

The EU and innovation

The European Union has long sought ways to foster innovation, starting with support for research and industrial policies in the 1970s, through action plans in the 1990s and the [Lisbon Strategy](#) of 2000, to the [Europe 2020](#) strategy of 2010, now updated by the [10 priorities](#) of European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker.

According to a [recent study](#), innovation policy has evolved to be understood as an umbrella notion, which encompasses research, industrial and education policies, as well as policies key for the innovation process, such as funding, taxation, regulation, standards and intellectual property rights. Efforts to boost innovation are also part of many EU programmes, such as the [Digital Single Market](#).

This note offers links to **recent studies and reports from major international think tanks and research institutes** on problems faced by Europe in supporting innovation.

[From distraction to action: Towards a bold Energy Union innovation strategy](#)

Institut Jacques Delors, June 2016

[How mobile is tech talent? A case study of IT professionals based on data from LinkedIn](#)

Centre for European Policy Studies, June 2016

[Rewriting Europe: Five priorities for lasting digital economy](#)

Wilfried Martens Centre for European Studies, June 2016

[New estimate of the size of Dutch 'Gig Economy'](#)

Fondation Européenne d'Etudes Progressistes, June 2016

[From startup to scale-up: Growing Europe's digital economy](#)

Lisbon Council for Economic Competitiveness and Social Renewal, June 2016

[A deepened Single Market for labour and digital innovation: Proposals for higher factor mobility in the Single Market](#) Jacques Delors Institute, May 2016

[The European Union's Digital Single Market Strategy: A conflict between government's desire for certainty and rapid marketplace innovation?](#) Brookings Institution, May 2016

[Policies for innovation in times of digitalization: A comparative report on innovation policies in Finland, Sweden and Germany](#) Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, May 2016

[E-commerce in Europe: Parcel delivery prices in a Digital Single Market](#) Bruegel, May 2016

[Text and data mining for research and innovation](#)

Lisbon Council for Economic Competitiveness and Social Renewal, May 2016

[Competition, growth and regulatory heterogeneity in Europe's digital economy](#)

European Centre for International Political Economy, April 2016

[The European Union's growing innovation divide](#) Bruegel, April 2016

[Mapping the regional embeddedness of the NMP programme](#)

Zentrum für Europäische Wirtschaftsforschung, April 2016

[EU transition towards green and smart mobility: Action toolbox to unleash innovation potentials](#)

Clingendael, March 2016

[Competition challenges in the consumer Internet industry: How to ensure fair competition in the EU](#)

Centrum für Europäische Politik, February 2016

[Getting the most from public R&D spending in times of budgetary austerity](#)

Bruegel, February 2016

[The Israeli lobby for research and innovation in the European Union: An example of efficient cooperation in the European neighbourhood?](#) College of Europe, February 2016

[Europe's digital future: Focus on key priorities](#) Zentrum für Europäische Wirtschaftsforschung, February 2016

[Innovation in green energy technologies and the economic performance of firms](#)

Energiewirtschaftliches Institut an der Universität zu Köln, February 2016

[Can mass migration boost innovation and productivity?](#) Bruegel, February 2016

[Seeing the forest for the trees: Why the Digital Single Market matters for transatlantic relations](#)

German Marshall Fund, January 2016

[Digital media and society. Implications in a hyperconnected era](#) World Economic Forum, January 2016

[Mixing and matching research and innovation policies in EU countries](#) Bruegel, December 2015

[Digital skills for the future](#) Friends of Europe, December 2015

[Innovation capabilities and financing constraints of family firms](#)

Deutsches Institut für Wirtschaftsforschung, December 2015

[The importance of complementary policy for ICT in the EU](#)

European Centre for International Political Economy, December 2015

[Die EU auf dem Weg zu einer Datenschutz-Union. Bleibt die Innovation auf der Strecke?](#)

Jacques Delors Institute, December 2015

[Government of the future: How digital technology will change the way we live, work and govern](#)

Lisbon Council for Economic Competitiveness and Social Renewal, November 2015

[Integration of products and services: Taking the Single Market into the 21st century](#)

European Political Strategy Centre, October 2015

[Environmental policies, innovation and productivity in EU](#) LUISS Lab of European Economics, September 2015

[Why is Europe lagging on next generation access networks?](#) Bruegel, September 2015

[R&D networks and regional knowledge production in Europe: Evidence from a space-time model](#)

Europainstitut, Wirtschaftsuniversität Wien, September 2015