

Global Innovation Index 2023

The Global Innovation Index (GII) **ranks world economies according to their innovation capabilities**. Consisting of **roughly 80 indicators**, grouped into innovation inputs and outputs, the GII **aims to capture the multi-dimensional facets of innovation**.

Republic of Moldova ranking in the Global Innovation Index 2023

> Republic of Moldova ranks **60th** among the 132 economies featured in the GII 2023.

> Republic of Moldova ranks **13th** among the 33 upper-middle-income economies.

> Republic of Moldova ranks **35th** among the 39 economies in Europe.

> Republic of Moldova GII Ranking (2020-2023)

The table shows the rankings of Republic of Moldova over the past four years. Data availability and changes to the GII model framework influence year-on-year comparisons of the GII rankings. The statistical confidence interval for the ranking of Republic of Moldova in the GII 2023 is between ranks 53 and 65.

	GII Position	Innovation Inputs	Innovation Outputs
2020	59th	75th	48th
2021	64th	80th	54th
2022	56th	78th	46th
2023	60th	81st	50th

Republic of Moldova performs better in innovation outputs than innovation inputs in 2023.

This year Republic of Moldova ranks 81st in innovation inputs. This position is lower than last year.

Republic of Moldova ranks 50th in innovation outputs. This position is lower than last year.

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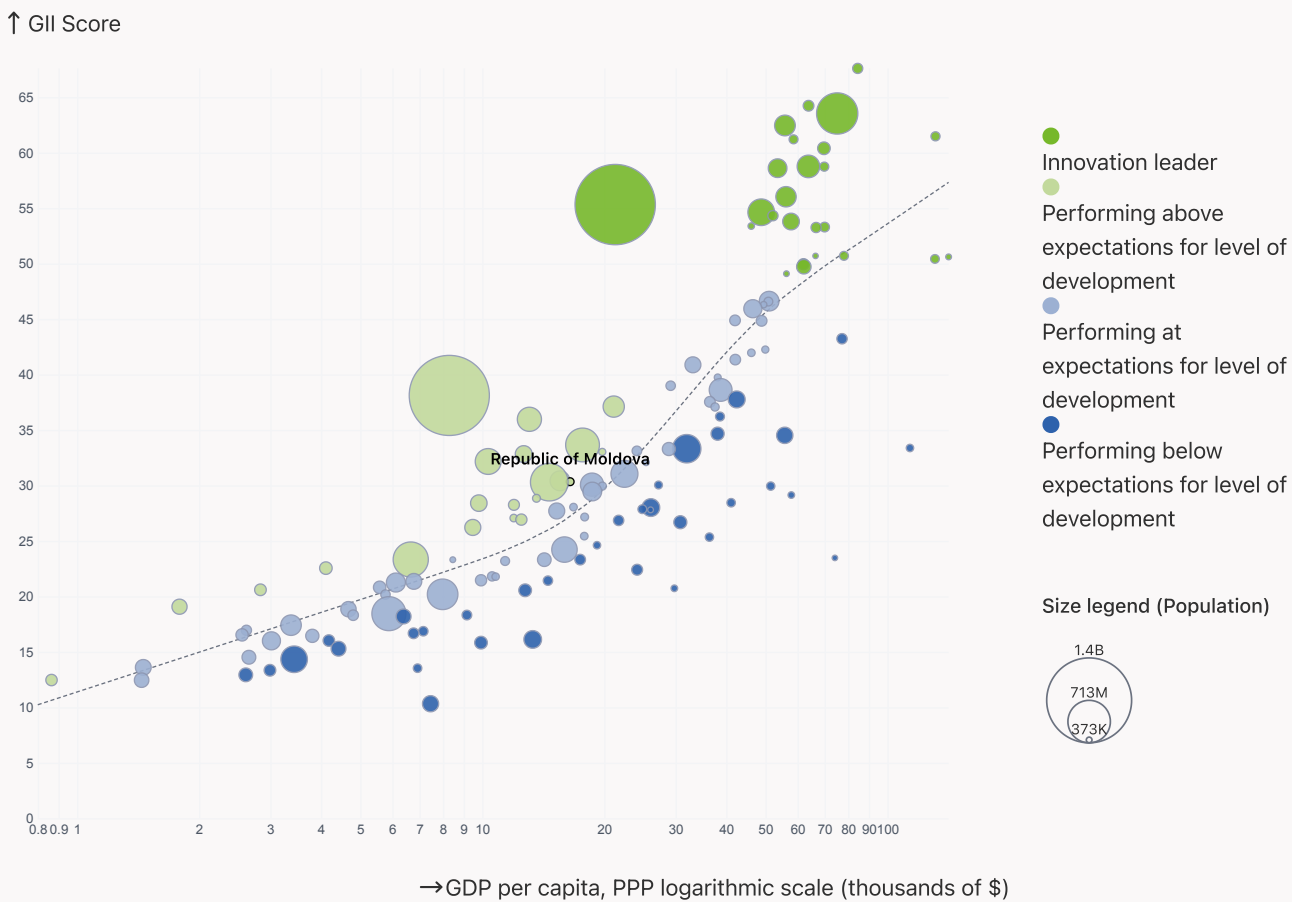
→ Expected vs. observed innovation performance

