

# Global Innovation Index 2023

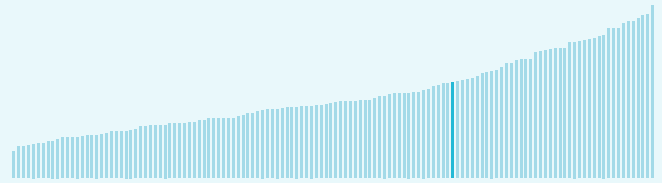


The Global Innovation Index (GII) **ranks world economies according to their innovation capabilities.**

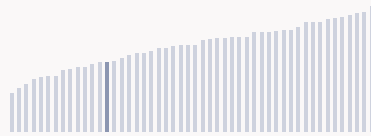
Consisting of **roughly 80 indicators**, grouped into innovation inputs and outputs, the GII **aims to capture the multi-dimensional facets of innovation.**

## Greece ranking in the Global Innovation Index 2023

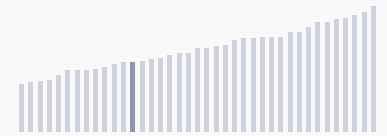
> Greece ranks **42nd** among the 132 economies featured in the GII 2023.



> Greece ranks **37th** among the 50 high-income group economies.



> Greece ranks **27th** among the 39 economies in Europe.



### > Greece GII Ranking (2020-2023)

The table shows the rankings of Greece over the past four years. Data availability and changes to the GII model framework influence year-on-year comparisons of the GII rankings. The statistical confidence interval for the ranking of Greece in the GII 2023 is between ranks 40 and 44.

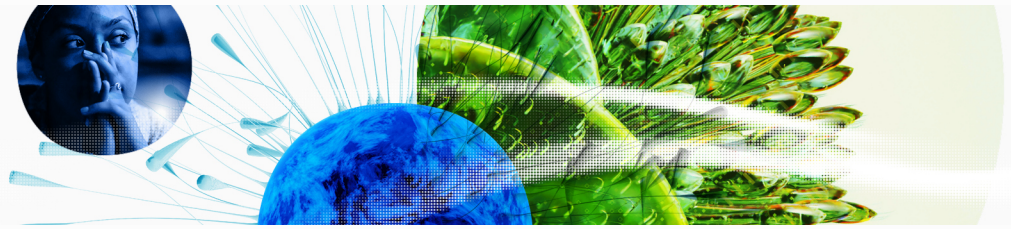
	GII Position	Innovation Inputs	Innovation Outputs
2020	43rd	40th	52nd
2021	47th	39th	60th
2022	44th	44th	49th
2023	42nd	42nd	41st

Greece performs better in innovation outputs than innovation inputs in 2023.

This year Greece ranks **42nd** in innovation inputs. This position is higher than last year.

Greece ranks **41st** in innovation outputs. This position is higher than last year.

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## → Expected vs. observed innovation performance

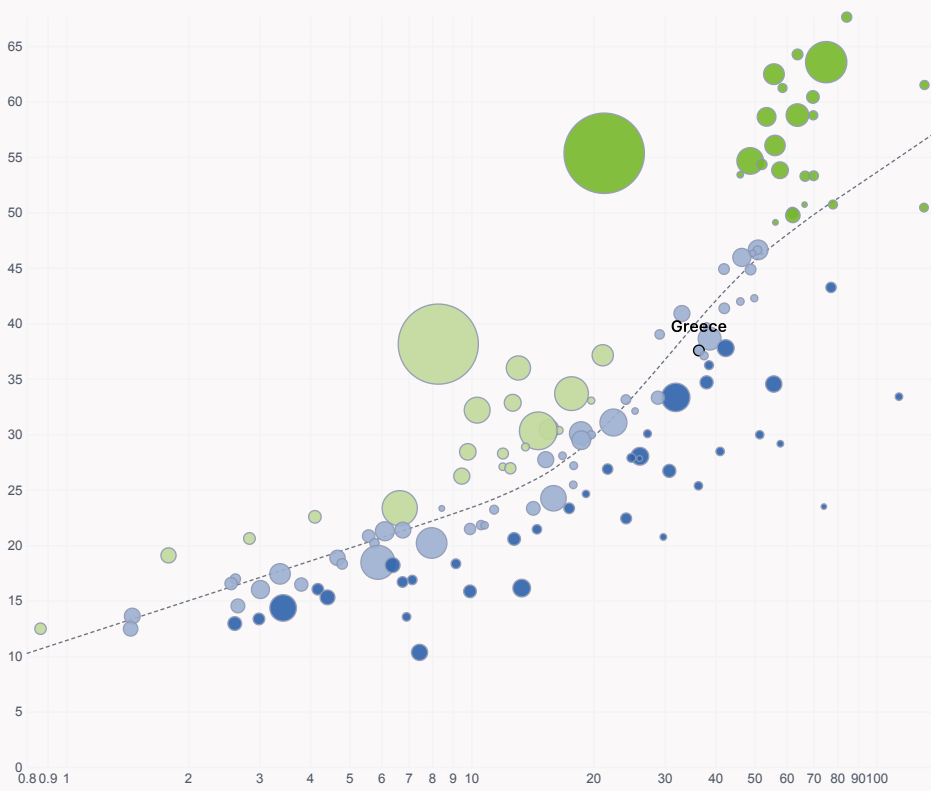
The bubble chart below shows the relationship between income levels (GDP per capita) and innovation performance (GII score). The trend line gives an indication of the expected innovation performance according to income level. Economies appearing above the trend line are performing better than expected and those below are performing below expectations.



> Relative to GDP, Greece's performance is at expectations for its level of development.

## > Innovation overperformers relative to their economic development

↑ **GII Score**



- Innovation leader
- Performing above expectations for level of development
- Performing at expectations for level of development
- Performing below expectations for level of development

Size legend (Population)



→ GDP per capita, PPP logarithmic scale (thousands of \$)

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## → Effectively translating innovation investments into innovation outputs

The chart below shows the relationship between innovation inputs and innovation outputs. Economies above the line are effectively translating costly innovation investments into more and higher-quality outputs.

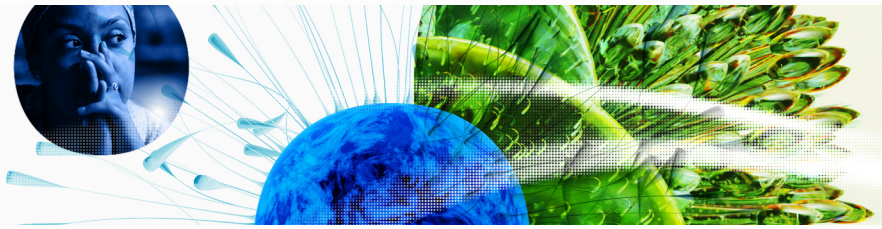


> Greece produces more innovation outputs relative to its level of innovation investments.

