

INTRODUCTION

The fourth edition of this report is structured in the same way as all previous editions. However, we have added something new: tables have been included which display the main indicators, incorporating data from 2014 in order to present the most recent information available. Data from 2013 is used in most of the rest of the report. Financial data for 2014 has not been consolidated, and should be regarded as advance data.

The first chapter analyses the financial resources allocated to universities for research and innovation, both competitive grants, i.e. those which are obtained through public calls for proposals at the regional, state or international level, as well as those for non-competitive grants.

The second chapter analyses the scientific production of Catalan public universities, as well as their impact and efficiency. This analysis is complemented by the provision of the Catalan, Spanish, European and global context. In the third chapter, indicators which measure innovation and knowledge transfer to society are analysed: revenue from patent licences and from innovation agreements with businesses; spin offs created from research results, and the establishment of university-business-society chairs.

The annex to the report details the human resources which universities commit to research.

Finally, as mentioned, a series of tables are included which incorporate the most recent data from 2014 and detail the main indicators for attracting funding and human resources.

The study which accompanies this 2015 edition presents a picture of university entrepreneurship, illustrated with concrete successful case studies. It presents a picture of university entrepreneurship illustrated with concrete cases of success. It shows entrepreneurship at different levels (from recent graduates who are developing projects to established businesses) and in different fields (social entrepreneurship, technology, etc.).

The same sources of information as previous editions have been drawn upon: UNEIX, the Catalan university system data base, is the main source of information. This is complemented, when necessary, by other sources (RedOTRI, CRUE, Eurostat, INE, EPO, Institut d'Estudis Catalans, European Research Council, XPCAT, among others), as well as information available at the Web of Science. New sources are listed in the publications section: the CYD (Knowledge and Development Foundation) report, and the SIR (Scimago Institutions Rankings) report.

This report, along with previous editions, is available in electronic format at the website www.indicadorsuniversitats.cat, and figures and tables can be downloaded by chapter.