# A National Strategic Perspective from Portugal

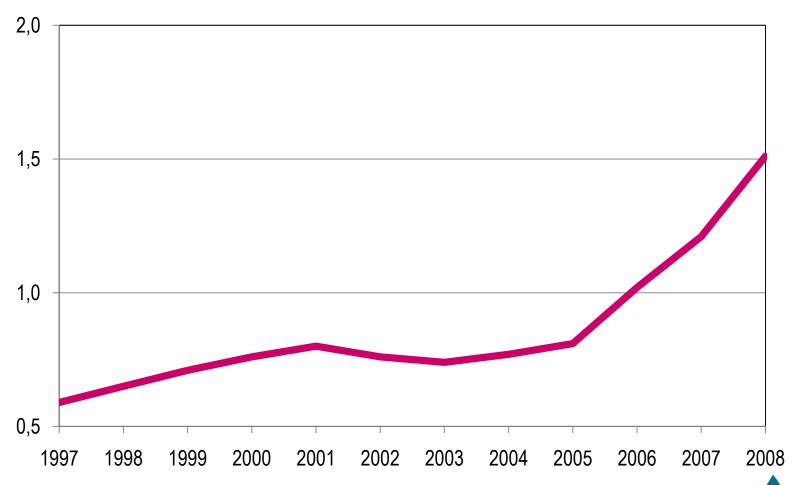
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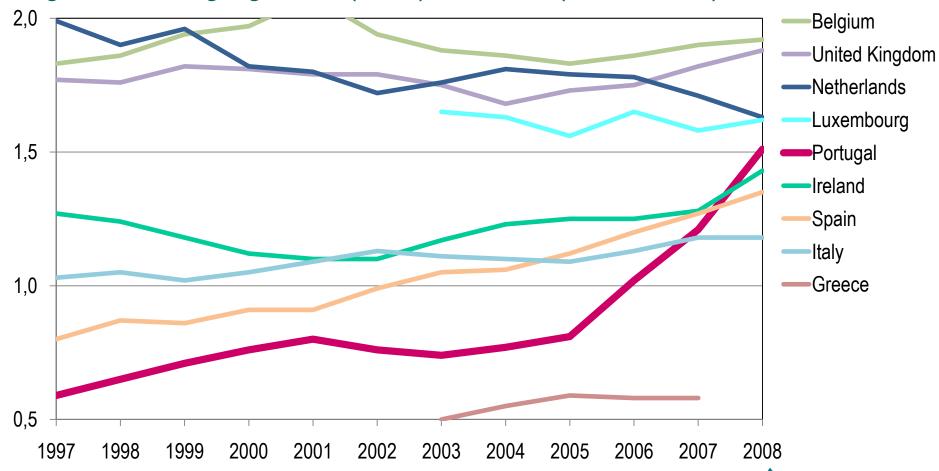
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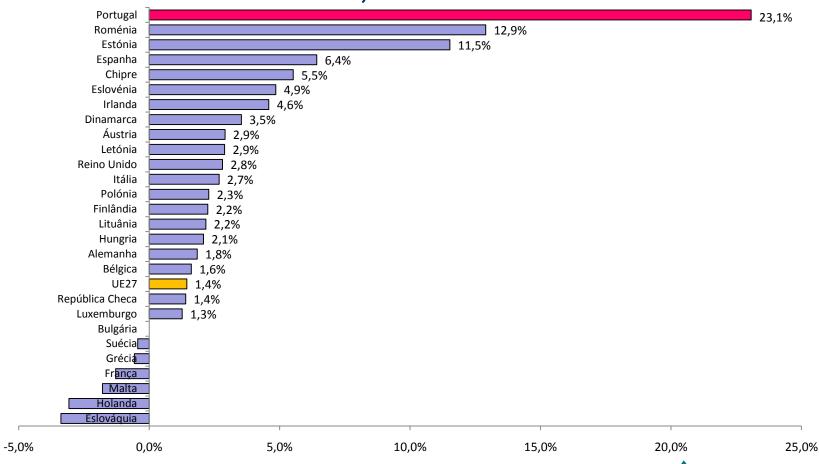
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Highest average growth (23%) of UE27 (total=1,4%) in 2005-2008