### > Relationship between innovation inputs and outputs

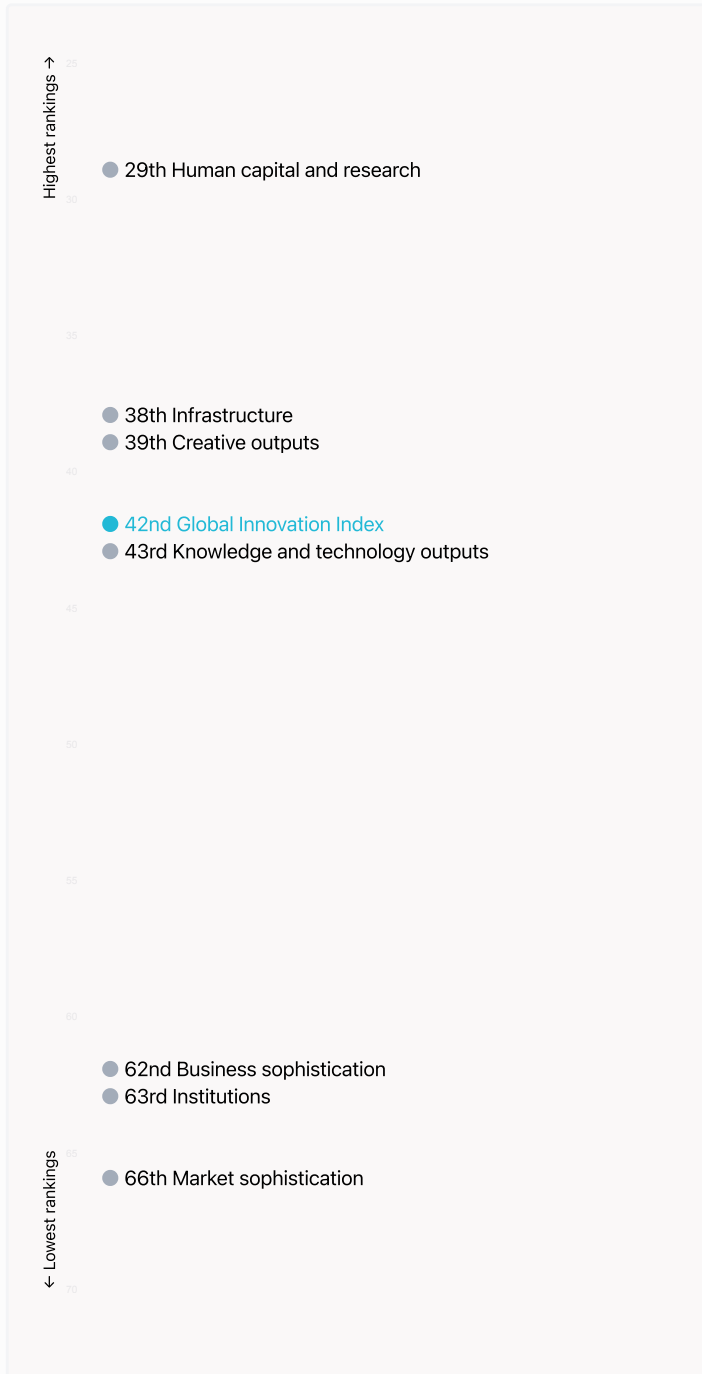


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## → Overview of Greece's rankings in the seven areas of the GII in 2023

The chart shows the ranking for each of the seven areas that the GII comprises. The strongest areas for Greece are those that rank above the GII (shown in blue) and the weakest are those that rank below.



### > Highest rankings



Greece ranks highest in Human capital and research (29th), Infrastructure (38th) and Creative outputs (39th).

### > Lowest rankings



Greece ranks lowest in Market sophistication (66th), Institutions (63rd) and Business sophistication (62nd).



The full WIPO Intellectual Property Statistics profile for Greece can be found on [this link](#).

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## → Benchmark of Greece against other country groupings for each of the seven areas of the GII Index

The charts show the relative position of Greece (blue bar) against other country groupings (grey bars), for each of the seven areas of the GII Index.

### > High-Income economies

Greece performs below the high-income group average in all the pillars.

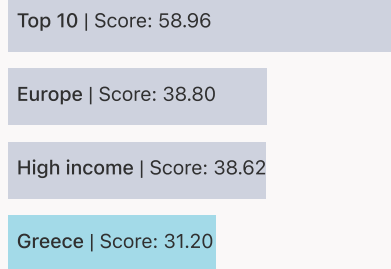


### > Europe

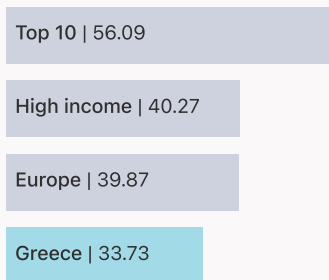
Greece performs below the regional average in Knowledge and technology outputs, Creative outputs, Business sophistication, Market sophistication, Infrastructure, Institutions.



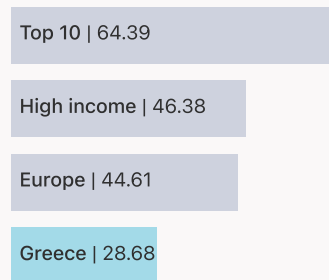
### Knowledge and technology outputs



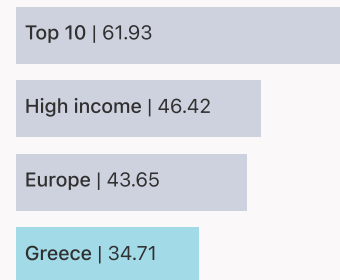
### Creative outputs



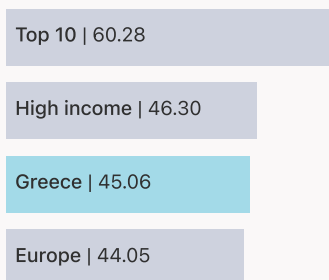
### Business sophistication



### Market sophistication



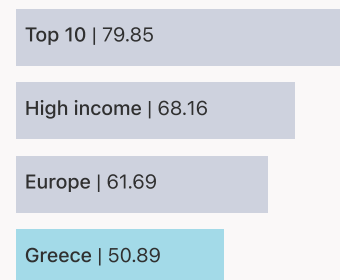
### Human capital and research



### Infrastructure



### Institutions





## → Innovation strengths and weaknesses in Greece

The table below gives an overview of the indicator strengths and weaknesses of Greece in the GII 2023.



