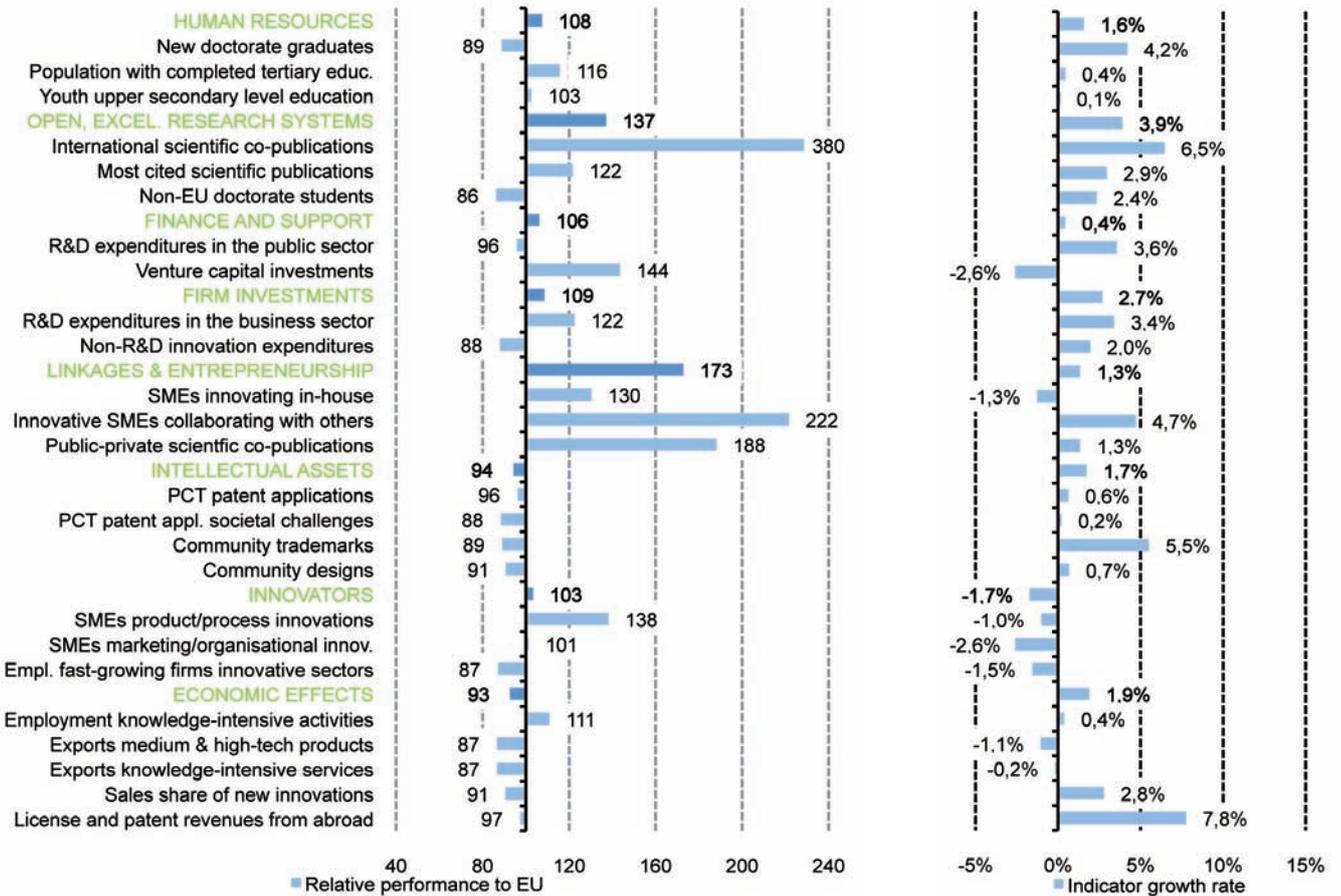
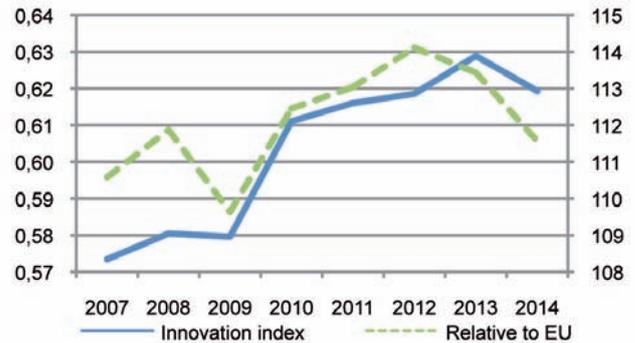


**Belgium**

Belgium is an **Innovation follower**. Innovation performance has been steadily increasing over time until 2013 after which it declined in 2014. The increase in performance has been above that of the EU, with relative performance increasing from almost 10% above average in 2009 to 14% in 2012. For 2014, relative performance is almost 12% above the EU average.

In Linkages and entrepreneurship the country is performing well above the EU average. Also Belgium's research system is performing well in particular due to a high number of International scientific co-publications. Relative weaknesses are in Intellectual assets where performance is somewhat below the EU average for all four indicators and in Economic effects where only Employment in knowledge-intensive activities is above the EU average.

Performance has improved most strongly in Open, excellent and attractive research systems (3.9%). For seven indicators performance has declined, in particular in Venture capital investments (-2.6%) and SMEs with marketing or organizational innovations (-2.6%).



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