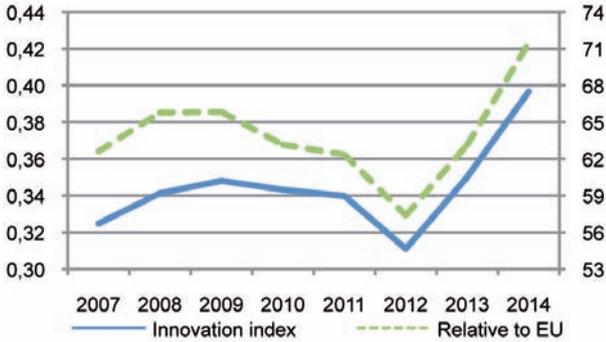


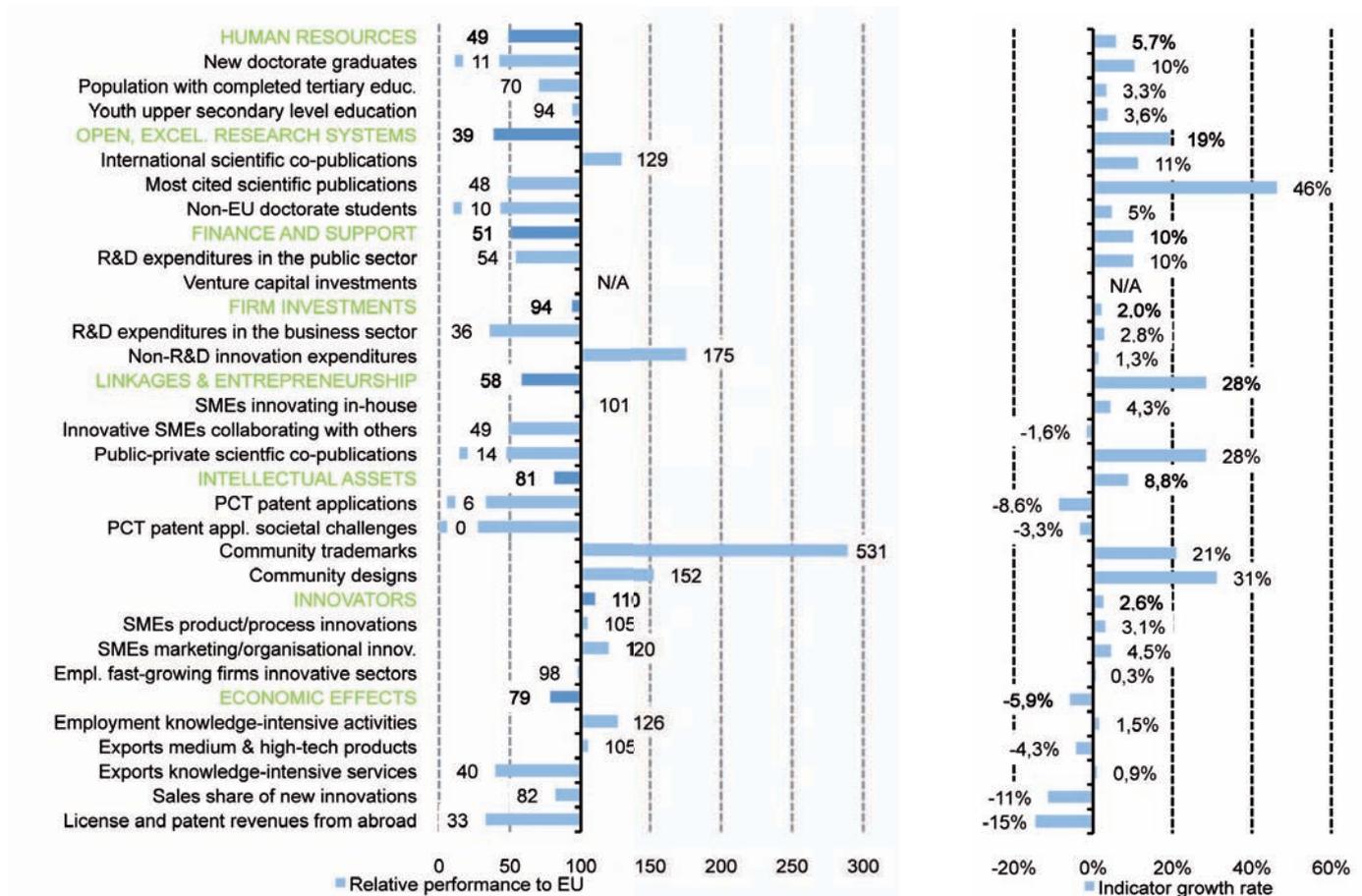
Malta

Malta is a **Moderate innovator**. Innovation performance was fairly stable until 2011 after which it declined followed by a strong recovery in 2013 and 2014. The performance relative to the EU reached 66% in 2009, 57% in 2012 and strongly improved to 71% in 2014.



Malta is performing below the average of the EU for most dimensions and indicators. The strongest relative weaknesses are in PCT patent applications in societal challenges and PCT patent applications. Relative strengths are in particular in Community trademarks, but also in Non-R&D innovation expenditures and Community designs, among others.

Two strongly growing innovation dimensions are Linkages and entrepreneurship (28%) and Open, excellent and attractive research systems (19%), the first because of strong growth in Public-private co-publications (28%), and the latter mainly because of exceptional growth in Most cited publications (46%). Performance for most innovation indicators has improved, with large increases also observed for Community designs (31%) and Community trademarks (21%). Declining performance is observed in particular for License and patent revenues from abroad (-15%), Sales share of new innovations (-11%) and PCT patent applications (-8.6%).



Note: Performance relative to the EU where the EU = 100. No data for Venture capital investments.