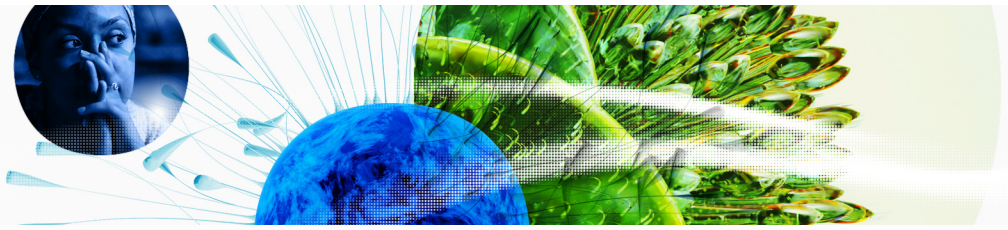
> Greece's main innovation strengths are **Tertiary enrolment, % gross (rank 1)**, **School life expectancy, years (rank 3)** and **ISO 9001 quality/bn PPP\$ GDP (rank 11)**.

### Strengths

### Weaknesses

Rank	Code	Indicator name	Rank	Code	Indicator name
1	2.2.1	Tertiary enrolment, % gross	120	5.2.2	State of cluster development
3	2.1.3	School life expectancy, years	118	5.2.1	University-industry R&D collaboration
11	6.3.5	ISO 9001 quality/bn PPP\$ GDP	109	3.2.3	Gross capital formation, % GDP
13	6.2.3	Software spending, % GDP	109	6.2.1	Labor productivity growth, %
15	2.1.5	Pupil-teacher ratio, secondary	99	5.3.2	High-tech imports, % total trade
18	3.3.3	ISO 14001 environment/bn PPP\$ GDP	86	4.2.3	VC recipients, deals/bn PPP\$ GDP
18	3.2.2	Logistics performance	76	5.1.2	Firms offering formal training, %
19	6.1.4	Scientific and technical articles/bn PPP\$ GDP	69	1.3.2	Entrepreneurship policies and culture
20	5.2.3	GERD financed by abroad, % GDP	64	6.1.3	Utility models by origin/bn PPP\$ GDP
27	3.3.1	GDP/unit of energy use	40	2.3.3	Global corporate R&D investors, top 3, mn US\$
28	3.3.2	Environmental performance			

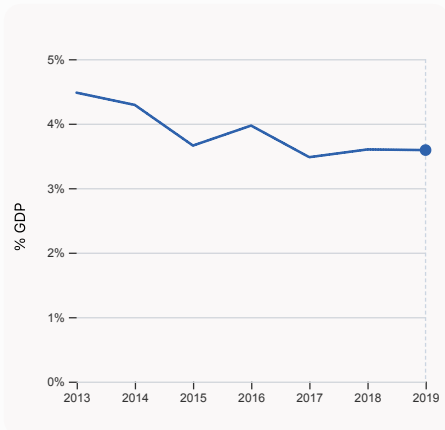
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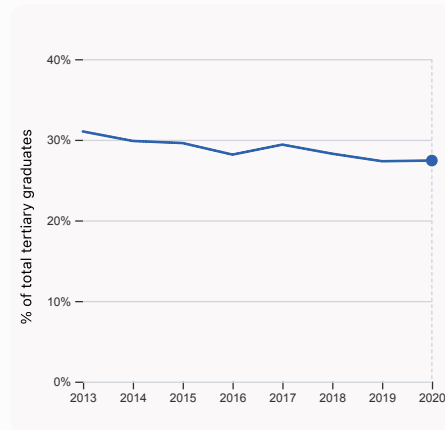
## → Greece's innovation system

As far as practicable, the plots below present unscaled indicator data.

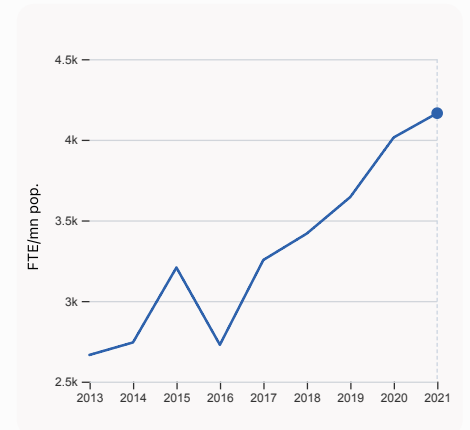
### > Innovation inputs in Greece



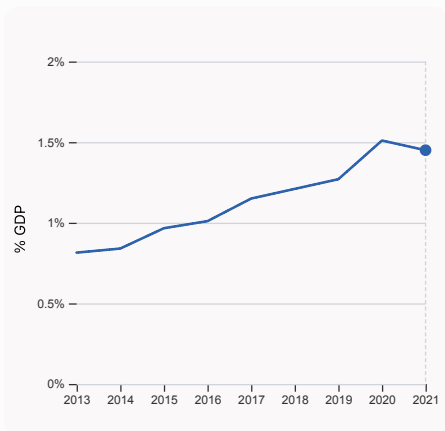
**2.1.1 Expenditure on education, % GDP** was equal to 3.59% GDP in 2019, down by 0.01 percentage points from the year prior – and equivalent to an indicator rank of 86.



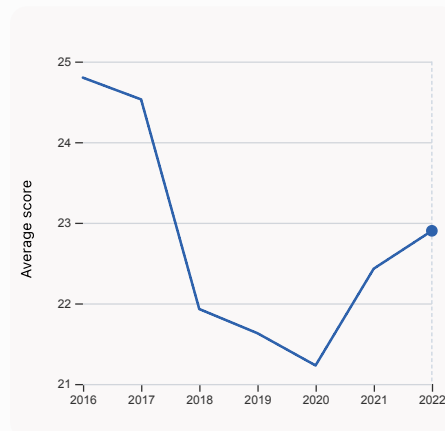
**2.2.2 Graduates in science and engineering, %** was equal to 27.42% of total tertiary graduates in 2020, up by 0.08 percentage points from the year prior – and equivalent to an indicator rank of 32.



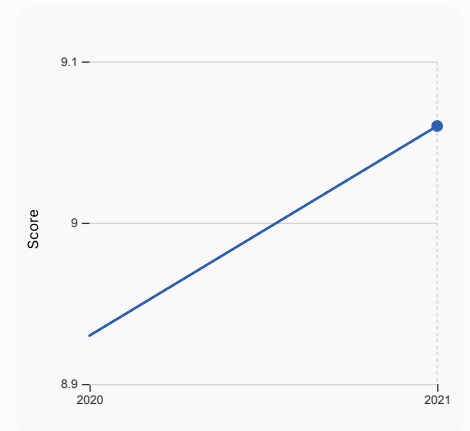
**2.3.1 Researchers, FTE/mn pop.** was equal to 4,164.94 FTE/mn pop. in 2021, up by 3.75% from the year prior – and equivalent to an indicator rank of 26.



**2.3.2 Gross expenditure on R&D, % GDP** was equal to 1.45% GDP in 2021, down by 0.06 percentage points from the year prior – and equivalent to an indicator rank of 28.

