



PERSPECTIVES FROM HUNGARY SCIENCE POLICY AND FUNDING

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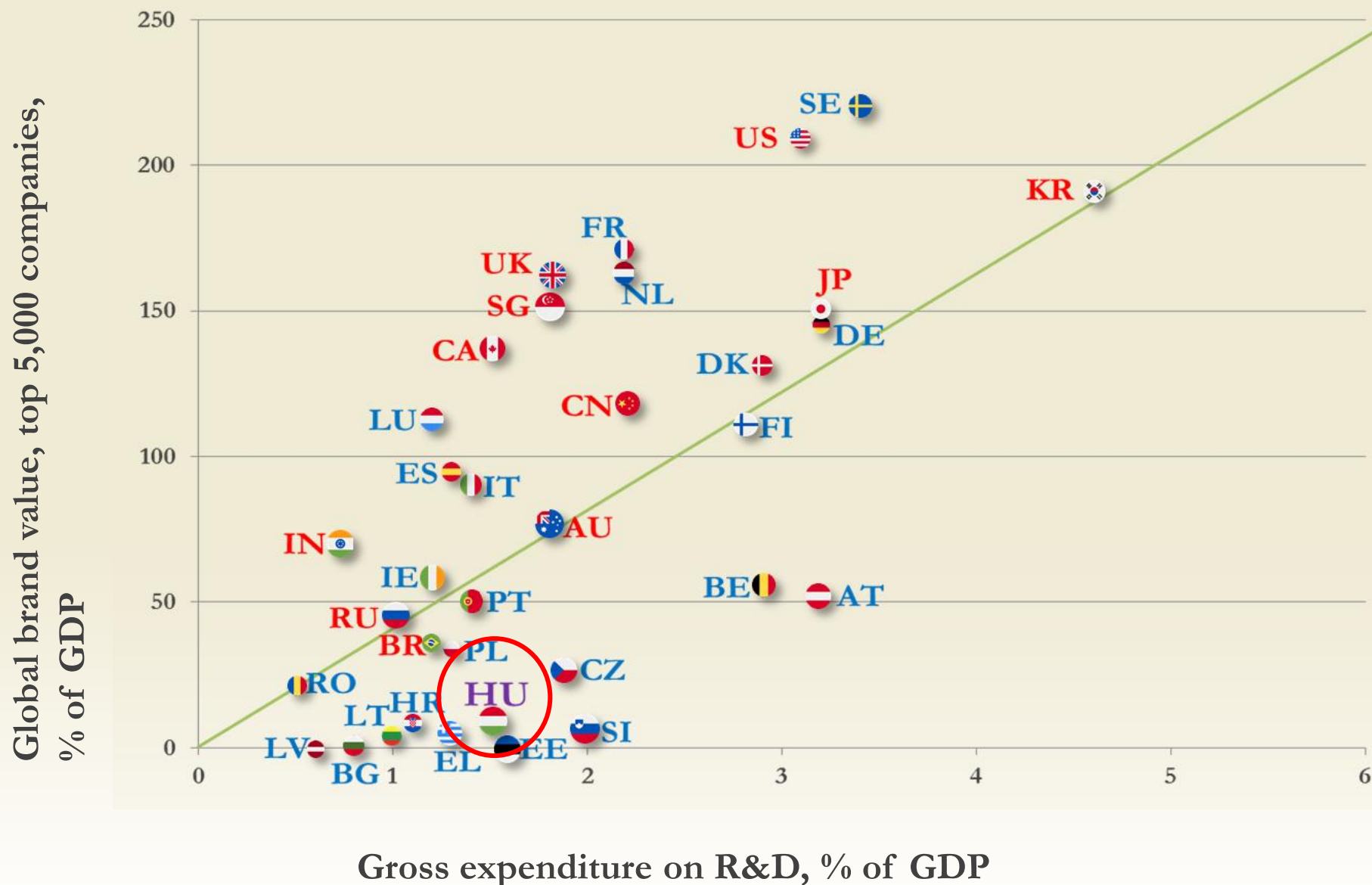
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1 RDI IN HUNGARY