The bubble chart below shows the relationship between income levels (GDP per capita) and innovation performance (GII score). The trend line gives an indication of the expected innovation performance according to income level. Economies appearing above the trend line are performing better than expected and those below are performing below expectations.



> Relative to GDP, Republic of Moldova is performing above expectations for its level of development.

> Innovation overperformers relative to their economic development



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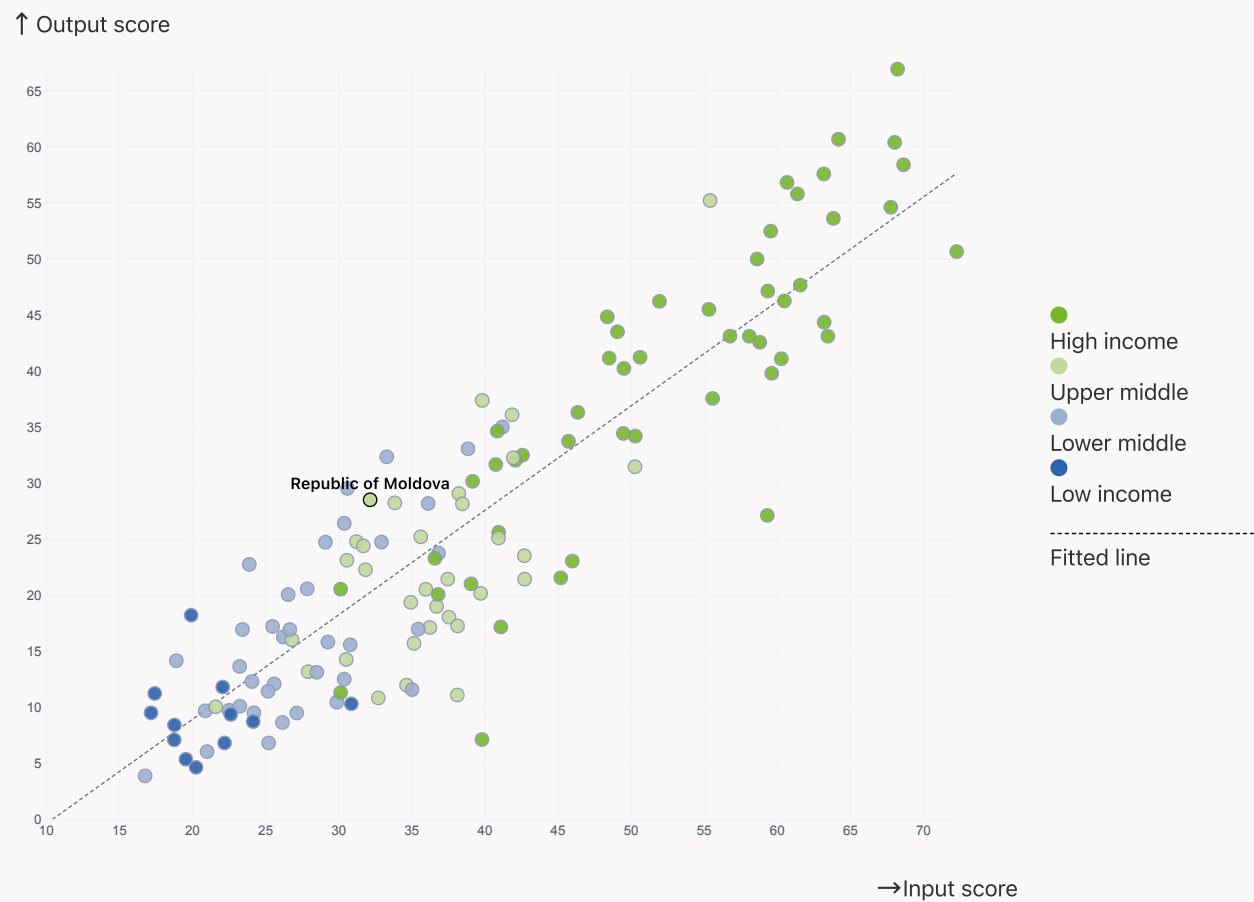
→ Effectively translating innovation investments into innovation outputs