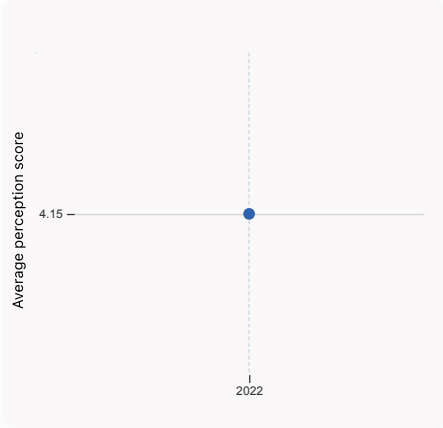
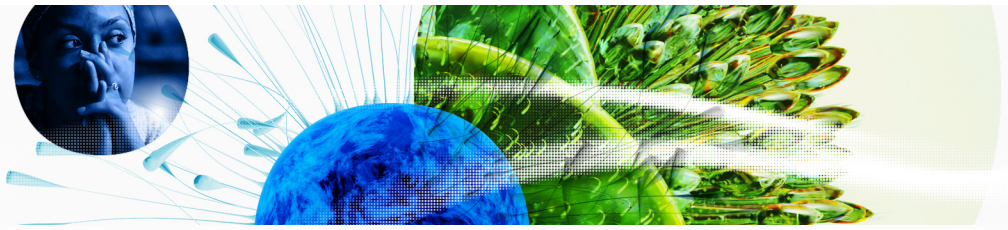


**2.3.4 QS university ranking, top 3** was equal to an average score of 22.9 for the top 3 universities in 2022, up by 2.095% from the year prior – and equivalent to an indicator rank of 47.

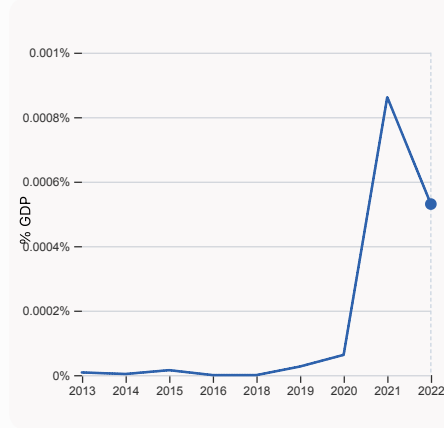


**3.1.1 ICT access** was equal to a score of 9.06 in 2021, up by 1.46% from the year prior – and equivalent to an indicator rank of 48.

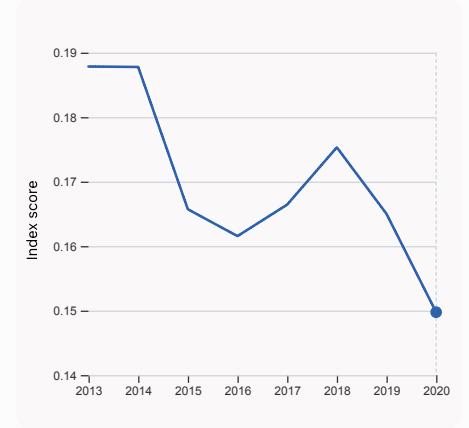
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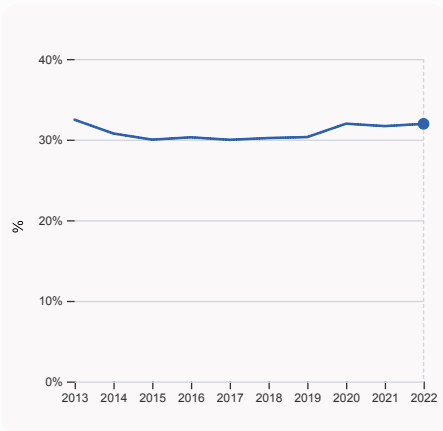
**4.1.1 Finance for startups and scaleups** was equal to an average perception score of 4.15 in 2022, equivalent to an indicator rank of 57.



**4.2.4 VC received, value, % GDP** was equal to 0.00053% GDP in 2022, down by 0.00033 percentage points from the year prior – and equivalent to an indicator rank of 64.

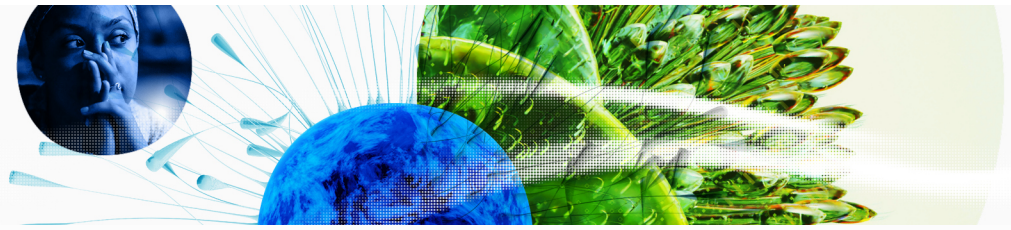


**4.3.2 Domestic industry diversification** was equal to an index score of 0.15 in 2020, down by 9.24% from the year prior – and equivalent to an indicator rank of 47.

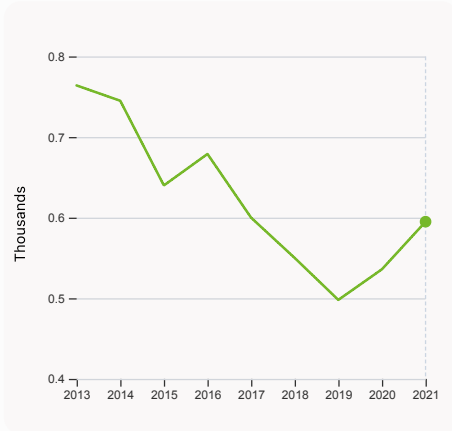


**5.1.1 Knowledge-intensive employment, %** was equal to 31.96% in 2022, up by 0.28 percentage points from the year prior – and equivalent to an indicator rank of 46.

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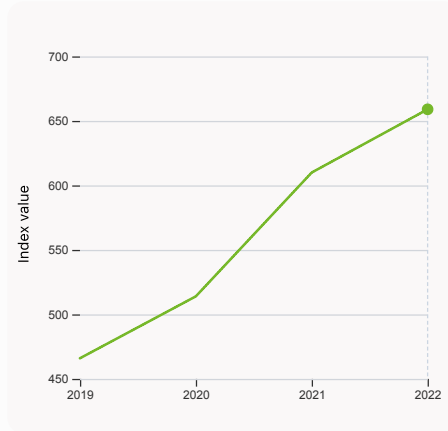


## > Innovation outputs in Greece



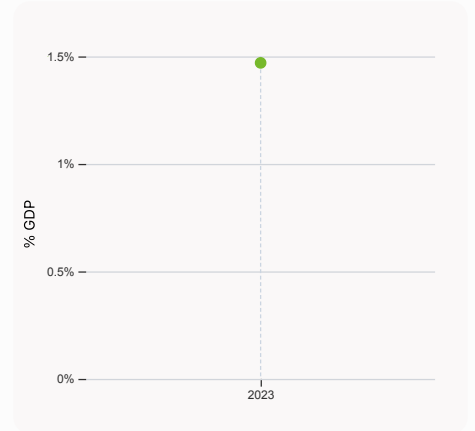
### 6.1.1 Patents by origin

was equal to 0.59 Thousands in 2021, up by 11.0075% from the year prior – and equivalent to an indicator rank of 40.