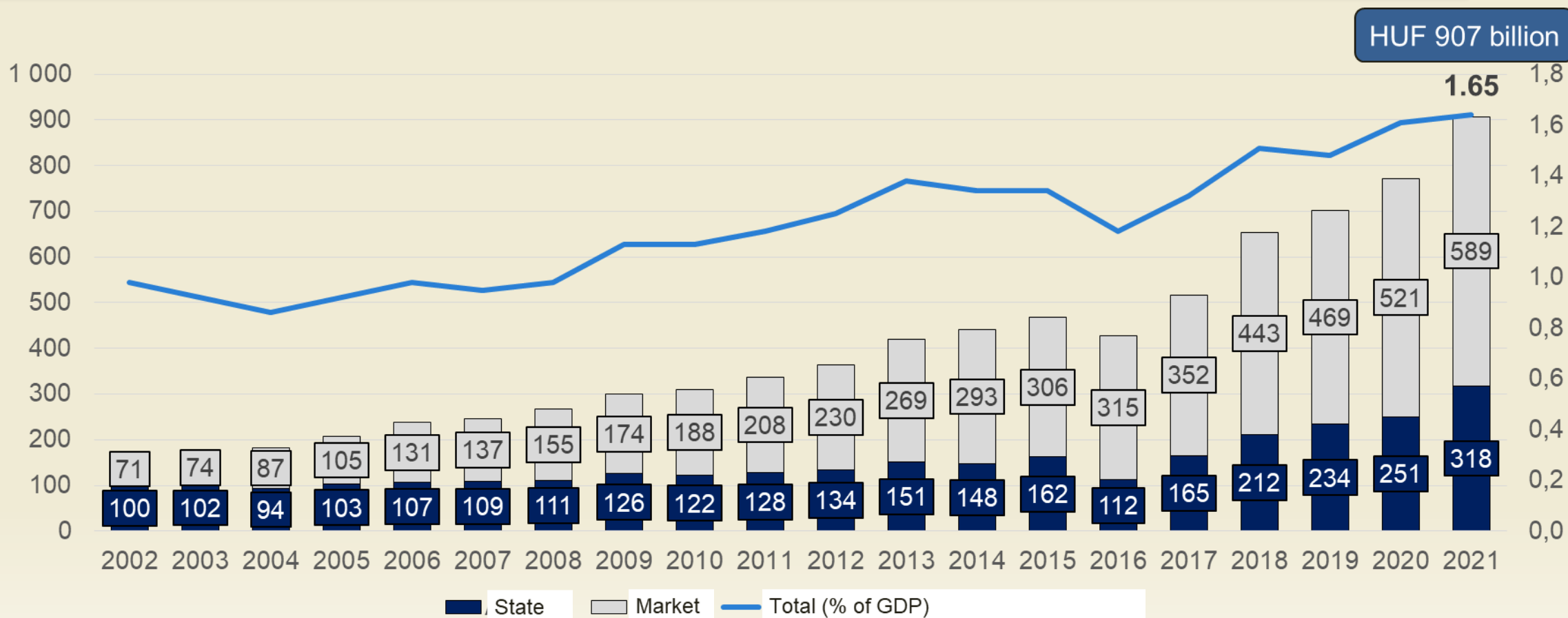
CURRENT STATE OF PLAY

THE EUROPEAN PARADOX



The main competitors of Europe are strong in innovation and have a good position in global competition, while most European countries perform better in R&D.

DEVELOPMENT OF DOMESTIC R&D EXPENDITURES (IN BILLION HUF AND IN PROPORTION TO GDP)



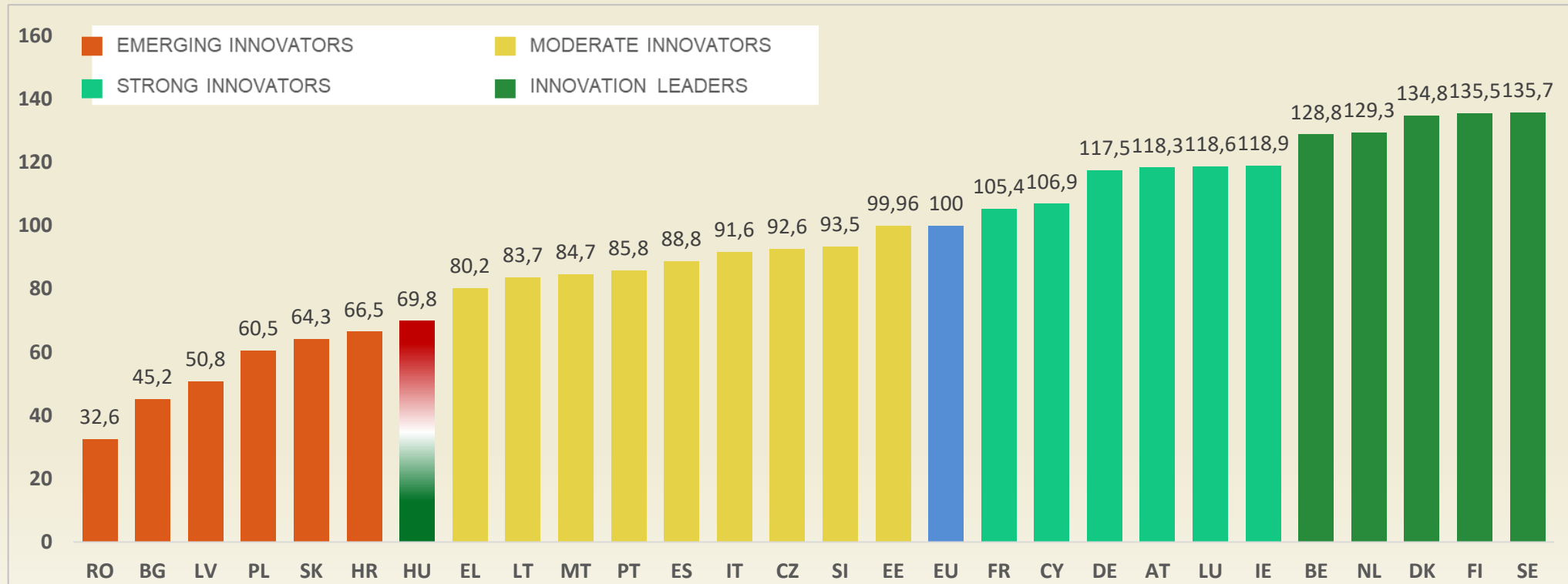
EIS: HUNGARY RANKS 21ST IN THE EU IN THE FIELD OF INNOVATION, 1ST AMONG EMERGING INNOVATORS



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Innovation ranking of European countries based on EIS2022