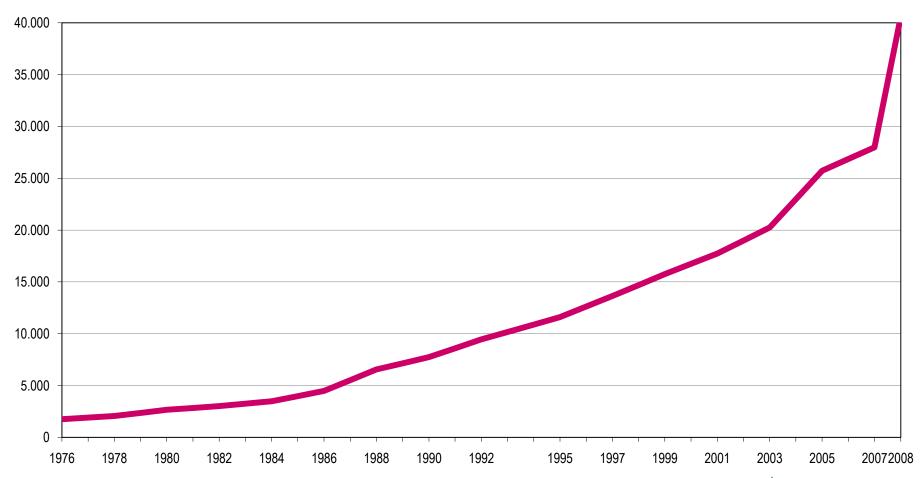
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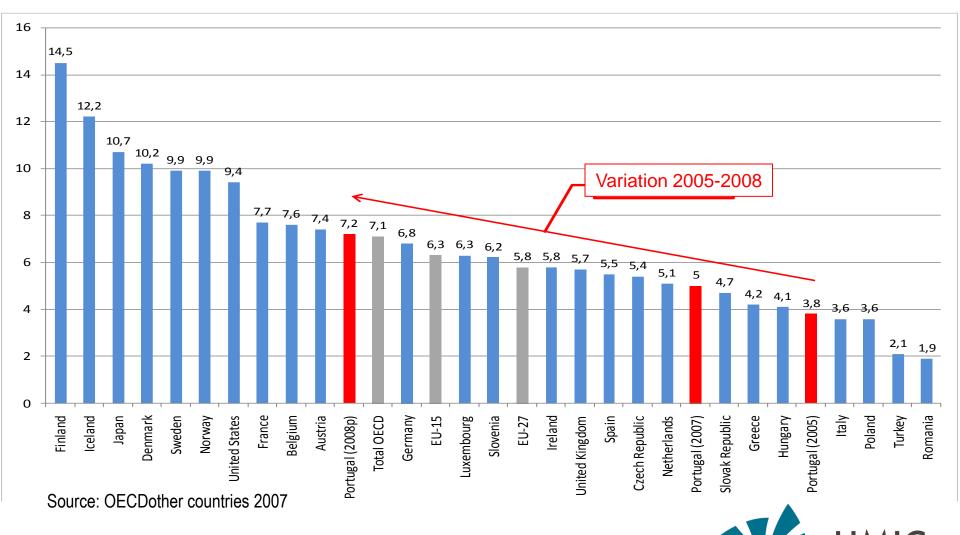
## Context of High S&T Growth in Portugal Investment in People

