

2020

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In 2019, U.Porto Innovation completed 15 years of dedication to the University of Porto's knowledge transfer. We are proud of the valorisation results we have accomplished and we are grateful to all who have contributed to them.

Aiming to celebrate our anniversary, we launched a media campaign consisting of the weekly publication of "Innovation in a Minute" movies, showing the University's technologies.

In this past year, U.Porto Innovation promoted events that energized the innovation ecosystem. We hosted the premiere in Portugal of the Digital Health Venture Forum, which gathered 150 entrepreneurs and investors in Porto Business School. We boosted the participation of U.Porto's students in the European Innovation Academy, an international summer school dedicated to entrepreneurship, which is sponsored by Santander Universidades. We have also organized the second edition of Entreprenow, our flagship event that surpassed 150 participants interested in discussing and getting to know the entrepreneurial journey. This event, and its accomplishments, were only possible due to the support from Santander Universidades and ScaleUp Porto. Also during this period, 46 projects, selected in competitive calls, enhanced U.Porto Innovation activities. Their budgets correspond, in total, to 2 million EUR of investment in intellectual property protection, technology transfer, and entrepreneurship. Two new projects started in 2019: Sherpa do Mar and Spin UP. Both projects strive for knowledge valorisation in the cross-border region between Portugal and Spain. These are among U.Porto Innovation 2019 achievements highlighted in the present brochure. Enjoy it!

André Fernandes

Head of U.Porto Innovation

In recent years, Universities have become important actors in the promotion of innovation and entrepreneurship, which are fundamental drivers of economic growth and crucial to the sustainable development of knowledge-based societies. U.Porto is deeply committed to this new paradigm, nurturing an increasing number of initiatives to promote the social and economic valorisation of the knowledge and R&D results emerging from our vibrant ecosystem.

U.Porto Innovation stands as a key building block in the University's strategy to accomplish this mission as it promotes a wide range of activities that support the whole innovation value chain of the university's ecosystem.

U.Porto Innovation counts with a team of highly qualified and dedicated professionals, who work side-by-side with the academic community, industry players, entrepreneurs and investors to foster the transformation of knowledge and R&D outcomes into innovative solutions, with high market value.

In 2019, U.Porto has developed remarkable efforts to bring closer the main actors of the University's innovation and entrepreneurial ecosystem. As a result, U.Porto Innovation has moved into UPTec (U.Porto Science and Technology Park). This change materializes a great opportunity for U.Porto Innovation to increase its standing in the ecosystem and to boost the impact of our actions, which promote an effective transformation of U.Porto knowledge into innovative products, services and business models.

Joana Resende

*Pro-rector of the University of Porto for Planning,
Entrepreneurship and Knowledge Transfer*

[Spotlight]

BIP PROOF

Thanks to the support of Fundação Amadeu Dias, a premium sponsor of the University of Porto, we were able to develop prototypes and proof of concept for some technologies arising from the research developed within the University. BIP Proof allowed the technologies to further approach the market by showing that they could successfully perform in real life situations and/or scale-up to industrial demand.



ACTONP53
New anticancer drug candidate



CyanoCare
Eco-friendly polymers from cyanobacteria



IR Bactyping
Bacteria identifying technology for real time diagnosis

NEW LOCATION AND LEADERSHIP

U.Porto Innovation kicks off 2020 in a new office but also with new leadership, Pro-rector Joana Resende and André Fernandes, the latter has been a member of the team for the past 13 years. The move to UPTEC aims to bring closer the two main structures responsible for supporting the innovation value chain of the University of Porto.



DIRECTOR **ANDRÉ FERNANDES**
AND PRO-RECTOR **JOANA RESENDE**

DIGITAL HEALTH VENTURE FORUM

Digital Health Venture Forum was one of the flagship events organized by U.Porto Innovation, in 2019. With its partners, the innovation office was able to bring this event to Portugal for the first time. During these two days, some of Europe's top startups and scaleups were able to present their businesses and meet with top-tier investors to unravel new collaborations and investment opportunities. The event was possible due to Santander Universidades, ScaleUp Porto, and Porto Business School's support.