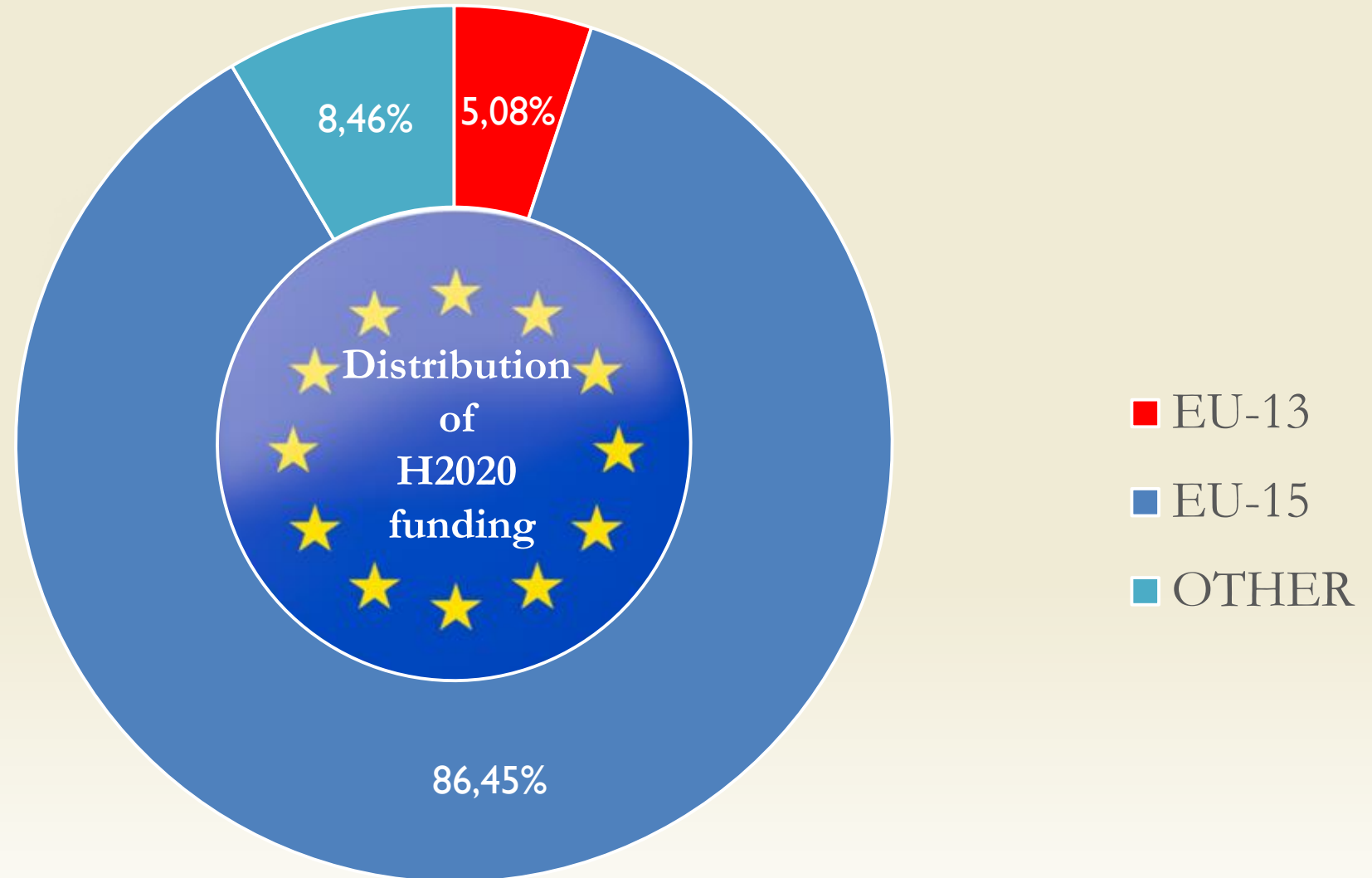
As a percentage of the 2022 EU average

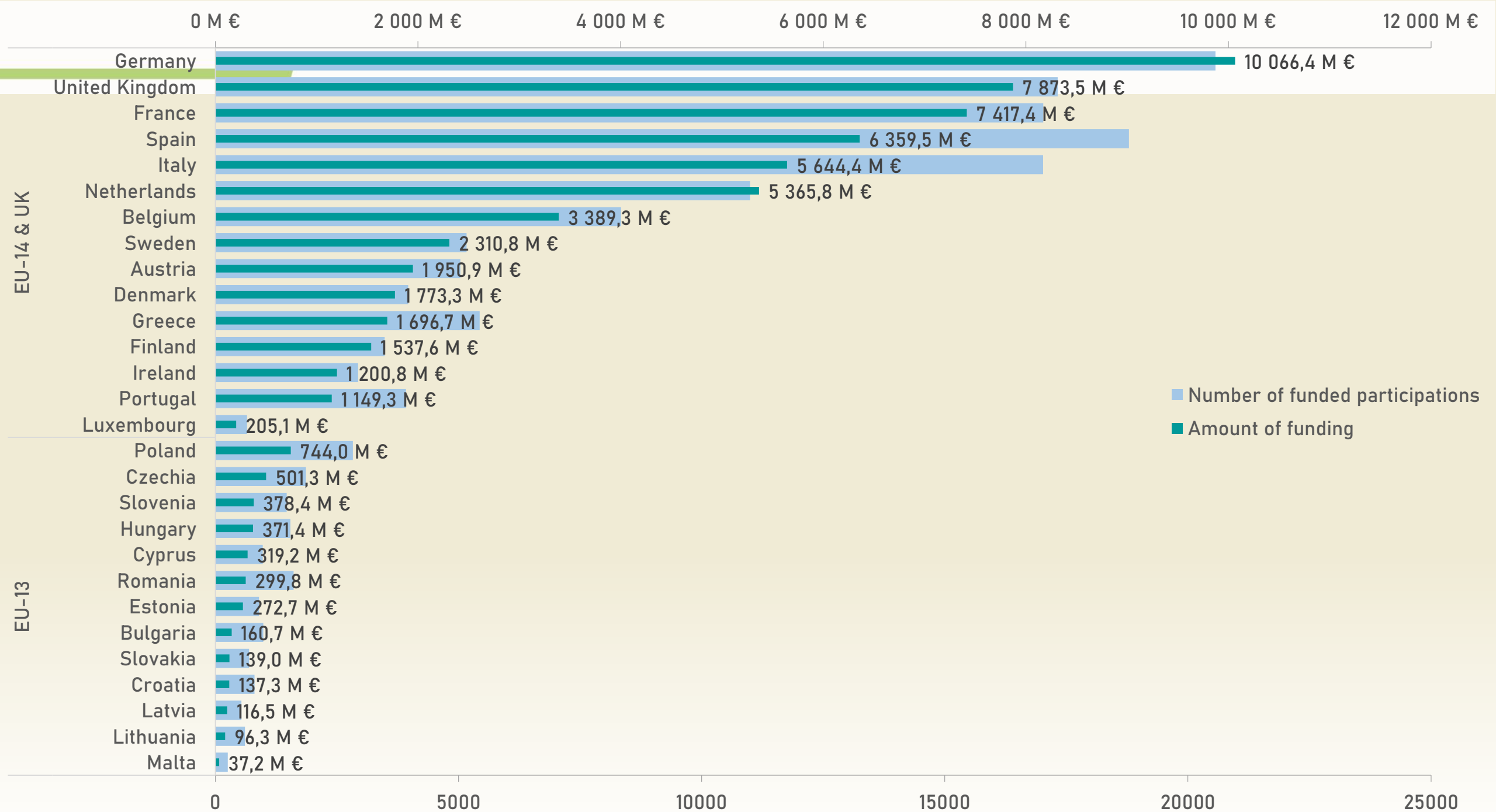


On the European Innovation Scoreboard for 2022, Hungary is at the 21st place, leading the group of „emerging innovators". Hungary's innovation performance is 69.8% of the EU average in 2022.

