

# National e-Science Policy

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MINISTRY OF SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND HIGHER EDUCATION

# Knowledge Society Agency Mission

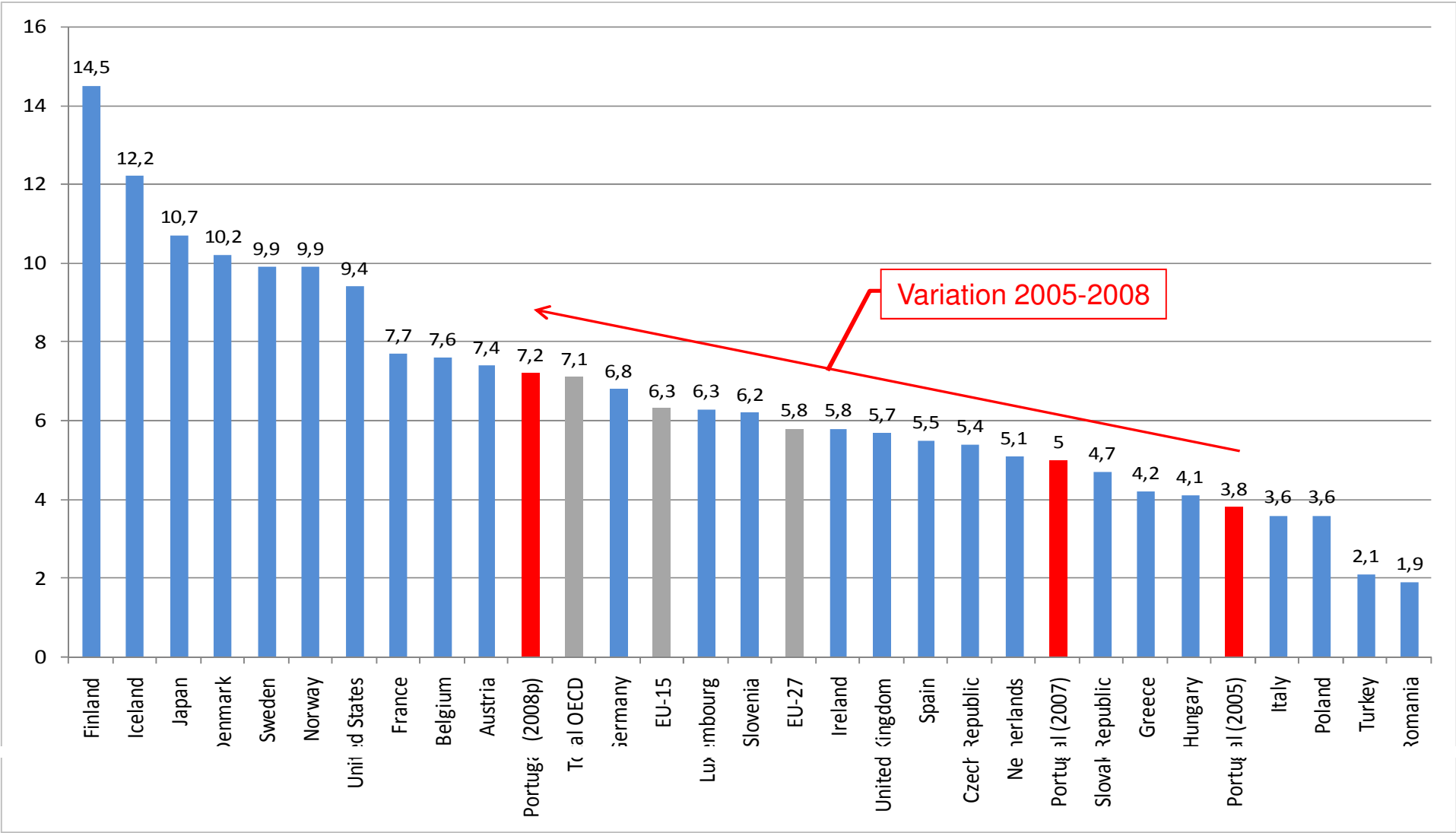
- ➔ To coordinate information society policies and its mobilization through research, qualification and awareness activities
- ➔ To promote emerging technologies such as ICT and Nanotechnology
- ➔ To develop and fund e-Science