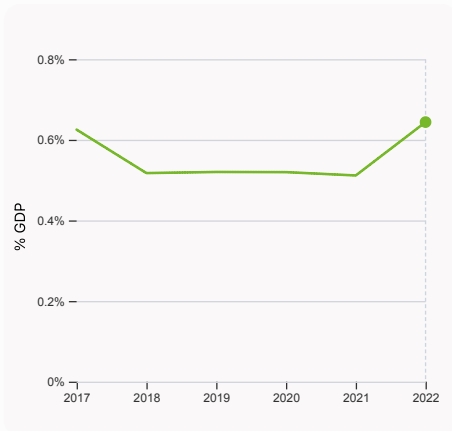
### 6.1.5 Citable documents H-index

was equal to an index value of 659 in 2022, up by 8.033% from the year prior – and equivalent to an indicator rank of 29.



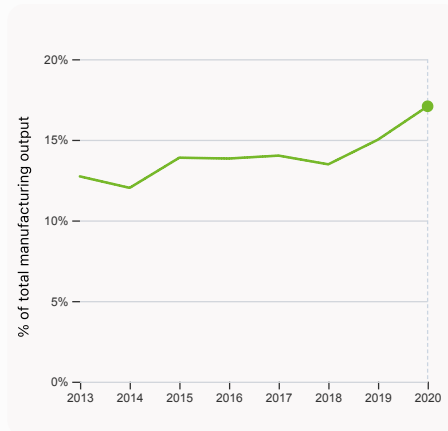
### 6.2.2 Unicorn valuation, % GDP

was equal to 1.47 % GDP in 2023 – and equivalent to an indicator rank of 29.



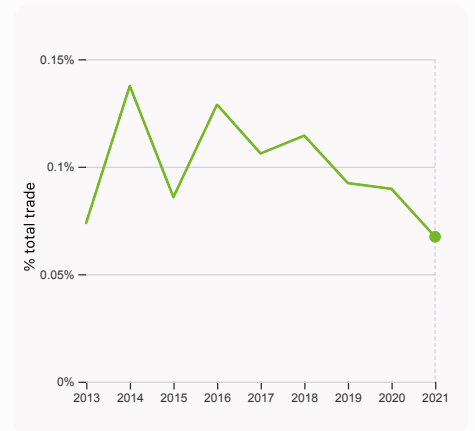
### 6.2.3 Software spending, % GDP

was equal to 0.644% GDP in 2022, up by 0.13 percentage points from the year prior – and equivalent to an indicator rank of 13.



### 6.2.4 High-tech manufacturing, %

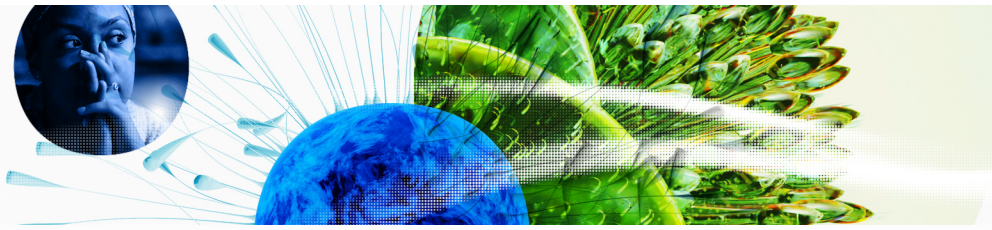
was equal to 17.08% of total manufacturing output in 2020, up by 2.07 percentage points from the year prior – and equivalent to an indicator rank of 71.



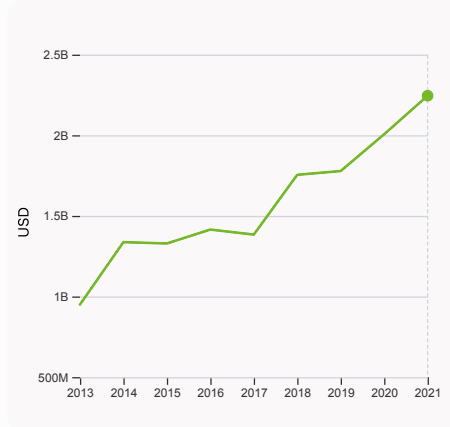
### 6.3.1 Intellectual property receipts, % total trade

was equal to 0.067% total trade in 2021, down by 0.022 percentage points from the year prior – and equivalent to an indicator rank of 62.

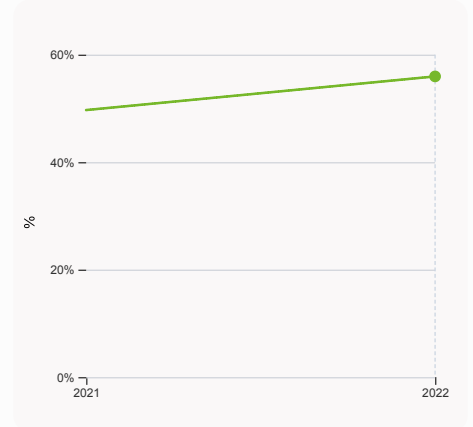
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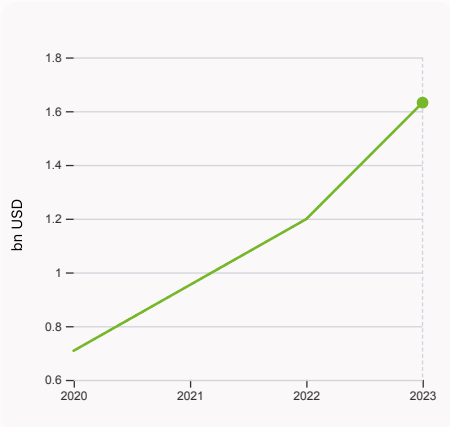
**6.3.2 Production and export complexity** was equal to a score of 0.247 in 2020, up by 129.71% from the year prior – and equivalent to an indicator rank of 50.