PERFORMANCE GAP IN HORIZON 2020

Performance gap
between EU15
and EU13
countries in
Horizon 2020







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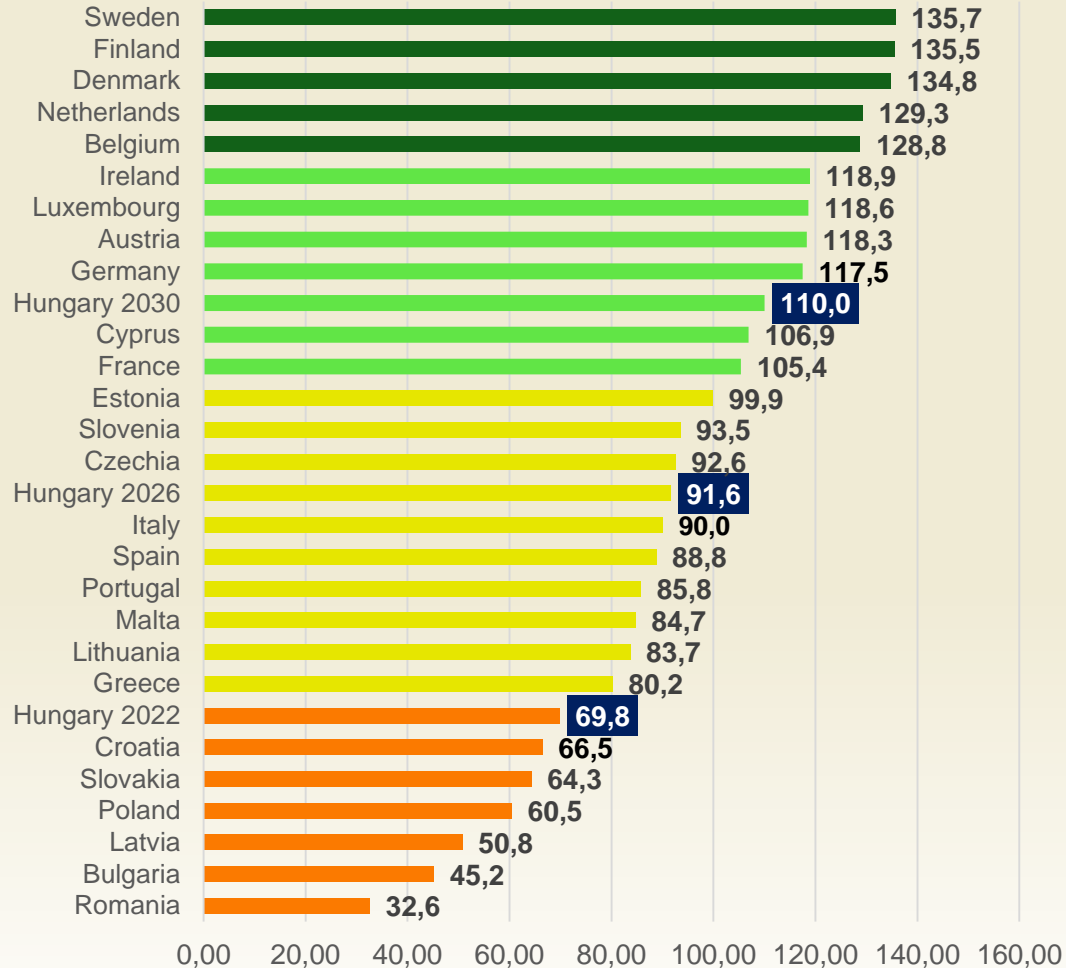
RDI PROGRAMME FRAMEWORK IN HUNGARY