## **Context of Very High S&T Growth in Portugal**

Almost doubling from 2005 to 2008  
researchers and R&D intensity

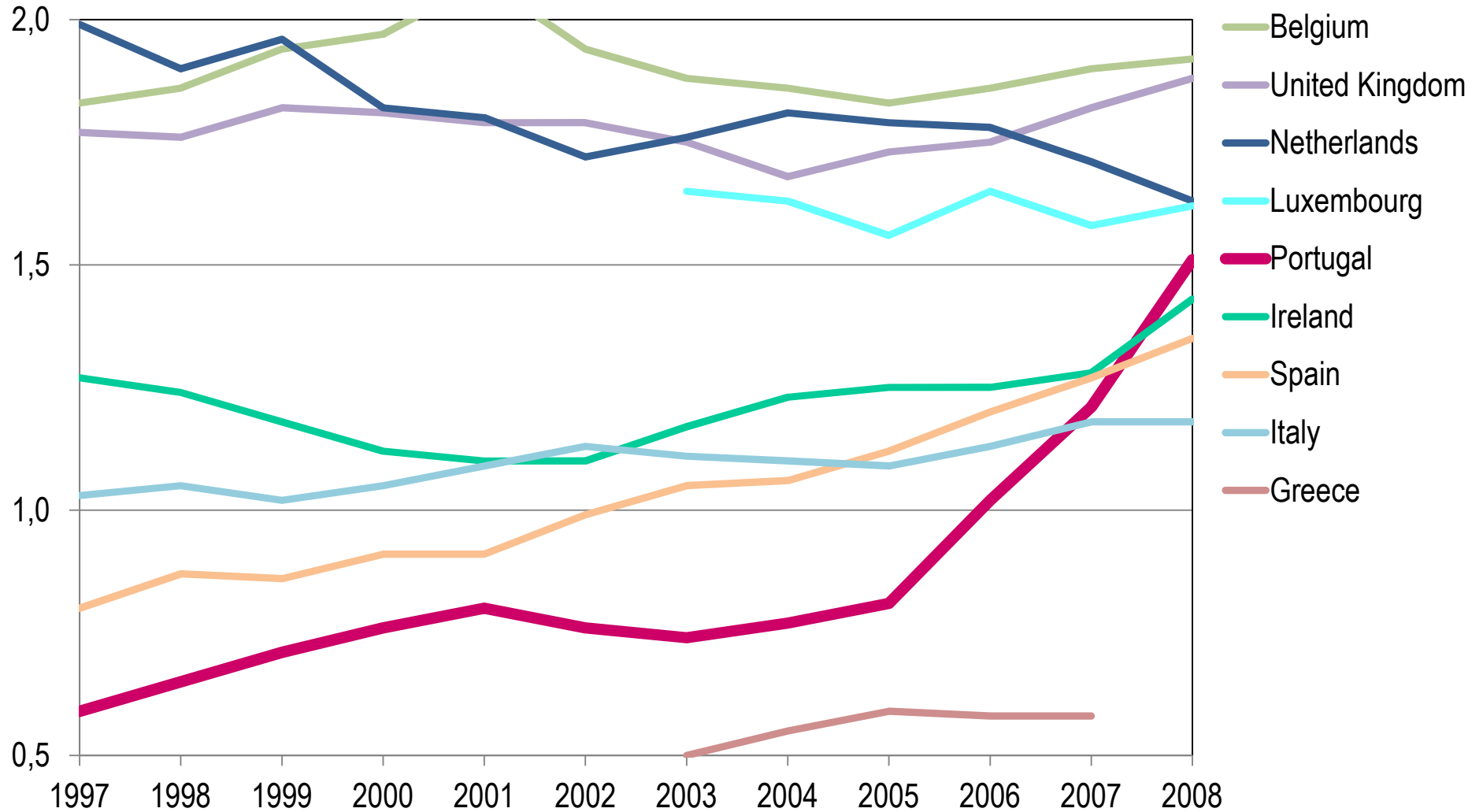
# Very High Growth of Researchers (% labor force)



Note: Except for Portugal data are for 2007  
 Source: OECD

# Very High Growth of R&D Expense in GNP (%)

Highest average growth (23%) of UE27 (total=1,4%) in 2005-2008



Source: EUROSTAT

In this Context of High S&T Growth  
**Strong National e-Science Strategy**

National platforms provided by FCCN,  
with distributed services for research and higher education,  
with high economies of scale,  
at zero cost for public user institutions.

# National e-Science Strategy Infrastructure

- **National Research and Education Network** as a public NGN, presently with fiber owned by the NREN to 85% of Higher Education System, at 10 Gbps and scalable
- **e-U: Virtual Campus** wireless access integrating all Higher Education *campi*

# National e-Science Strategy

## Content

- **b-on: Knowledge Library Online** planned in 1999, with 17,100 scientific journals, 18,200 e-books, 12,400 proceedings and transactions titles, 10 referential data bases, free access in all Higher Education and Scientific Institutions, *“big deal”* at national scale
- **RCAAP: Scientific Open Access Repository of Portugal**, presently with 29 institutions, including all 14 public universities, and >48,200 documents, protocol w/ Brazil
- **ZAPPIENS.PT**, HD scientific, educational and cultural video repository under Creative Commons and DRM licensing



# National e-Science Strategy

## Collaborative Work at a Distance

- **HD Videoconferencing and immersive rooms**
- **VoIP for all Higher Education and Scientific System**  
allowing simple collaborative video- and tele- conferencing  
from any computer
- **National platform for scientific and educational digital content** being developed for **Medicine and Future Internet**,  
to be further extended

# National e-Science Strategy

## Distributed Computing

- **INGRID: National GRID Initiative** (1,800 CPUs, 1 PetaByte of disc memory, 2 PetaBytes of magnetic tape robot memory, national node at FCCN w/ other nodes throughout Portugal), integrated w/ Spanish GRID (IBERGRID), and part of the EGI – European Grid Initiative
- **IBERCIVIS: Voluntary Computing at the service of science** jointly w/ Spain