The chart below shows the relationship between innovation inputs and innovation outputs. Economies above the line are effectively translating costly innovation investments into more and higher-quality outputs.



> Republic of Moldova produces more innovation outputs relative to its level of innovation investments.

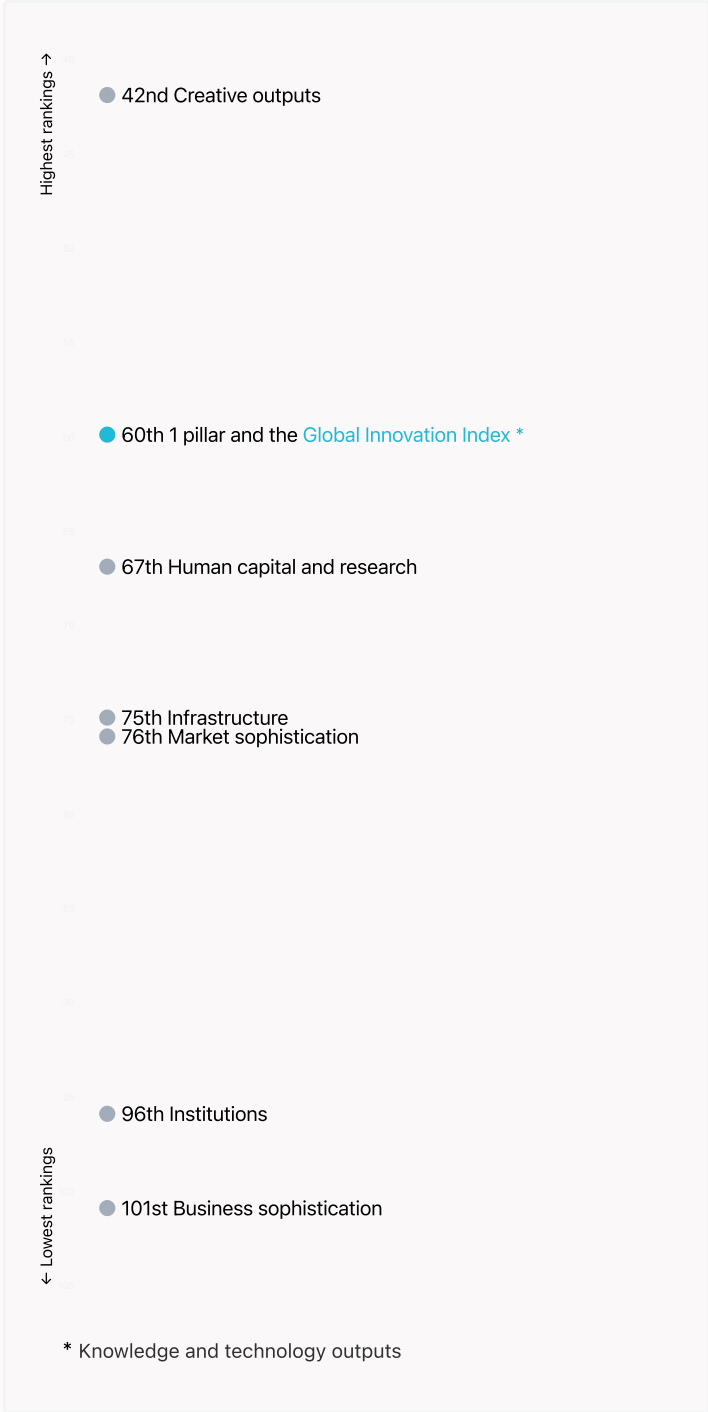
> Relationship between innovation inputs and outputs



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→ Overview of Republic of Moldova’s rankings in the seven areas of the GII in 2023

The chart shows the ranking for each of the seven areas that the GII comprises. The strongest areas for Republic of Moldova are those that rank above the GII (shown in blue) and the weakest are those that rank below.