CHALLENGES & ANSWERS

VISION: HUNGARY AMONG EUROPE'S TOP 10 INNOVATORS BY 2030

Aggregate innovation index, 2022

European Innovation Scoreboard, as a percentage of the 2022 EU average



What is needed?

Strategic target indicators until 2030

- 1 Knowledge production: R&D**
employment per million people in research and development places will be among the highest in the EU (reaching 9,000)
- 2 Knowledge flow:** Tripling the number of RDI collaborations between companies and research institutes/universities
- 3 Knowledge usage:**
 - A. One in three Hungarian SMEs innovate
 - B. Unicorns are created

Source: European Innovation Scoreboard, 2022

SMART SPECIALIZATION STRATEGY 2021-2027 AND SECTORAL STRATEGIES



National Digitalization Strategy

- Digital skills development of SMEs
- Development of integration of digital technologies in the whole economy
- Development of the ICT sector as a priority

National RDI Strategy

1. Knowledge production
2. Knowledge transfer
3. Knowledge exploitation

National SME Strategy

1. Strengthening the value-creating capacity of companies of high growth potential
2. Provide a predictable framework for the entire SME sector

Special Ministerial Order: NRDI Office is responsible for planning and implementation of S3

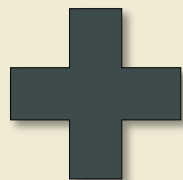
S3 PRIORITIES



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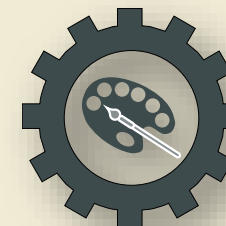
**Agriculture,
food industry**



Health



Digital economy



Creative industry



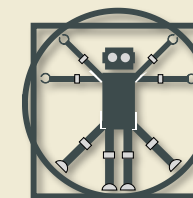
**Resource-efficient
economy**



Energy, climate



Services



Cutting-edge technologies



**Public sector and
university innovation**



Training, education

SYSTEM OF RDI PROGRAMMES OF NRDIO



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International and domestic research
and technological infrastructures

Researchers



Businesses



HEIs and Research institutions



New National Excellence
Programme

National
Conference of
Student Research

Basic research
(„OTKA”)

Forefront
Research
Excellence
Programme

Cooperative
Doctoral
Programme

Calls for business
enterprises
(NRDI Fund and
operational
programmes)

