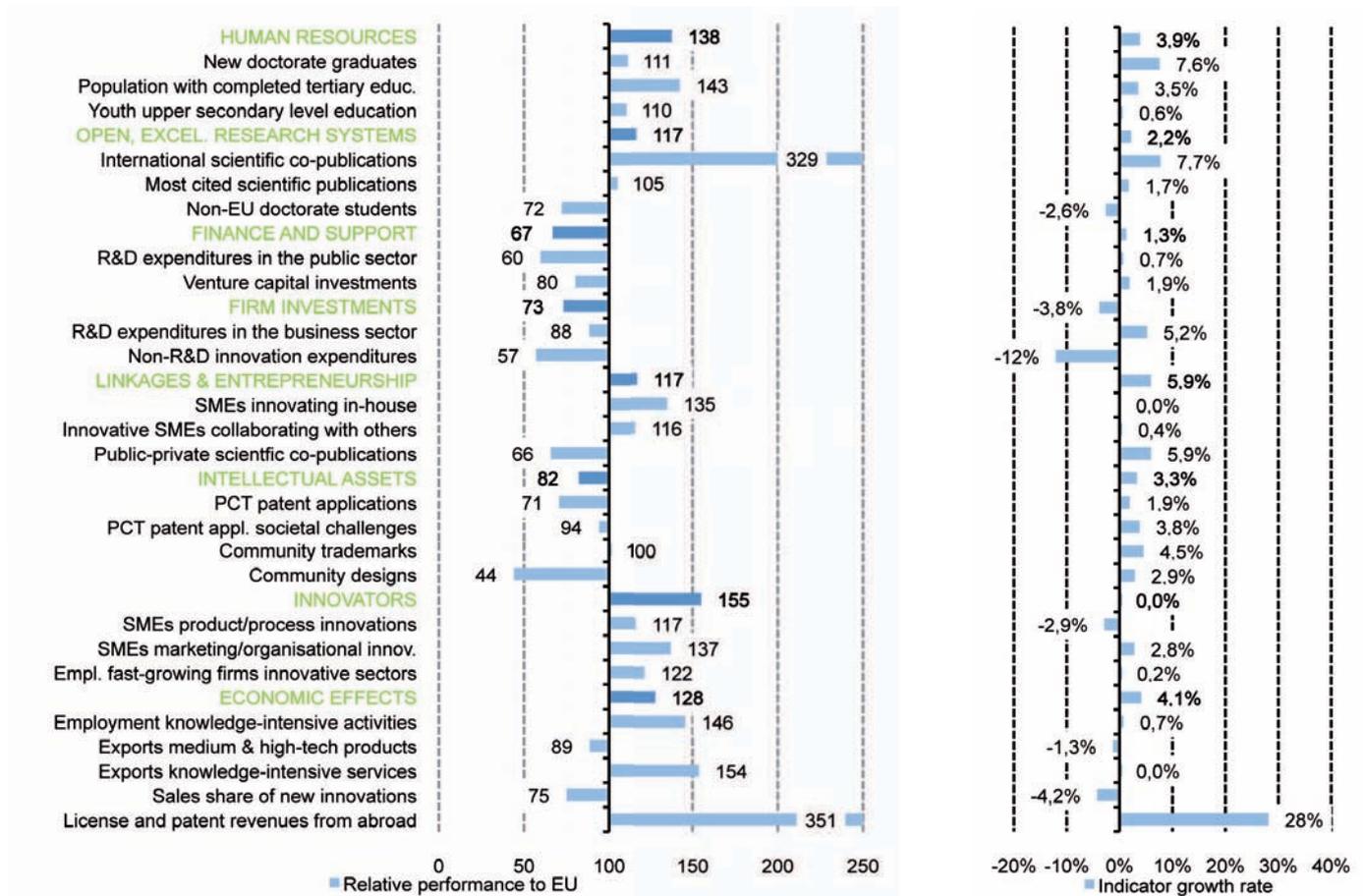
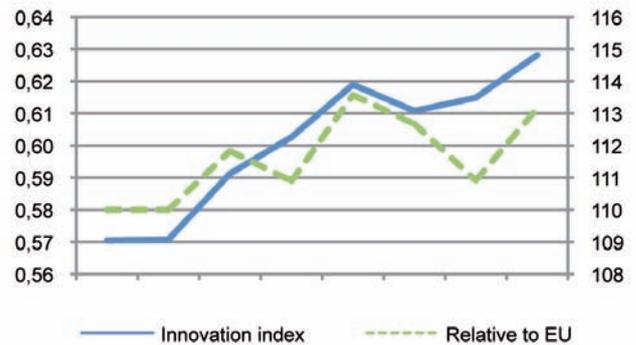


Ireland

Ireland is an **Innovation follower**. Irish innovation performance has been increasing until 2011 and after a temporary decline in 2012 reached its highest level in 2014. Performance relative to the EU has improved from 10% in 2007 to 13% above the EU average in 2014.

Ireland's relative strengths are especially in Innovators and Human resources. Ireland performs well above the EU average on License and patent revenues from abroad and International scientific co-publications. Other strong performing indicators are Exports in knowledge-intensive services, SMEs innovating in-house, Employment in knowledge-intensive services and Population with tertiary education. Relative weaknesses are in Community designs, Non-R&D innovation expenditures and R&D expenditures in the public sector.

Performance has increased considerably in License and patent revenues from abroad (28%), International scientific co-publications (7.7%) and New doctorate graduates (7.6%). Performance has declined most in Non-R&D innovation expenditures (-12%).



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