> Highest rankings

Republic of Moldova ranks highest in Creative outputs (42nd) and Knowledge and technology outputs (60th).

> Lowest rankings

Republic of Moldova ranks lowest in Business sophistication (101st), Institutions (96th) and Market sophistication (76th).

The full WIPO Intellectual Property Statistics profile for Republic of Moldova can be found on [this link](#).

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➔ Benchmark of Republic of Moldova against other country groupings for each of the seven areas of the GII Index

The charts shows the relative position of Republic of Moldova (blue bar) against other country groupings (grey bars), for each of the seven areas of the GII Index.



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→ Innovation strengths and weaknesses in Republic of Moldova

The table below gives an overview of the indicator strengths and weaknesses of Republic of Moldova in the GII 2023.



> Republic of Moldova’s main innovation strengths are **Utility models by origin/bn PPP\$ GDP** (rank 5), **Industrial designs by origin/bn PPP\$ GDP** (rank 6) and **Loans from microfinance institutions, % GDP** (rank 7).

Strengths

Rank	Code	Indicator name
5	6.1.3	Utility models by origin/bn PPP\$ GDP
6	7.1.4	Industrial designs by origin/bn PPP\$ GDP
7	4.1.3	Loans from microfinance institutions, % GDP
11	7.1.2	Trademarks by origin/bn PPP\$ GDP
13	6.3.4	ICT services exports, % total trade
14	7.3.4	Mobile app creation/bn PPP\$ GDP
14	4.3.1	Applied tariff rate, weighted avg., %
20	2.1.1	Expenditure on education, % GDP
28	6.2.1	Labor productivity growth, %
30	3.2.3	Gross capital formation, % GDP

Weaknesses

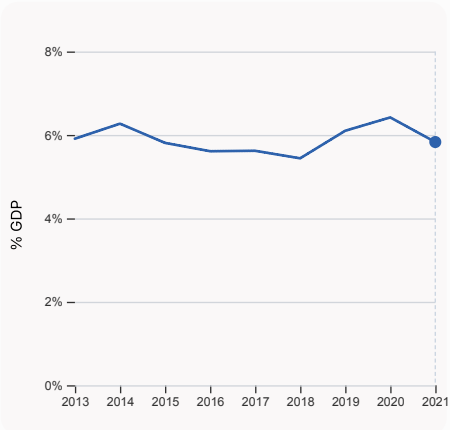
Rank	Code	Indicator name
121	5.2.2	State of cluster development
116	4.3.3	Domestic market scale, bn PPP\$
108	1.3.1	Policies for doing business
105	5.2.1	University-industry R&D collaboration
89	3.2.2	Logistics performance
74	7.1.3	Global brand value, top 5,000
74	5.1.3	GERD performed by business, % GDP
71	2.3.4	QS university ranking, top 3
48	6.2.2	Unicorn valuation, % GDP
40	2.3.3	Global corporate R&D investors, top 3, mn US\$

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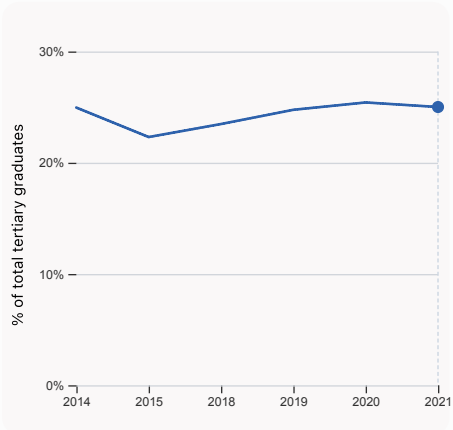
→ Republic of Moldova's innovation system

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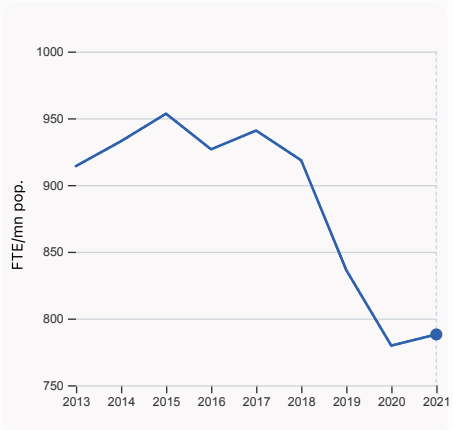
> Innovation inputs in Republic of Moldova