Horizon Europe

International calls

Science Parks

Competence
Centres

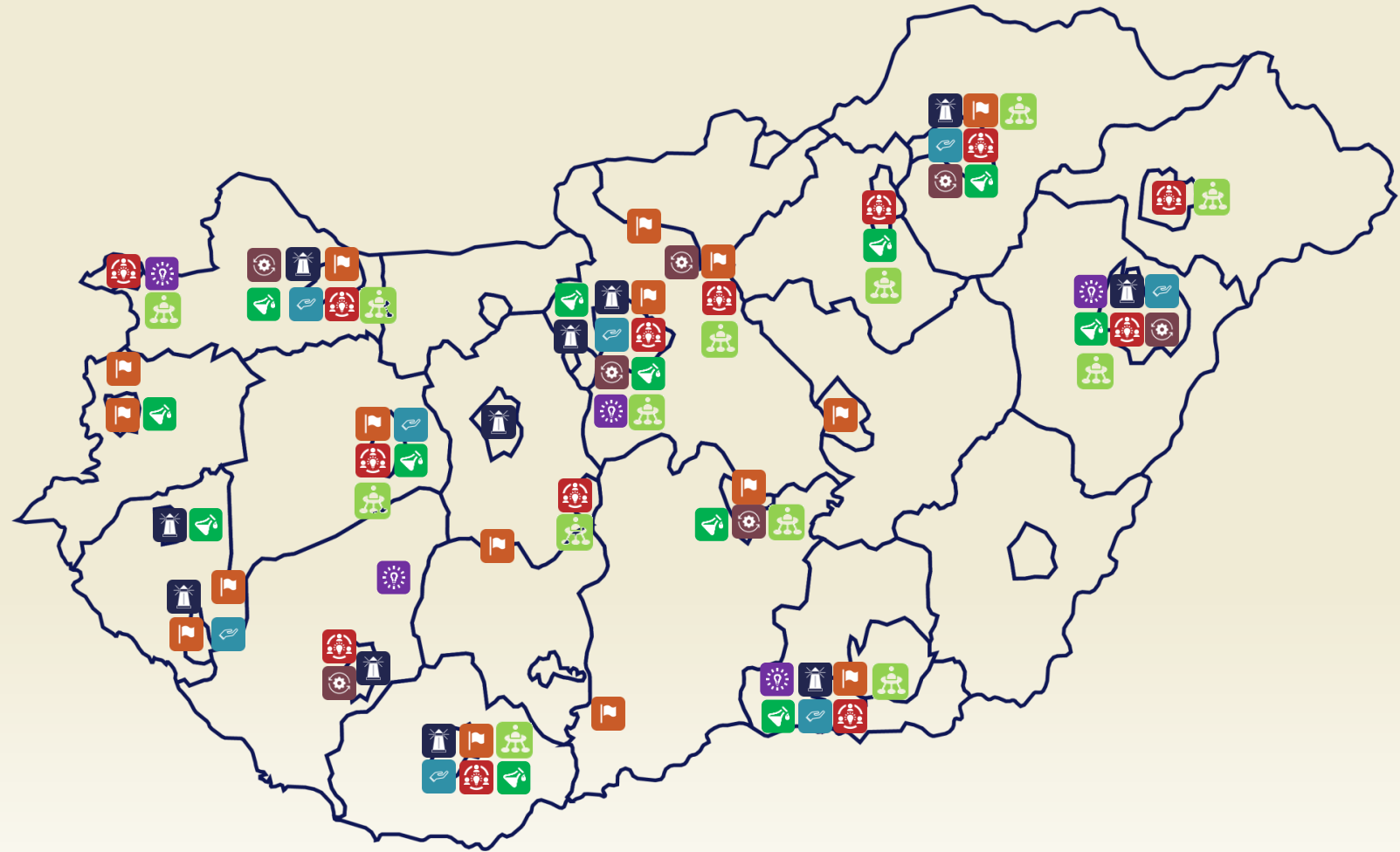
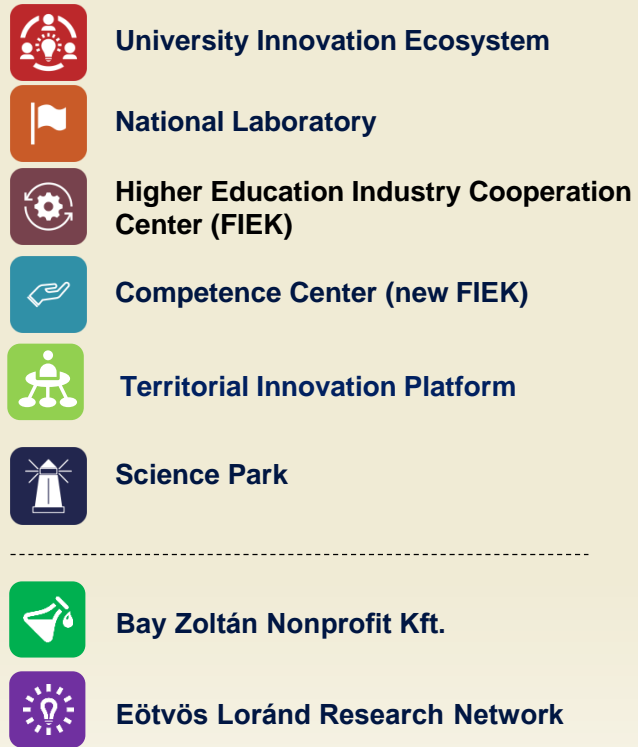
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Thematic
Excellence
Programme

