

2024

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During 2023 the U.Porto Innovation, recently integrated into the Vice- Rectorate for Research and Innovation, renewed its vision in order to better fulfil its mission within the research and innovation ecosystem of the University.

Visibility and proximity will be the cornerstones of this renewed vision.

Regarding visibility; the goal is to ensure that the activities of U.Porto Innovation, focused on research results valorisation and innovation, are both known and recognized, reaching all the players of the U.Porto research ecosystem. A challenging task, given that U.Porto Innovation operates within a dynamic and diverse network, involving numerous stakeholders, accounting for nearly 25% of the scientific output produced in Portugal.

Concerning proximity; the aim is to work closely with our scientific community and raise the awareness of the issues addressed by U.Porto Innovation, namely, intellectual property protection, business development and technology transfer.

The increased embracement by the U.Porto research ecosystem of these subjects, will positively impact the level of innovation generated at our University.

The work and activities undertaken by U.Porto Innovation in 2023 are already contributing to this vision.

Pedro Rodrigues

*Vice-Rector of the University of Porto for
Research and Innovation*

In the year 2023 U.Porto Innovation operated at full capacity. Our team grew to 13 members, the largest size ever. This expansion translated into enhanced responsiveness in supporting the University of Porto's research and innovation ecosystem.

Indeed, we managed 592 intellectual property protection and commercialization projects stemming from University of Porto Science. All these projects give body to a top intangible assets' portfolio in Portugal.

The business development of University of Porto intellectual property portfolio goes hand in hand with University's internationalization investments. This is the explanation for U.Porto's leadership in the 2023 Gastão da Cunha Ferreira Index for international patenting.

Moreover, U.Porto Innovation implemented 5 seasonal programmes, namely, the ninth edition of the business idea competition iup25k, the seventh edition of the open innovation programme IJUP Empresas, the sixth edition of the proof of concept programme BIP Proof, the second edition of the ignition programme BIP Ignition and the second edition of the acceleration programme BIP Acceleration. Last year we also dedicated considerable attention to nurturing relations with University of Porto stakeholders. Specifically, we organized a record number of 14 Academia to Business sessions, aiming research and innovation partnerships with companies. Additionally, 16 companies received the "U.Porto Spin-off" seal in 2023.

Furthermore, U.Porto Innovation amplified University of Porto innovation activities by the means of a number of communication actions. We count 22 events (14 A2B sessions included), 3 publications, 6 videos, 45 news and 73 public presentations. These figures reflect the proactive spirit of our team in 2023. For further insights, explore more data in the following pages and stay connected with us on U.Porto innovation media channels.

André Fernandes

U.Porto Innovation Director

[Spotlight]

IJUP EMPRESAS IS BACK!

After a break, the IJUP Empresas program has once again supported University of Porto's projects. In this edition, the companies Galp, ITAU, SOJA de Portugal and MC Sonae selected and monetarily supported six projects from different areas of research at the university. Both companies and researchers will now work together, creating synergies to develop the projects and ideally make them available to society. This is one of U.Porto's major initiatives to support and add value to the best done at the university, bringing it closer to the business community.

IJUP
EMPRESAS

OPEN RESEARCH AND INNOVATION EVENT BRINGS COMMUNITY TOGETHER

A unique meeting, at the University of Porto, brought together scholars, company representatives and other stakeholders. Altogether, more than a hundred participants joined the event, in which they were able to attend the European Symposium on Innovation in Global Health and also get to know the winners of the 2023 editions of BIP PROOF and IJUP Empresas, both programs run by U.Porto Inovação.