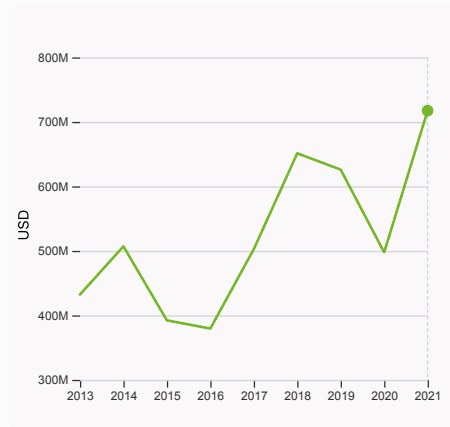
**6.3.3 High-tech exports** was equal to 2,245,313,001 USD in 2021, up by 11.91% from the year prior – and equivalent to an indicator rank of 54.



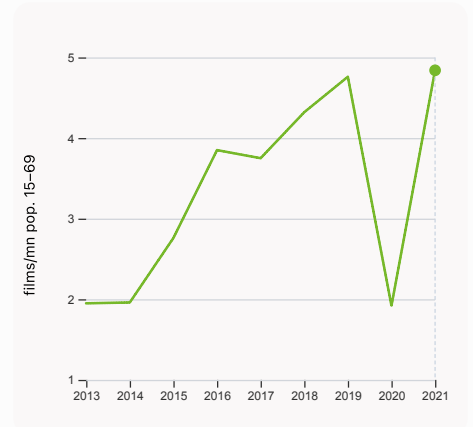
**7.1.1 Intangible asset intensity, top 15, %** was equal to 55.95% in 2022, up by 6.26 percentage points from the year prior – and equivalent to an indicator rank of 42.



**7.1.3 Global brand value, top 5,000** was equal to 1.632 bn USD in 2023, up by 36.17% from the year prior – and equivalent to an indicator rank of 57.

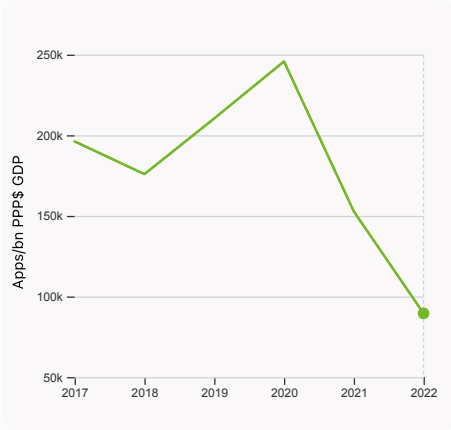
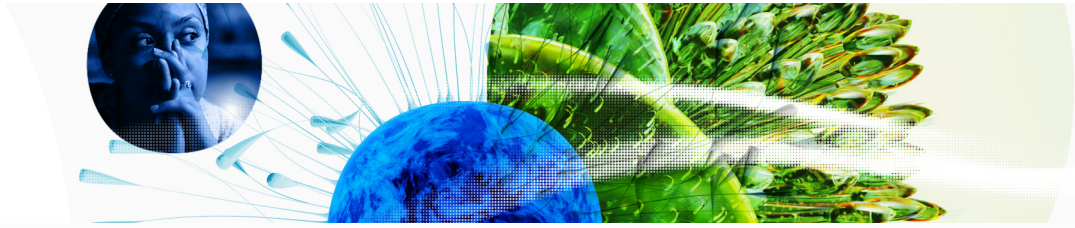


**7.2.1 Cultural and creative services exports** was equal to 717,437,000 USD in 2021, up by 44.16% from the year prior – and equivalent to an indicator rank of 41.



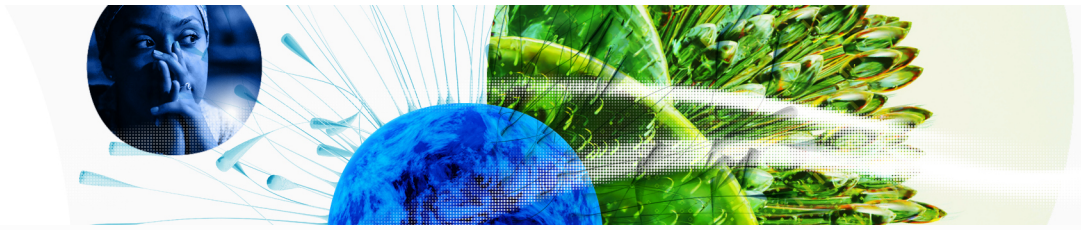
**7.2.2 National feature films/mn pop. 15-69** was equal to 4.84 films/mn pop. 15-69 in 2021, up by 152.083% from the year prior – and equivalent to an indicator rank of 24.

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## 7.3.4 Mobile app creation/bn PPP\$ GDP

was equal to 89,527.81 Apps/bn PPP\$ GDP in 2022, down by 41.41% from the year prior – and equivalent to an indicator rank of 66.



## → Greece's innovation top performers

### > 2.3.4 QS university ranking of Greece's top universities

Rank	University	Score
422	NATIONAL TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY OF ATHENS	27.30
591-600	UNIVERSITY OF CRETE	21.00
601-650	NATIONAL AND KAPODISTRIAN UNIVERSITY OF ATHENS	20.40

Source: QS Quacquarelli Symonds Ltd (<https://www.topuniversities.com/university-rankings/world-university-rankings/2023>).

Note: QS Quacquarelli Symonds Ltd annually assesses over 1,200 universities across the globe and scores them between [0,100]. Ranks can represent a single value "x", a tie "x=" or a range "x-y".

### > 6.2.2 Top Unicorn Companies in Greece

Rank	Unicorn Company	Industry	City	Valuation, bn USD
1	VIVA WALLET	Fintech	Athens	2
2	PEOPLECERT	Internet software & services	Athens	1

Source: CBInsights, Tracker – The Complete List of Unicorn Companies: <https://www.cbinsights.com/research-unicorn-companies>

### > 7.1.1 Top 15 intangible-asset intensive companies in Greece

Rank	Firm	Intensity, %
1	HELLENIC TELECOMMUNICATIONS ORGANIZATION SA	80.13
2	OPAP SA	112.11
3	TERNA ENERGY SA	61.13

Source: Brand Finance (<https://brandirectory.com/reports/gif-2022>).

Note: Brand Finance only provides within economy ranks.

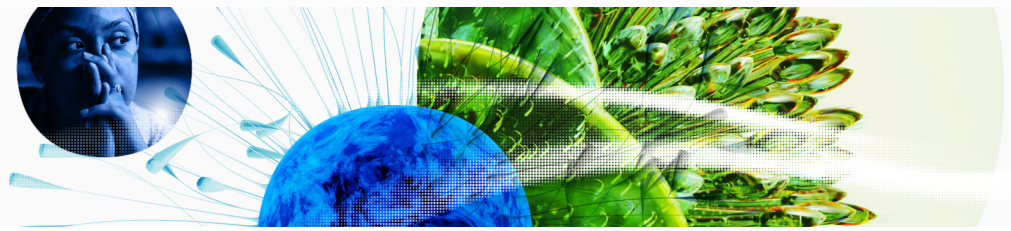
### > 7.1.3 Top 5,000 companies in Greece with highest global brand value

Rank	Brand	Industry	Brand Value, mn USD
1	OTE	Telecoms	361.2
2	COSMOTE GROUP	Telecoms	340.6
3	ALFA BETA VASSILOPOULOS	Retail	305.7

Source: Brand Finance (<https://brandirectory.com>).