University
Innovation
Ecosystem

International Excellence

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NATIONAL LABORATORIES



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BUDAPEST


National Laboratory of
Tumor Biology

HCEMM NL

National Laboratory of
Agricultural Technology

Molecular
Fingerprinting NL


Autonomous systems
NL

Artificial Intelligence
NL

Quantum Information
NL


Secure Technologies
NL

*National Laboratory for
Nanoplasmonic Laser
Fusion*

National Laboratory for
Info-communication
and Information
Technology


Social Innovation NL

National Laboratory for
Digital Heritage

VESZPRÉM


Multidisciplinary Laboratory for Climate Change

SZEGED


National Laboratory
for Laser-based
Transmutation


ELI NL


National Laboratory for
Biotechnology

PÉCS


National Laboratory
for Virology

National Laboratory
of Human
Reproduction



Secure society and
environment



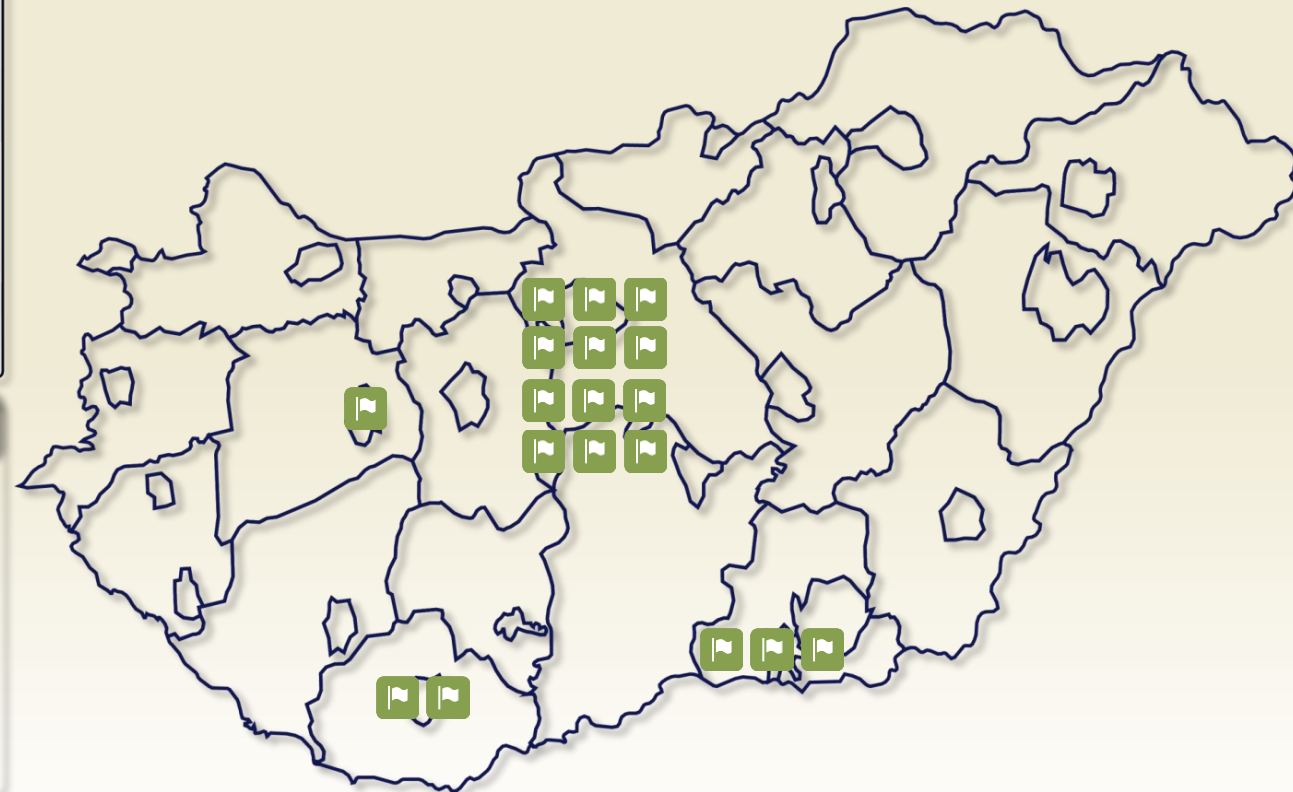
Culture and family



Industry and
digitization



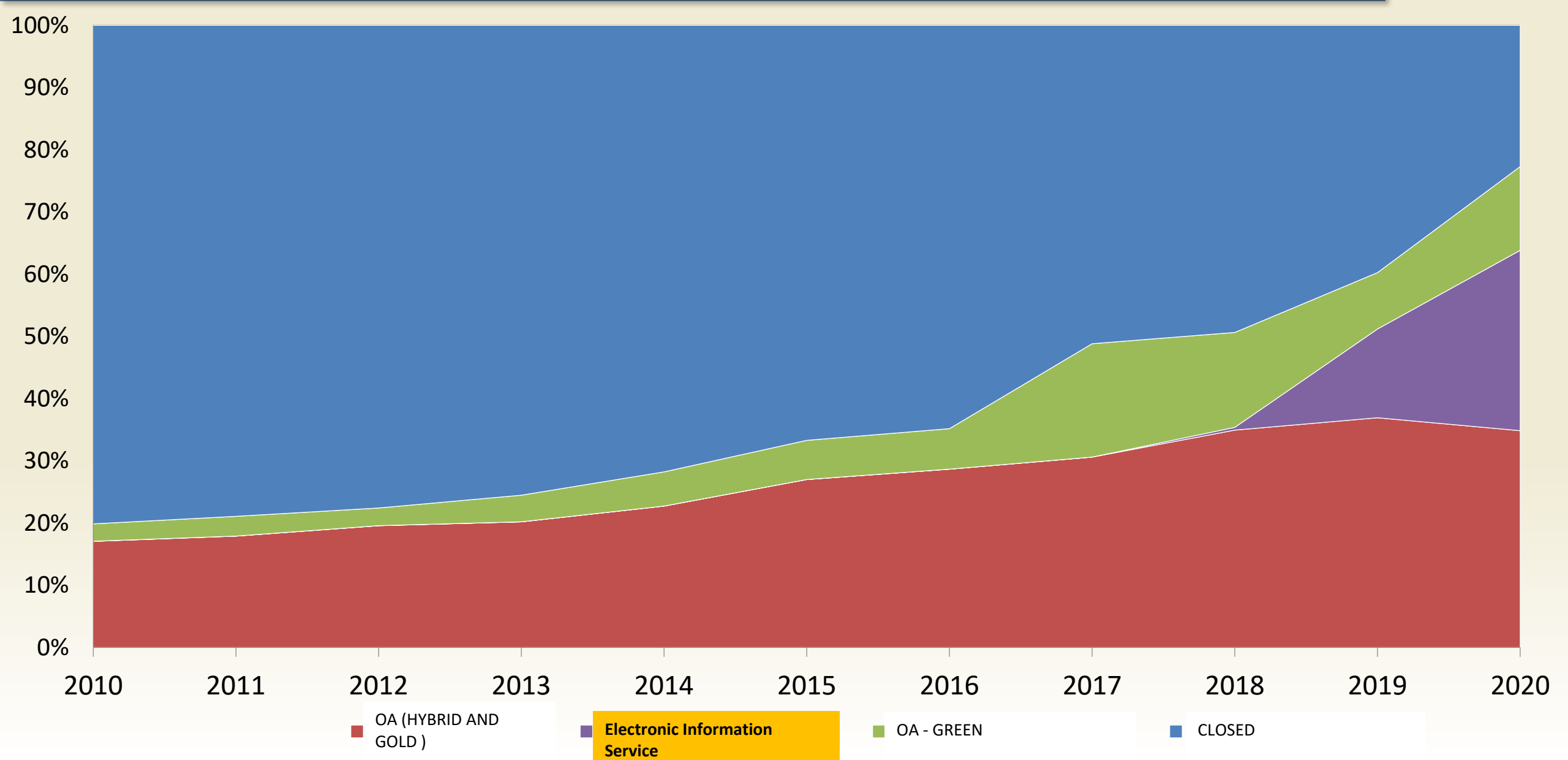
Health





3 OPEN SCIENCE IN NATIONAL CONTEXT

NRDIO GOALS, ACTIVITIES & PRACTICES



- Establishment of a National Open Science Advisory Board
- Formulation of a national resolution ("Open Science White Paper")
- Join the EOSC Association
- Enforcement of Open Science principles in research and innovation applications

The statement has been published with the aim of expressing a **common position** on Open Science, based on **professional consensus**, summarizes the **principles and the fields of activity** of Open Science that best **serve the interests and development of Hungarian science**.

The statement reflects on the key pillars of the Open Science ecosystem

- open access to research outputs;
- FAIR and CARE research data management;
- research integrity;
- next generation metrics in research assessment;
- new types of rewards and initiatives;
- international cooperation networks;
- Citizen Science;
- education and skills.

Funding organizations

Association of Hungarian PhD and DLA Candidates (DOSZ)

College of University Library Directors (EKK)

Eötvös Loránd Research Network (ELKH)

Ministry for Innovation and Technology (ITM)

Governmental Agency for IT Development (KIFÜ)

Hungarian Accreditation Committee (MAB)

Hungarian Rectors' Conference (MRK)

Library and Information Centre of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences (MTA KIK)

Hungarian Doctoral Council (ODT)

National Scientific Student Council (OTDT)

NRDI Office has incorporated several measures in relation to Open Science into the RDI funding system:

Science Patronage Programme

- **Budget:** 1 billion HUF from the NRDI Fund
- **Aim:** promoting the internationalisation of the Hungarian scientific research community and supporting the **development of open science practices in Hungary.**
- **Dedicated budget for Open Access publication**
- up to 10% of the direct project costs at the Postdoctoral and Young researchers' excellence programme Call for thematic research projects (OTKA).

Hungary takes part in the EOSC (European Open Science Cloud) activities (representation in the EOSC Steering Board, participation in the EOSC Association, providing data on national OS practices)

Further plans:

