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Introduction

The *European Innovation Scoreboard 2005* comes with a strengthened methodology and a re-evaluation of indicators ([methodology report](#)). It confirms that Sweden, Finland and Switzerland are the EU leaders, followed by Germany and Denmark. Most of the new member States are engaged in the process, however following a low rhythm that will not allow for short-term convergence in Europe. If current trends for the 25 Member States remain stable, the gap with the US will not close within the next few years.

The EIS 2005 comes with a new analysis of innovation efficiency, capturing how countries are transforming their innovation assets into innovation results ([Innovation inputs and outputs](#)). Sweden, Denmark, Germany, Ireland, Italy or the Netherlands are especially high performers in this regard. An explanation of their success is that most of them benefit from an above average innovation demand in their population, as measured by the Innobarometer 2005 ([Innobarometer 2005 – Innovation readiness](#)).

A particular emphasis has also been given to 5 key dimensions of innovation, which are further detailed in the [methodology report](#) (innovation drivers, knowledge creation, Innovation and Entrepreneurship, Applications, IPR) ([of innovation](#)). Some new evidences show that an even performance on all dimensions is a prerequisite for a strong overall innovation performance, therefore suggesting to rather investing in areas of major strengths ([Strengths and weaknesses](#)).

These detailed statistical analyses are fully available in the EIS 2005 document and accompanying reports. They will directly contribute to the policy discussions aiming at strengthening the European Innovation Policy.

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