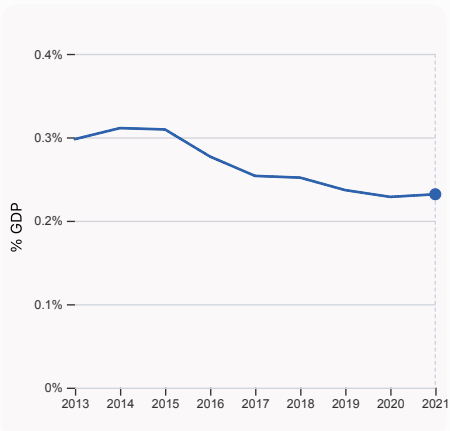
2.1.1 Expenditure on education, % GDP
was equal to 5.83% GDP in 2021, down by 0.59 percentage points from the year prior – and equivalent to an indicator rank of 20.



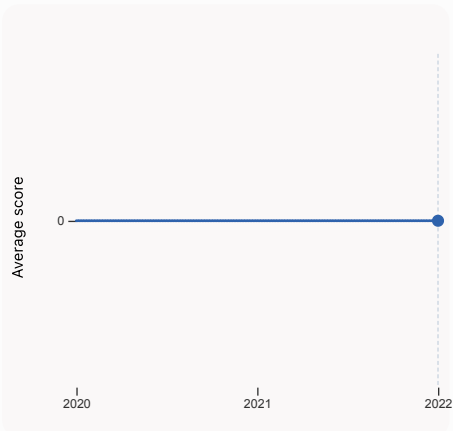
2.2.2 Graduates in science and engineering, %
was equal to 25.01% of total tertiary graduates in 2021, down by 0.41 percentage points from the year prior – and equivalent to an indicator rank of 45.



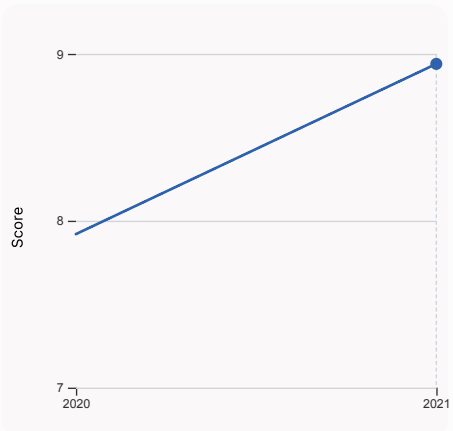
2.3.1 Researchers, FTE/mn pop.
was equal to 788.08 FTE/mn pop. in 2021, up by 1.072% from the year prior – and equivalent to an indicator rank of 58.



2.3.2 Gross expenditure on R&D, % GDP
was equal to 0.232% GDP in 2021, up by 0.0032 percentage points from the year prior – and equivalent to an indicator rank of 85.

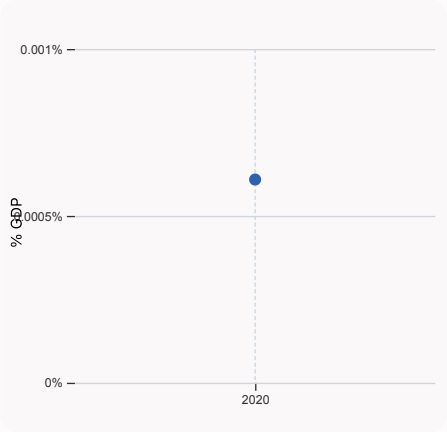


2.3.4 QS university ranking, top 3
was equal to an average score of 0 for the top 3 universities in 2022, equivalent to an indicator rank of 71.



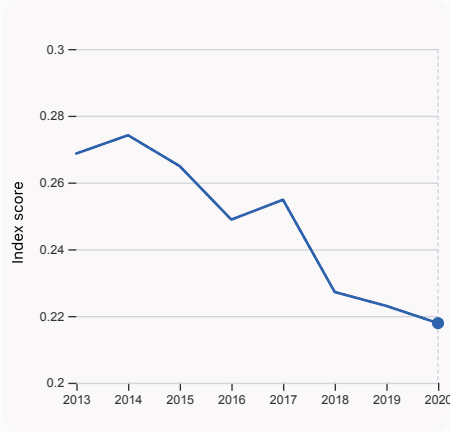
3.1.1 ICT access
was equal to a score of 8.94 in 2021, up by 12.88% from the year prior – and equivalent to an indicator rank of 57.

