

SRIP 2026

From strength to scale

Europe has the science. Now it needs the scale.

The 2026 Science, Research and Innovation Performance of the EU (SRIP) Report shows how Europe can turn research excellence, innovation capacity and regional diversity into stronger productivity, resilience and strategic autonomy.

The story in three words



Strength

Europe remains a **global scientific power**, with world-class researchers, infrastructures and a distinctive model of open and responsible science.



Structure

Fragmentation across countries, regions and funding systems limits Europe's collective research and innovation (R&I) impact.



Scale

The challenge is to move **ideas faster** from labs to markets, deployment and productivity.

The evidence in three numbers



EU labour productivity has grown at **roughly half** the US rate over 25 years and has weakened recently.



2.24% EU R&D intensity in 2024, still below the **3%** target.



EUR 565 billion extra investment needed to close the 3% R&D gap by 2030.

The findings, in three parts



Where Europe leads and where it is losing ground in **strategic technologies**.



How fragmented research and innovation systems can become **connected engines of growth**.



What it will take to turn scientific excellence into **industrial strength**.

The big question

Can Europe turn its research strengths into the scale needed for to compete and lead?



Read SRIP 2026 to see the evidence – and the choices ahead.



Launch event