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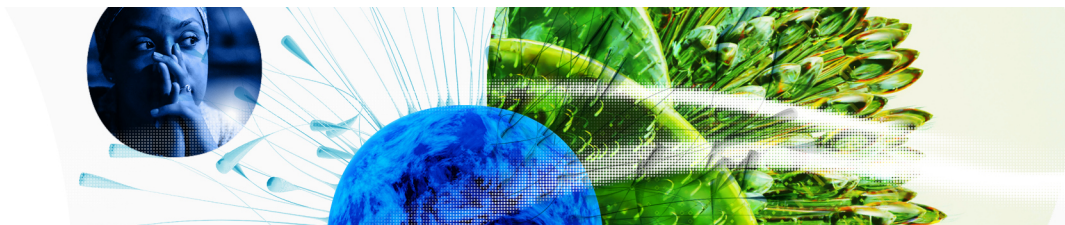
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Output rank	Input rank	Income	Region	Population (mn)	GDP, PPP\$ (bn)	GDP per capita, PPP\$
41	42	High	EUR	10.4	387.8	36,465.5
			Score / Value Rank			
<b>Institutions</b>			50.9 63	<b>Business sophistication</b>		28.7 62
<b>1.1 Institutional environment</b>			53.3 49	<b>5.1 Knowledge workers</b>		39.0 50
1.1.1 Operational stability for businesses*			57.6 53	5.1.1 Knowledge-intensive employment, %		32.0 46
1.1.2 Government effectiveness*			49.0 47	5.1.2 Firms offering formal training, %		21.6 76
<b>1.2 Regulatory environment</b>			68.1 48	5.1.3 GERD performed by business, % GDP		0.7 34
1.2.1 Regulatory quality*			53.6 50	5.1.4 GERD financed by business, %		38.4 45
1.2.2 Rule of law*			50.0 49	5.1.5 Females employed w/advanced degrees, %		20.1 34
1.2.3 Cost of redundancy dismissal			15.9 67	<b>5.2 Innovation linkages</b>		17.7 87
<b>1.3 Business environment</b>			31.3 97	5.2.1 University-industry R&D collaboration <sup>+</sup>		19.9 118
1.3.1 Policies for doing business <sup>+</sup>			42.9 77	5.2.2 State of cluster development <sup>+</sup>		15.5 120
1.3.2 Entrepreneurship policies and culture <sup>+</sup>			19.7 69	5.2.3 GERD financed by abroad, % GDP		0.2 20
<b>Human capital and research</b>			45.1 29	5.2.4 Joint venture/strategic alliance deals/bn PPP\$ GDP		0.0 38
<b>2.1 Education</b>			58.6 42	5.2.5 Patent families/bn PPP\$ GDP		0.3 38
2.1.1 Expenditure on education, % GDP			3.6 86	<b>5.3 Knowledge absorption</b>		29.4 80
2.1.2 Government funding/pupil, secondary, % GDP/cap			20.1 53	5.3.1 Intellectual property payments, % total trade		0.4 76
2.1.3 School life expectancy, years			20.1 3	5.3.2 High-tech imports, % total trade		6.5 99
2.1.4 PISA scales in reading, maths and science			453.5 43	5.3.3 ICT services imports, % total trade		1.0 85
2.1.5 Pupil-teacher ratio, secondary			8.4 15	5.3.4 FDI net inflows, % GDP		2.3 66
<b>2.2 Tertiary education</b>			53.6 6	5.3.5 Research talent, % in businesses		29.8 44
2.2.1 Tertiary enrolment, % gross			150.9 1	<b>Knowledge and technology outputs</b>		31.2 43
2.2.2 Graduates in science and engineering, %			27.4 32	<b>6.1 Knowledge creation</b>		25.4 38
2.2.3 Tertiary inbound mobility, %			2.8 71	6.1.1 Patents by origin/bn PPP\$ GDP		1.7 40
<b>2.3 Research and development (R&amp;D)</b>			23.1 41	6.1.2 PCT patents by origin/bn PPP\$ GDP		0.4 34
2.3.1 Researchers, FTE/mn pop.			4,164.9 26	6.1.3 Utility models by origin/bn PPP\$ GDP		0.0 64
2.3.2 Gross expenditure on R&D, % GDP			1.5 28	6.1.4 Scientific and technical articles/bn PPP\$ GDP		n/a n/a
2.3.3 Global corporate R&D investors, top 3, mn US\$			0.0 40	6.1.5 Citable documents H-index		34.3 29
2.3.4 QS university ranking, top 3*			23.2 47	<b>6.2 Knowledge impact</b>		36.6 39
<b>Infrastructure</b>			53.7 38	6.2.1 Labor productivity growth, %		-0.6 109
<b>3.1 Information and communication technologies (ICTs)</b>			76.9 44	6.2.2 Unicorn valuation, % GDP		1.5 29
3.1.1 ICT access*			85.9 48	6.2.3 Software spending, % GDP		0.6 13
3.1.2 ICT use*			86.0 33	6.2.4 High-tech manufacturing, %		17.1 71
3.1.3 Government's online service*			75.2 48	<b>6.3 Knowledge diffusion</b>		31.6 50
3.1.4 E-participation*			60.5 55	6.3.1 Intellectual property receipts, % total trade		0.1 62
<b>3.2 General infrastructure</b>			36.2 40	6.3.2 Production and export complexity		57.7 50
3.2.1 Electricity output, GWh/mn pop.			4,987.3 45	6.3.3 High-tech exports, % total trade		2.4 54
3.2.2 Logistics performance*			72.7 18	6.3.4 ICT services exports, % total trade		1.5 70
3.2.3 Gross capital formation, % GDP			18.3 109	6.3.5 ISO 9001 quality/bn PPP\$ GDP		20.6 11
<b>3.3 Ecological sustainability</b>			47.9 24	<b>Creative outputs</b>		33.7 39
3.3.1 GDP/unit of energy use			14.7 27	<b>7.1 Intangible assets</b>		41.7 39
3.3.2 Environmental performance*			63.2 28	7.1.1 Intangible asset intensity, top 15, %		56.0 42
3.3.3 ISO 14001 environment/bn PPP\$ GDP			5.6 18	7.1.2 Trademarks by origin/bn PPP\$ GDP		n/a n/a
<b>Market sophistication</b>			34.7 66	7.1.3 Global brand value, top 5,000		0.7 57
<b>4.1 Credit</b>			35.7 51	7.1.4 Industrial designs by origin/bn PPP\$ GDP		3.3 31
4.1.1 Finance for startups and scaleups <sup>+</sup>			41.1 57	<b>7.2 Creative goods and services</b>		20.7 48
4.1.2 Domestic credit to private sector, % GDP			82.3 39	7.2.1 Cultural and creative services exports, % total trade		0.8 41
4.1.3 Loans from microfinance institutions, % GDP			n/a n/a	7.2.2 National feature films/mn pop. 15-69		4.8 24
<b>4.2 Investment</b>			5.4 74	7.2.3 Entertainment and media market/th pop. 15-69		22.9 26
4.2.1 Market capitalization, % GDP			23.7 55	7.2.4 Creative goods exports, % total trade		1.1 44
4.2.2 Venture capital (VC) investors, deals/bn PPP\$ GDP			0.1 48	<b>7.3 Online creativity</b>		30.8 39
4.2.3 VC recipients, deals/bn PPP\$ GDP			0.0 86	7.3.1 Generic top-level domains (TLDs)/th pop. 15-69		15.3 34
4.2.4 VC received, value, % GDP			0.0 64	7.3.2 Country-code TLDs/th pop. 15-69		22.2 30
<b>4.3 Trade, diversification, and market scale</b>			63.0 43	7.3.3 GitHub commits/mn pop. 15-69		21.1 42
4.3.1 Applied tariff rate, weighted avg., %			1.5 20	7.3.4 Mobile app creation/bn PPP\$ GDP		64.5 66
4.3.2 Domestic industry diversification			90.3 47			
4.3.3 Domestic market scale, bn PPP\$			387.8 53			