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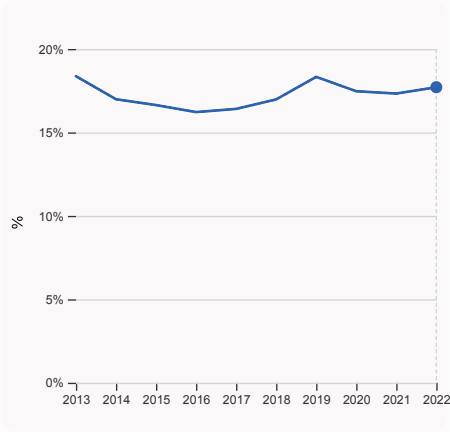
4.2.4 VC received, value, % GDP

was equal to 0.00061 % GDP in 2020, equivalent to an indicator rank of 60.



4.3.2 Domestic industry diversification

was equal to an index score of 0.218 in 2020, down by 2.31% from the year prior – and equivalent to an indicator rank of 71.



5.1.1 Knowledge-intensive employment, %

was equal to 17.71% in 2022, up by 0.38 percentage points from the year prior – and equivalent to an indicator rank of 82.

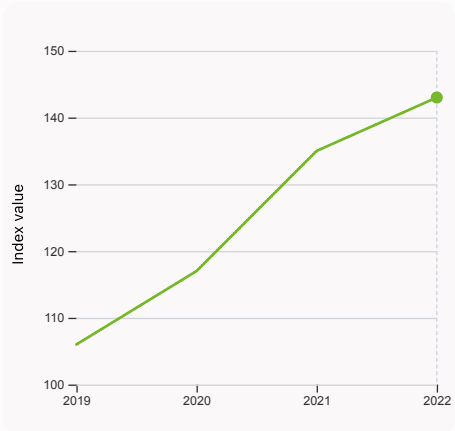
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> Innovation outputs in Republic of Moldova



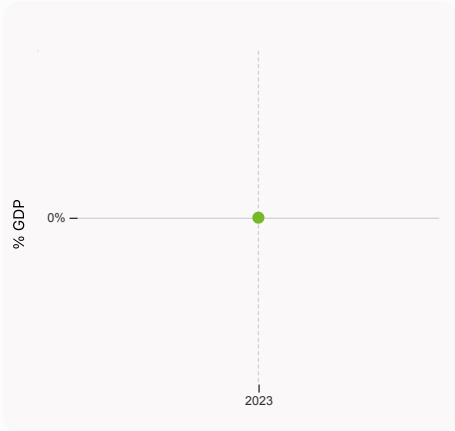
6.1.1 Patents by origin

was equal to 0.064 Thousands in 2021, down by 24.71% from the year prior – and equivalent to an indicator rank of 43.



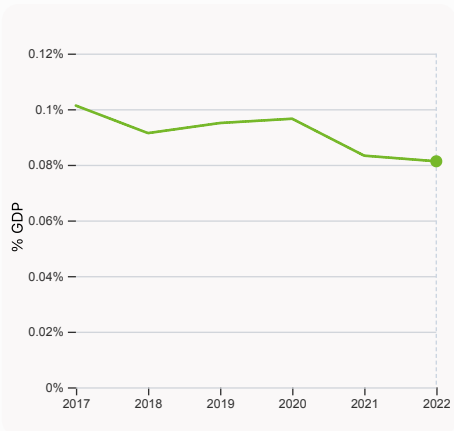
6.1.5 Citable documents H-index

was equal to an index value of 143 in 2022, up by 5.93% from the year prior – and equivalent to an indicator rank of 96.



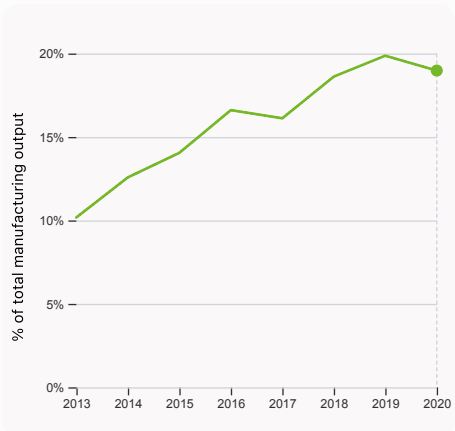
6.2.2 Unicorn valuation, % GDP

was equal to 0 % GDP in 2023 – and equivalent to an indicator rank of 48.



