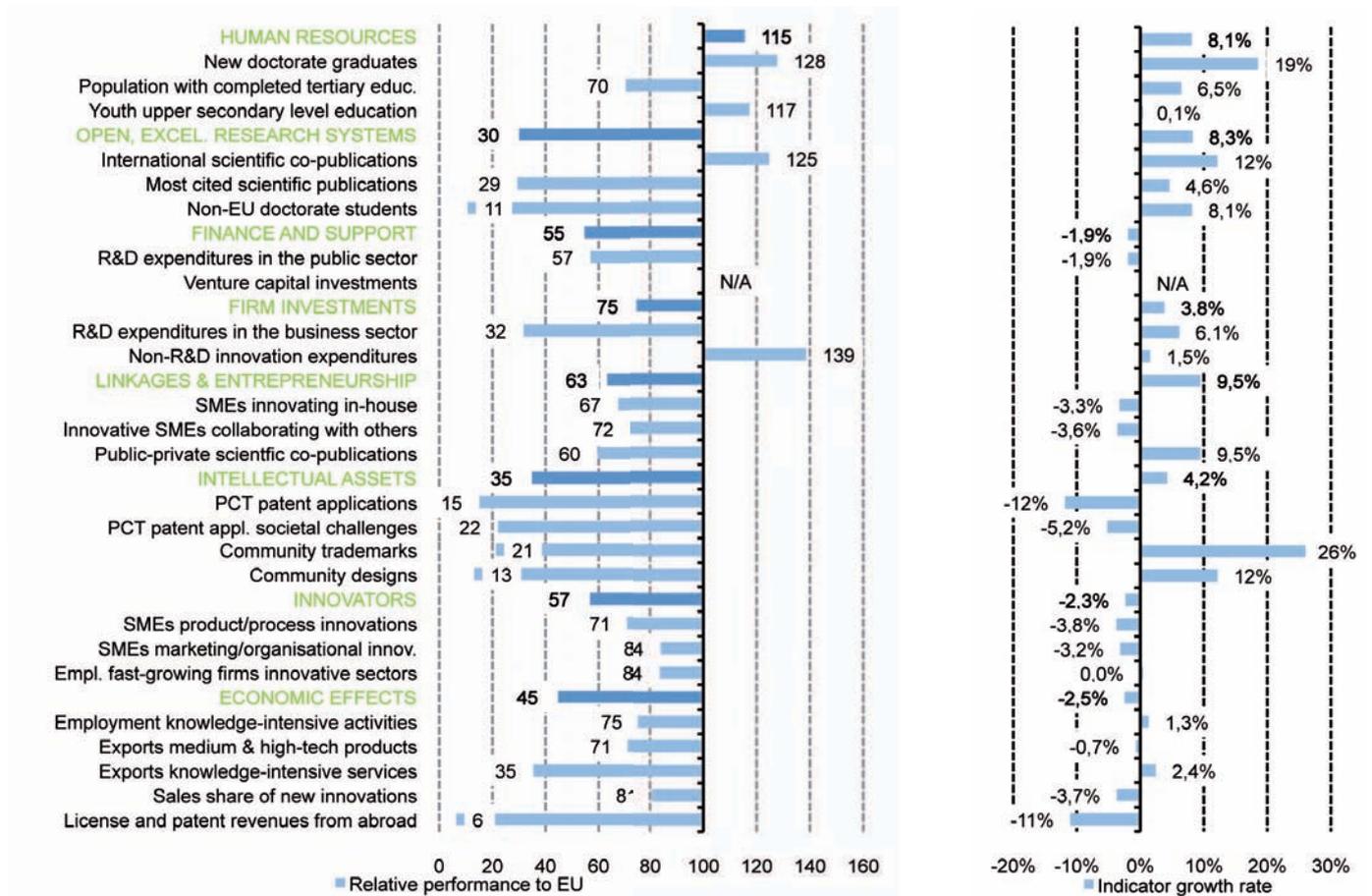
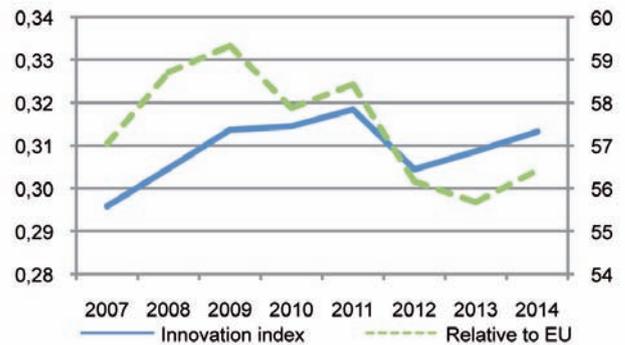


**Croatia**

Croatia is a **Moderate innovator**. Innovation performance improved until 2011 and then declined, followed by a recovery in 2013. Performance relative to the EU reached a peak of 59% in 2009 and dropped to less than 56% in 2013, after which it partially recovered in 2014.

Croatia is performing below the EU average in most dimensions but above the EU average in Human resources, due to above average performance in New doctorate graduates and Youth with upper secondary level education. The weakest performing dimensions are Open, excellent and attractive research systems and Intellectual assets. For four indicators performance is above the EU average, with Non-R&D innovation expenditures being the strongest of these.

Significant performance increases in dimensions are observed in Linkages and entrepreneurship (9.5%), Open, excellent and attractive research systems (8.3%) and Human resources (8.1%), with the largest improvement for Community trademarks (26%) at the indicator level. Performance has worsened slightly in Economic effects, Innovators and Finance and support, with the indicators declining most being PCT patent applications and License and patent revenue from abroad.



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