U.PORTO WITH FIRST PATENTS GRANTED IN MACAU AND SOUTH AFRICA

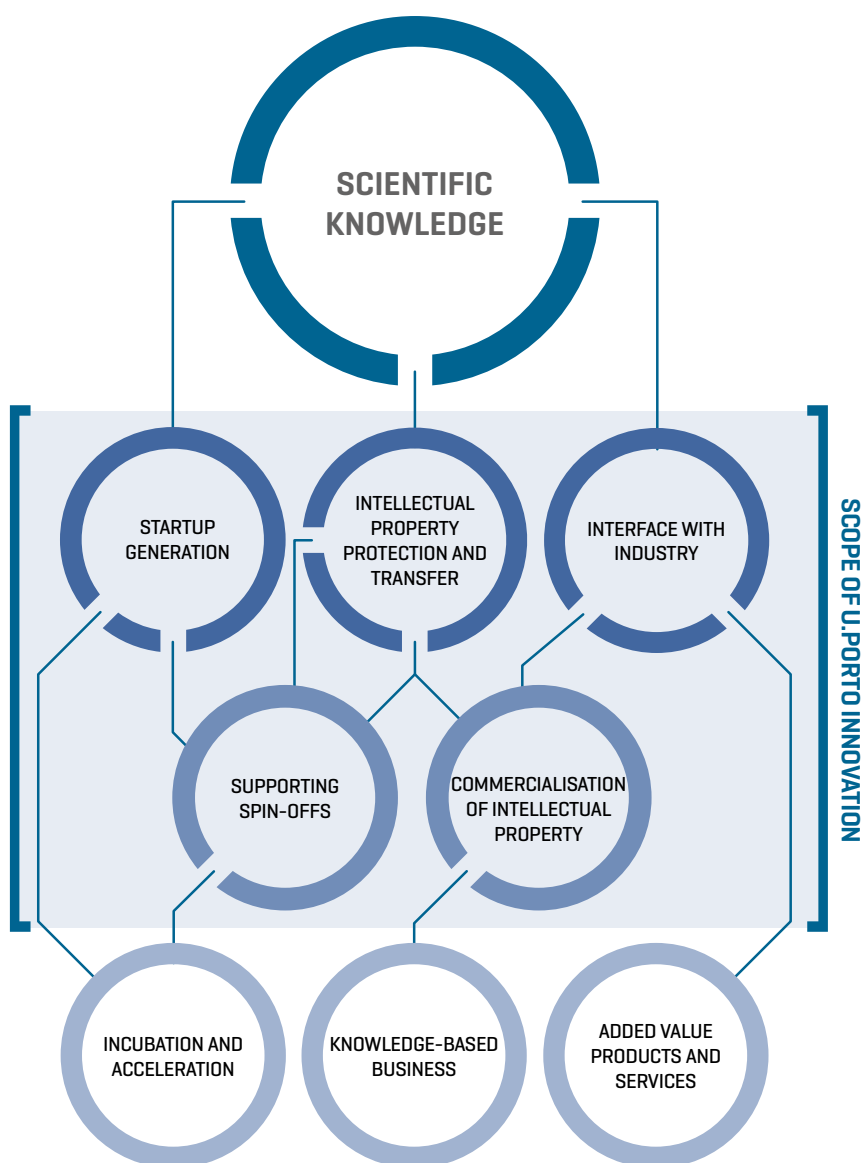
In 2023, for the first time, a patent was granted in the name of the University of Porto in Macau and another in South Africa. The inventions were, respectively, from research teams of the Faculty of Sciences and the Faculty of Engineering of the University of Porto. The researchers believe that this protection is a huge step to enhance the transfer of inventions internationally.



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 scientific and technological knowledge and reinforcing the bond between the University and businesses.

With over 20 years of experience, U.Porto Innovation focuses its activities on the protection and valorisation of University research results, the support of the academic community in the generation of spin-off companies, and on University's growing connections with industry.





INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY NUMBERS [2023]

✓
43
INVENTION
DISCLOSURES

✓
39
PORTUGUESE
PATENTS

✓
18
PCT
EXTENSIONS

✓
110
INTERNATIONAL
PATENTS

ALL GRANTED PATENTS*



ACTIVE
LICENCES

33*

2203*
SUPPORTED
INVENTORS

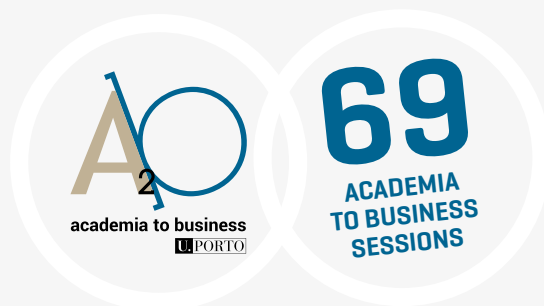
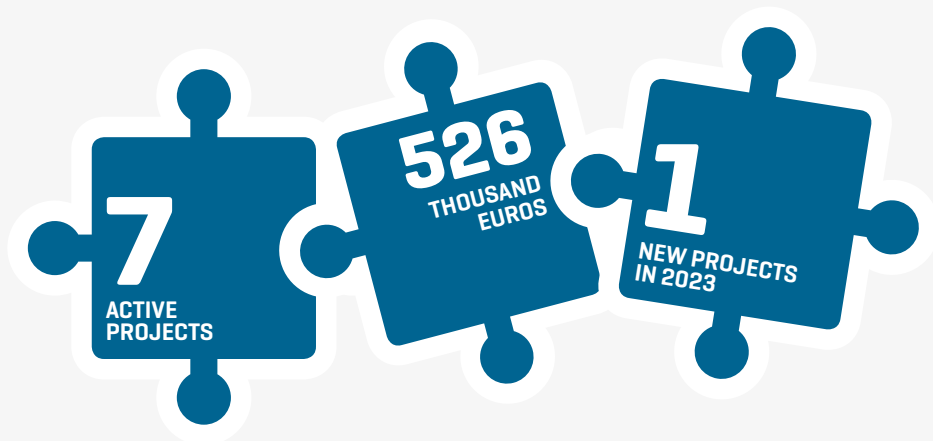
592

ACTIVE PATENTS *
PORTUGAL: 126
INTERNATIONAL: 466

[* All data refers to accumulated activity until December 31st 2023]

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

[Our Numbers]



More than

1730

PARTICIPANTS



[Researchers and company employees]



112*

U.PORTO SPIN-OFF
COMPANIES



77

PATENTS MANAGED



213 334 955,00€

INVESTMENT RAISED

80 194 155,00€

REVENUE GENERATED



45

SPIN-OFFS
FUNDED BY FEMALE
ENTREPRENEURS



1834

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