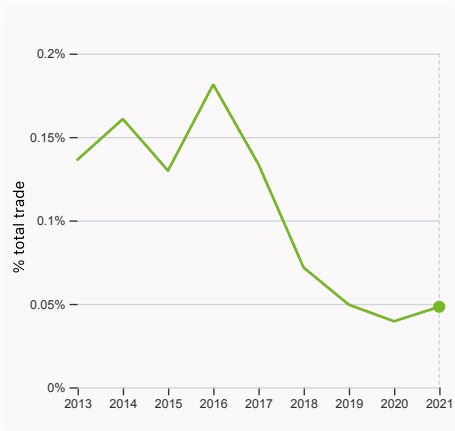
6.2.3 Software spending, % GDP

was equal to 0.081% GDP in 2022, down by 0.002 percentage points from the year prior – and equivalent to an indicator rank of 93.



6.2.4 High-tech manufacturing, %

was equal to 18.98% of total manufacturing output in 2020, down by 0.89 percentage points from the year prior – and equivalent to an indicator rank of 64.



6.3.1 Intellectual property receipts, % total trade

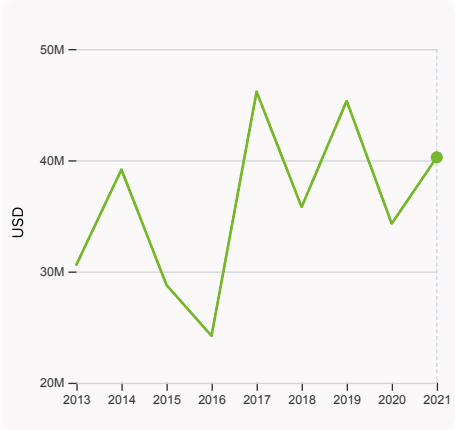
was equal to 0.048% total trade in 2021, up by 0.0087 percentage points from the year prior – and equivalent to an indicator rank of 72.

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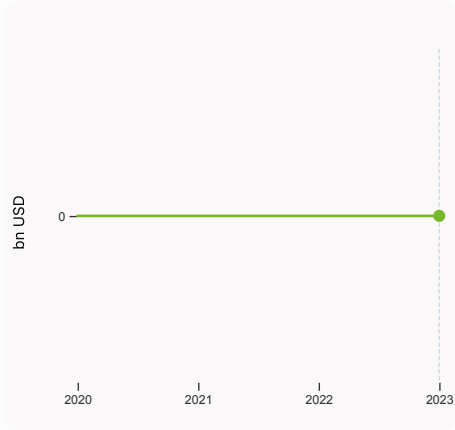
6.3.2 Production and export complexity

was equal to a score of -0.04 in 2020, up by 70.2% from the year prior – and equivalent to an indicator rank of 62.



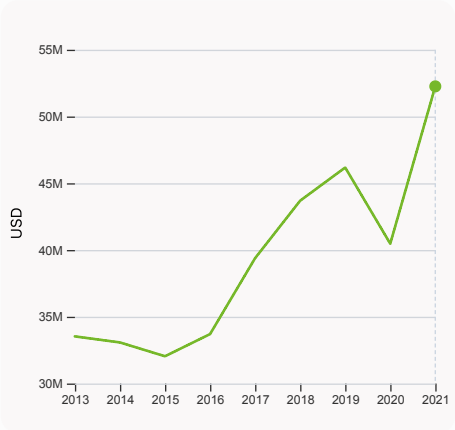
6.3.3 High-tech exports

was equal to 40,265,485 USD in 2021, up by 17.41% from the year prior – and equivalent to an indicator rank of 83.



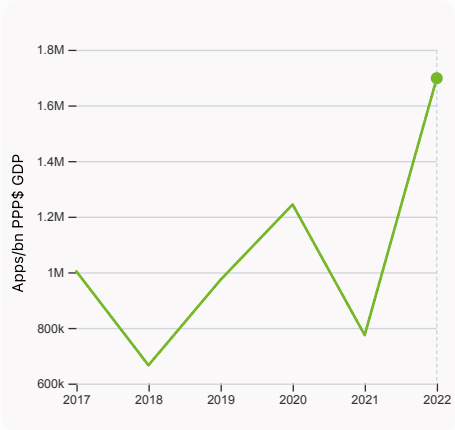
7.1.3 Global brand value, top 5,000

was equal to 0 bn USD in 2023 – and equivalent to an indicator rank of 74.