TechTour
DHVF



177 PARTICIPANTES



53 STARTUPS

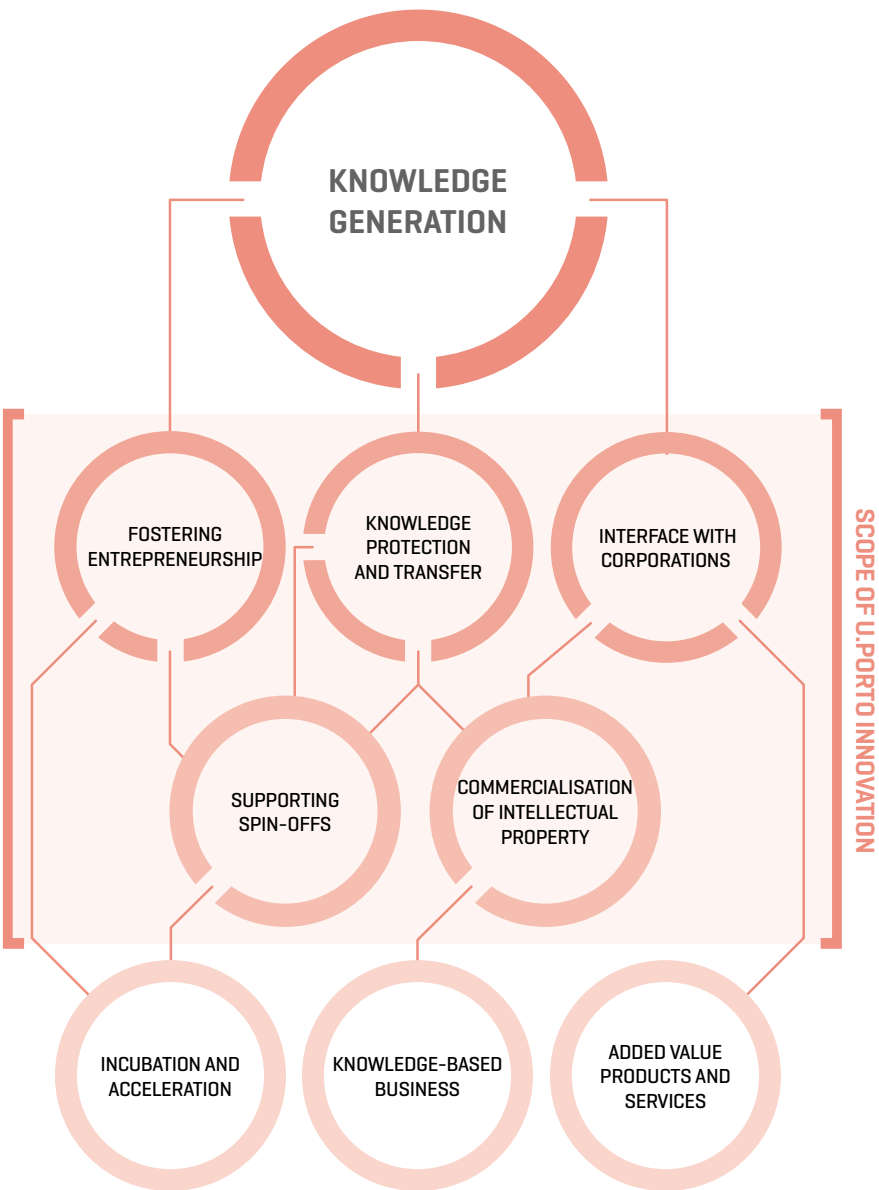


31 INVESTIDORES

What can I get from U.Porto Innovation?

U.Porto Innovation was created in 2004 with the objective of supporting the University's innovation value chain by fostering the transfer of knowledge and reinforcing the bond between the University and businesses.

With over 15 years of experience, U.Porto Innovation focuses its activities on the protection and valorisation of University research results, entrepreneurship within the academic community and U.Porto's growing connections with industry





INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY NUMBERS [2019]