- The NRDI Office, as the main RDI funding organisation, will join the EOSC Association
- Collecting and reporting about national data and investments, policies, digital research outputs, open science skills and infrastructure capacities related to EOSC
- Further mainstreaming open science (OS) across national research funding programmes
- Increasing the connection of national/regional research infrastructures to the EOSC platform
- Contributing intensifying EOSC outreach and communication including through national EOSC events

- Hungary's RDI strategy for 2021-2030 stresses the importance of increasing the public awareness of the value of science and innovation and highlighted that it is necessary to promote the accessibility of scientific results and innovation methods not only for universities, research institutes and businesses, but also for society in general.

DEDICATED CITIZEN SCIENCE SUPPORT MEASURE UNDER THE SCIENCE PATRONAGE PROGRAMME

The programme provides funding for

- **participation** in international scientific and innovation events and **conferences** held abroad
- **organizing** international scientific and innovation events and **conferences in Hungary** (with special regard to events related to international research infrastructure memberships)
- social promotion of the results of science and innovation, and **support of Citizen Science**
- **supporting the publication of scientific books** in paper-based and at the same time **open-access** electronic format.

648 applications

270 awarded grants

ERA ACTION 14 ON CITIZEN SCIENCE



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Hungary is committed to actively take part in ERA Action 14 Bring science closer to citizens under the ERA Policy Agenda and priority is given to the following activities:

Plastic Pirates Initiative

- **Hungary has joined the Plastic Pirates** citizen science initiative and participates in the “Europeanisation of the Plastic Pirates Citizen Science Campaign” action coordinated by DLR-PT and will contribute to further development of the initiative by fine tuning the citizen science approach and methodology and by organizing local sampling campaign and communication activities.

Mutual Learning Exercise

- **Hungary participates** in the Mutual Learning Exercise “Citizen Science Initiatives – Policy and Practice” launched under the PSF in 2022.
- Hungary is committed to get engaged in the **continuation of the MLE** on Citizen Science and **prepare the ground for a policy coordination mechanism** on public engagement practices and a network of exchange among responsible national organizations



FURTHER PLANS BASED ON INSTITUTIONAL LEVEL INITIATIVES

Although several citizen science activities are implemented at institutional level at Hungarian universities or research organizations but no dedicated platform or network has been established to monitor or link these initiatives.

- developing a monitoring system for the ongoing CS projects,
- a national Citizen Science network/hub will be established to create a common platform for those organizations which have already been implementing citizen science actions or express their commitment to promote public engagement in RDI



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