### High Growth in Researchers (FTE)





#### High Growth in Researchers (‰ labor force)

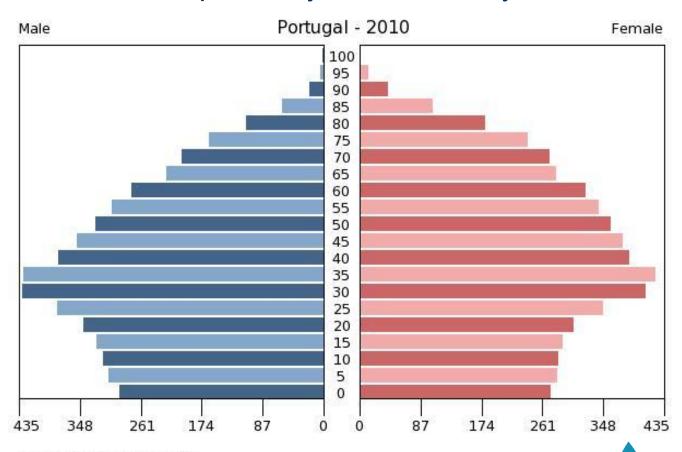


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# General Context for AAL in Portugal Demographics, ICT Use and Broadband Penetration

### Population Pyramid

Life Expectancy at birth = 79 years



Population (in thousands)

#### Regular Internet Users in Portugal

% regular Internet users by educational attainment (1Q 2009)

→ 93% people with higher education

average UE27 2009 = 91%

→ 87% people with upper secondary but not higher education

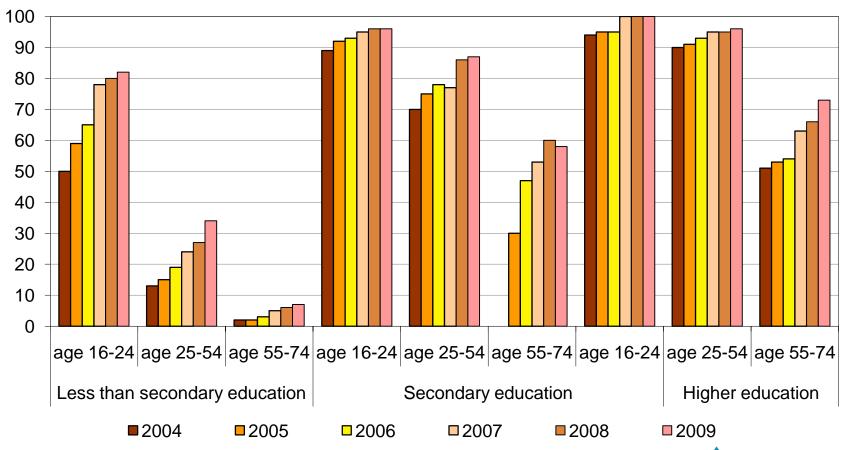
average UE27 2009 = 71%

→ 30% people without upper secondary education average UE27 2009 = 43%



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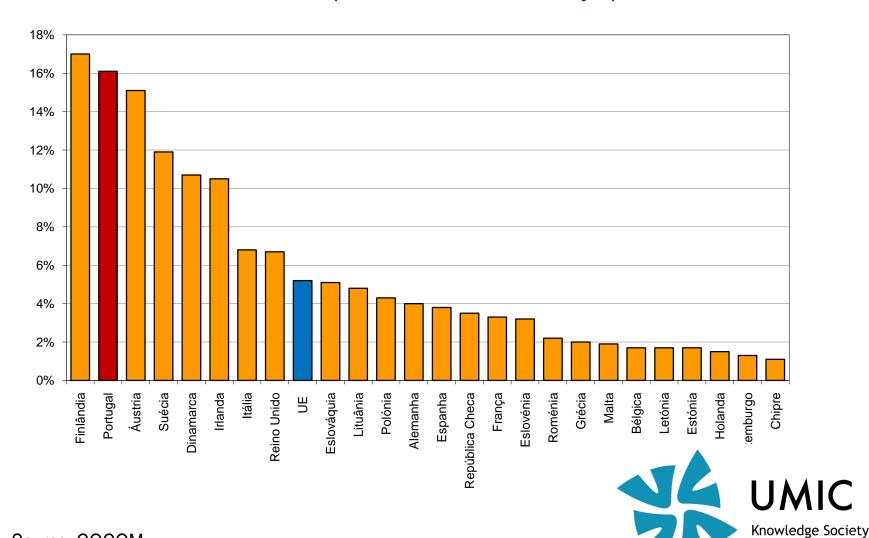
by age and educational attainment (1Q, 2009)