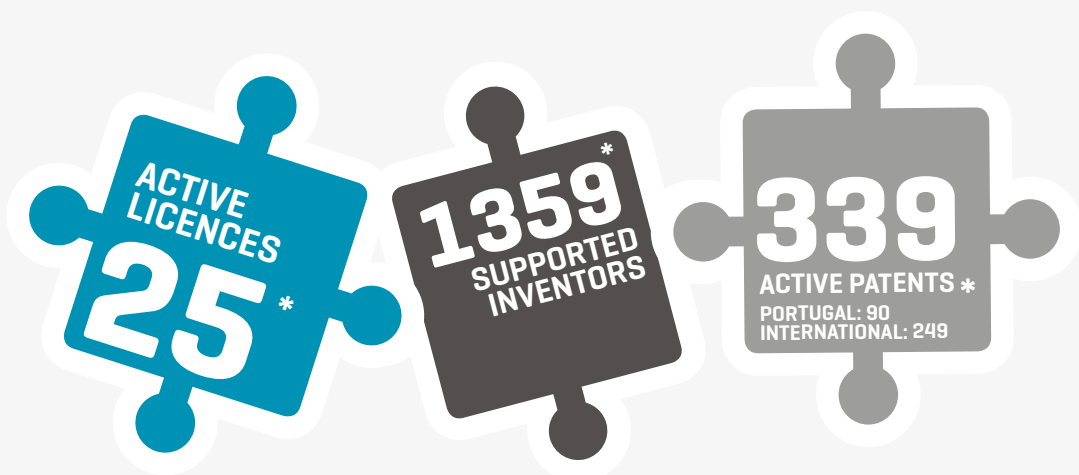
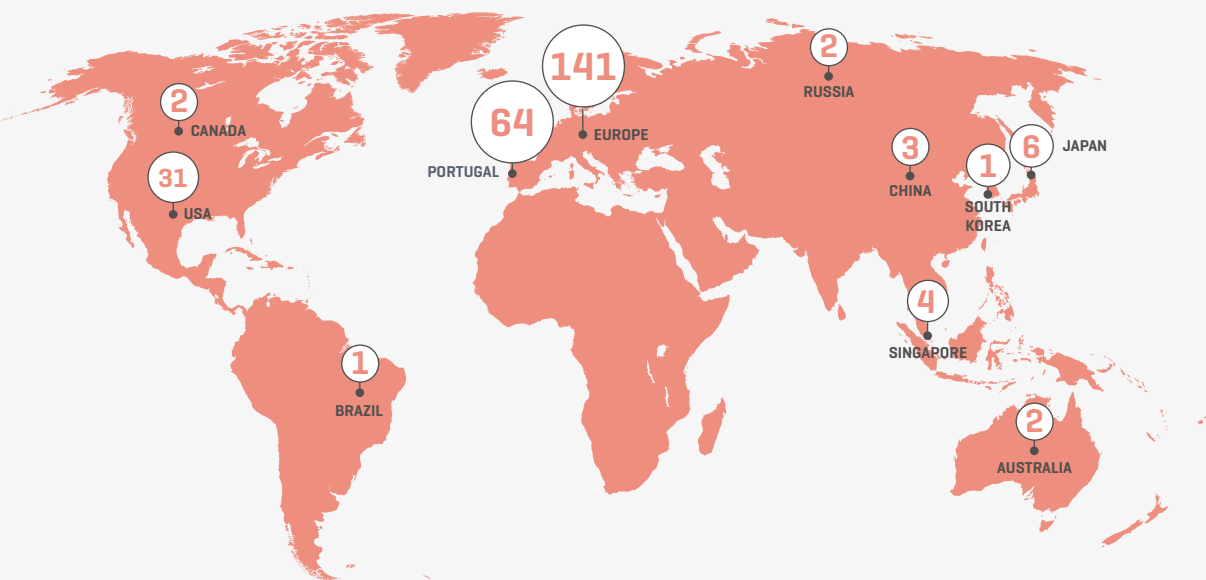
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DISCLOSURES

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+11 than 2018

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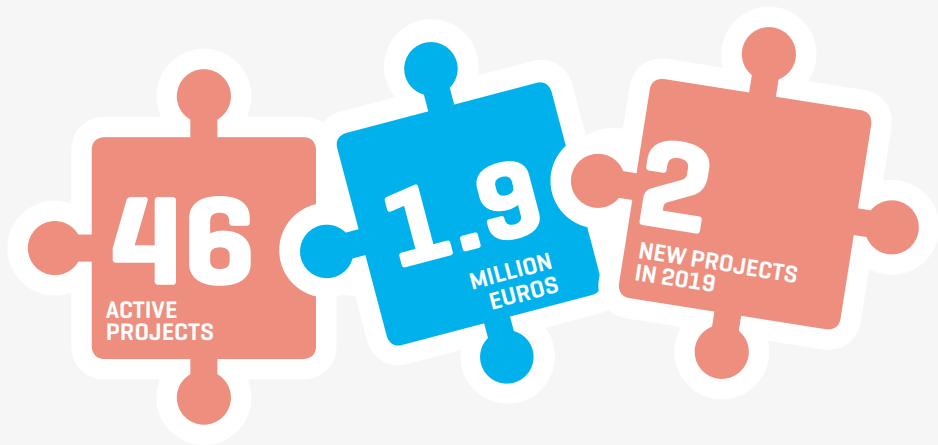
ALL GRANTED PATENTS*



[* All data refers to accumulated activity until December 31st 2019]

[**Total number of inventors listed, including those external to U.Porto and recurrent inventors]

[*Our Numbers*]



1394
PARTICIPANTS



[Researchers and company employees]



91

EMPRESAS SPIN-OFF
U.PORTO



230

PATENTS MANAGED



106 961 868€

INVESTMENT RAISED

37 313 524€



REVENUE GENERATED



15

SPIN-OFFS
FUNDED BY FEMALE
ENTREPRENEURS



961

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