NOTES: ● indicates a strength; ○ a weakness; ◆ an income group strength; ◇ an income group weakness; \* an index; + a survey question, ● indicates that the economy's data are older than the base year; see appendices for details, including the year of the data, at <https://www.wipo.int/gii-ranking>. Square brackets [ ] indicate that the data minimum coverage (DMC) requirements were not met at the sub-pillar or pillar level.



## → Data availability

The following tables list indicators that are either missing or outdated for Greece.



> Greece has missing data for two indicators and outdated data for two indicators.

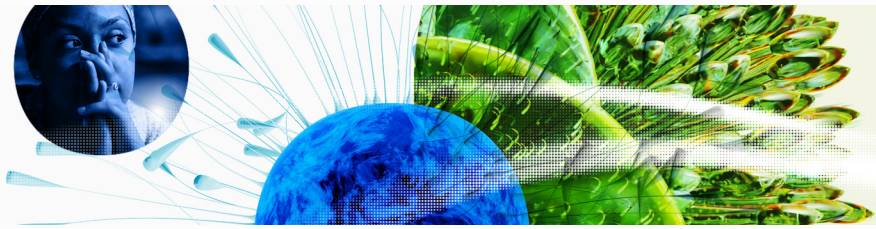
## > Missing data for Greece

Code	Indicator name	Economy Year	Model Year	Source
4.1.3	Loans from microfinance institutions, % GDP	n/a	2021	International Monetary Fund, Financial Access Survey (FAS)
7.1.2	Trademarks by origin/bn PPP\$ GDP	n/a	2021	World Intellectual Property Organization; International Monetary Fund

## > Outdated data for Greece

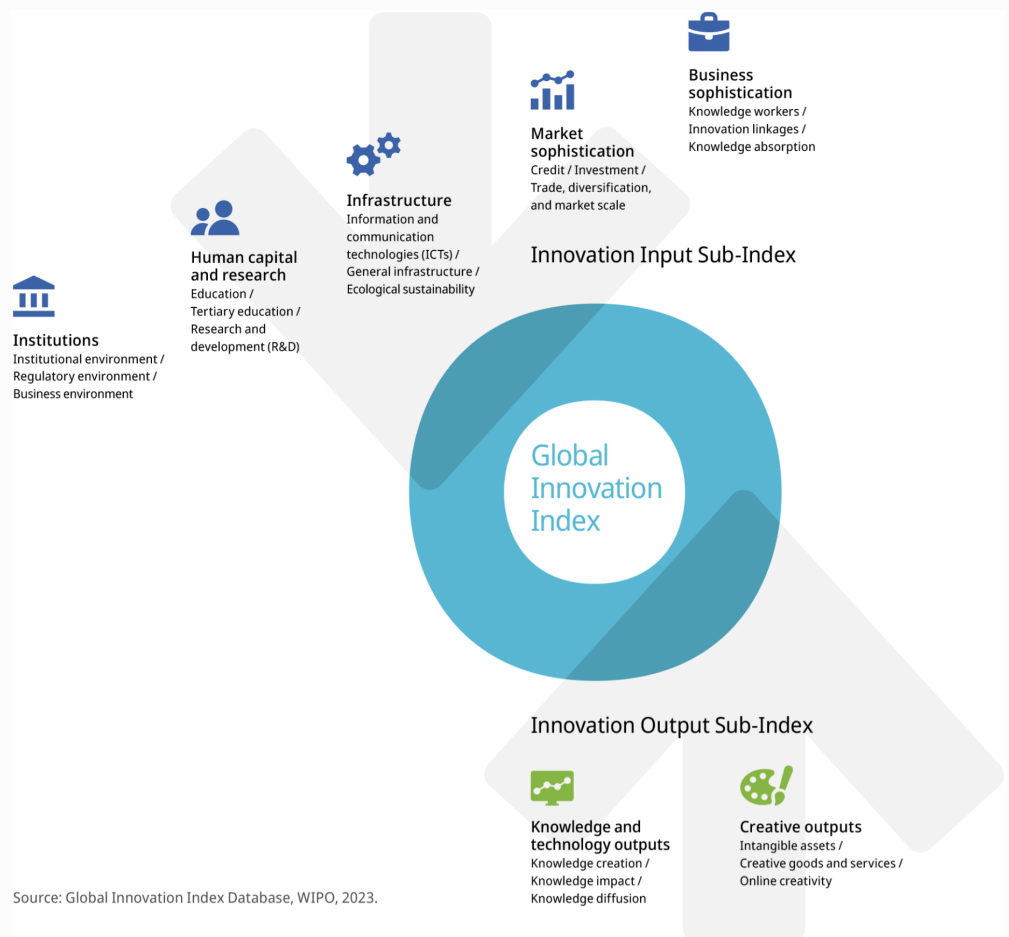
Code	Indicator name	Economy Year	Model Year	Source
2.1.1	Expenditure on education, % GDP	2019	2021	UNESCO Institute for Statistics
5.1.2	Firms offering formal training, %	2018	2019	World Bank Enterprise Surveys

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The Index is a ranking of the innovation capabilities and results of world economies. It measures innovation based on criteria that include institutions, human capital and research, infrastructure, credit, investment, linkages; the creation, absorption and diffusion of knowledge; and creative outputs.

The GII has two sub-indices: the Innovation Input Sub-Index and the Innovation Output Sub-Index, and seven pillars, each consisting of three sub-pillars.