#### Mobile Broadband Penetration in the Population

dedicated data service (cards/modems/keys) – 1 Jan 2010

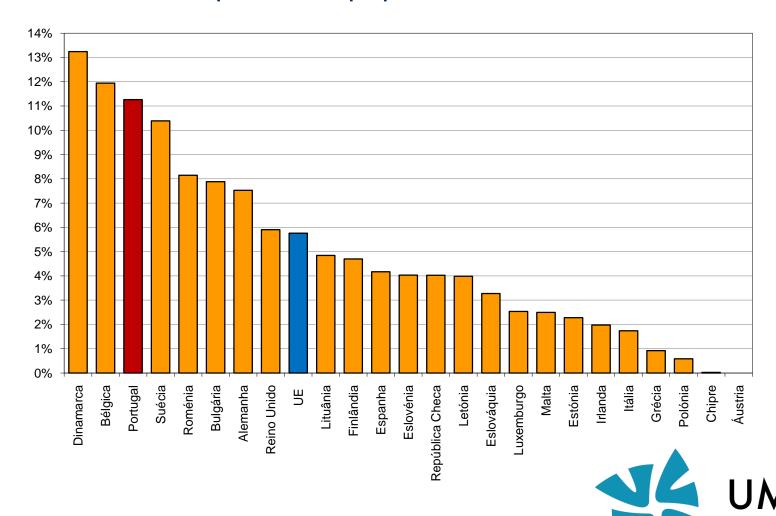


Source: COCOM

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#### High Speed Fixed Broadband Penetration

≥ 10 Mbp/s in the population – 1 Jan 2010



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# Commitment to Ambient Assisted Living and strong international partnerships

## Commitment to Approval of AAL Joint Program Portuguese Presidency

#### Competitiveness/Research Council (23 Nov 2007)

Decisive role of Portugal working in close connection with the Commission to circumvent obstacles when approval was deemed impossible

- Insistence of several MS to be able to decide on funding of proposals with their participation irrespective of the ranking after evaluation
- Context of previously unsuccessful example (Clinical Trials) based on art. 169 of the former Treaty



#### International Partnerships

involving research, industry and university areas relevant to AAL

MIT – Portugal Program (beginning 11 Oct 2006) Engineering Systems: Mobile medical applications

**Carnegie Mellon – Portugal Program** (beginning 27 Oct 2006) **Future Internet Technologies:** Next Generation Networks and trusted high-quality services • Cyber-physical systems for ambient intelligence • Human-centric computing • Language technology • Software engineering for large-scale dependable systems

**UTexas Austin – Portugal Program** (beginning 2 Mar 2007) Advanced Interactive Digital Content

**Fraunhofer – Portugal Program** (beginning 18 Apr 2007) AICOS – Assistive Information and Communication Solutions Center, building the 1<sup>st</sup> Fraunhofer Institute outside Germany

Harvard Medical School – Portugal Program (beginning 21 May 2009) Advanced Web Platform of medical information for citizens, medical students and practitioners

#### Major Challenge

for large scale networks applications

#### Radically New Business/Costing Model

- Savings are systemic. Individuals or the State cannot pay the full bill
- 2) Essential to involve in the business/funding model main systemic potential gainers: health insurance companies, national social security systems, national health systems. Necessary Single Market approach.
- 3) As in many other large scale network applications, without radically different business/costing models we will keep delivering interesting pilots but never large scale solutions

#### 6 General Practical Rules

for Success in the Knowledge Society

- Develop human capital
- Foster partnerships and knowledge networks
- → Aim at outcomes and measure them
- Leave room for bottom up creativity
- → Foster radically new business/costing models
- Promote internationalization and cooperate