7.2.1 Cultural and creative services exports

was equal to 52,258,000 USD in 2021, up by 29.11% from the year prior – and equivalent to an indicator rank of 38.



7.3.4 Mobile app creation/bn PPP\$ GDP


was equal to 1,697,689.63 Apps/bn PPP\$ GDP in 2022, up by 119.3% from the year prior – and equivalent to an indicator rank of 14.

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GII 2023 rank

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Output rank	Input rank	Income	Region	Population (mn)	GDP, PPP\$ (bn)	GDP per capita, PPP\$
50	81	Upper middle	EUR	3.3	41.9	16,482.6
Score / Value Rank			Score / Value Rank			
 Institutions			39.4	96		
1.1 Institutional environment			36.4	87		
1.1.1 Operational stability for businesses*			47.2	75		
1.1.2 Government effectiveness*			25.6	94		
1.2 Regulatory environment			52.6	92		
1.2.1 Regulatory quality*			42.5	72		
1.2.2 Rule of law*			30.0	82		
1.2.3 Cost of redundancy dismissal			23.7	102		
1.3 Business environment			29.3	102		
1.3.1 Policies for doing business*			29.3	108	○	
1.3.2 Entrepreneurship policies and culture†			n/a	n/a		
 Human capital and research			30.5	67		
2.1 Education			54.1	57		
2.1.1 Expenditure on education, % GDP			5.8	20	●	
2.1.2 Government funding/pupil, secondary, % GDP/cap			21.6	43		
2.1.3 School life expectancy, years			14.8	57		
2.1.4 PISA scales in reading, maths and science			424.4	51		
2.1.5 Pupil-teacher ratio, secondary			10.9	40		
2.2 Tertiary education			34.4	51		
2.2.1 Tertiary enrolment, % gross			62.7	51		
2.2.2 Graduates in science and engineering, %			25.0	45		
2.2.3 Tertiary inbound mobility, %			6.5	39		
2.3 Research and development (R&D)			3.0	87		
2.3.1 Researchers, FTE/mn pop.			788.1	58		
2.3.2 Gross expenditure on R&D, % GDP			0.2	85		
2.3.3 Global corporate R&D investors, top 3, mn US\$			0.0	40	○ ◇	
2.3.4 QS university ranking, top 3*			0.0	71	○ ◇	
 Infrastructure			37.3	75		
3.1 Information and communication technologies (ICTs)			73.4	55		
3.1.1 ICT access*			84.2	57		
3.1.2 ICT use*			70.7	68		
3.1.3 Government's online service*			71.0	60		
3.1.4 E-participation*			67.4	47		
3.2 General infrastructure			19.5	91		
3.2.1 Electricity output, GWh/mn pop.			2,587.4	71		
3.2.2 Logistics performance*			18.2	89	○ ◇	
3.2.3 Gross capital formation, % GDP			28.4	30	●	
3.3 Ecological sustainability			19.1	83		
3.3.1 GDP/unit of energy use			7.3	94		
3.3.2 Environmental performance*			40.3	62		
3.3.3 ISO 14001 environment/bn PPP\$ GDP			0.3	101		
 Market sophistication			32.4	76		
4.1 Credit			32.2	60		
4.1.1 Finance for startups and scaleups†			n/a	n/a		
4.1.2 Domestic credit to private sector, % GDP			27.9	102		
4.1.3 Loans from microfinance institutions, % GDP			4.7	7	●	
4.2 Investment			7.3	63		
4.2.1 Market capitalization, % GDP			n/a	n/a		
4.2.2 Venture capital (VC) investors, deals/bn PPP\$ GDP			n/a	n/a		
4.2.3 VC recipients, deals/bn PPP\$ GDP			0.0	62	●	
4.2.4 VC received, value, % GDP			0.0	60	●	
4.3 Trade, diversification, and market scale			57.8	67		
4.3.1 Applied tariff rate, weighted avg., %			1.3	14	●	
4.3.2 Domestic industry diversification			80.8	71		
4.3.3 Domestic market scale, bn PPP\$			41.9	116	○	
 Business sophistication			21.3	101	◇	
5.1 Knowledge workers			25.1	77		
5.1.1 Knowledge-intensive employment, %			17.7	82		
5.1.2 Firms offering formal training, %			38.1	38		
5.1.3 GERD performed by business, % GDP			0.0	74	○	
5.1.4 GERD financed by business, %			15.5	72	●	
5.1.5 Females employed w/advanced degrees, %			10.9	70		
5.2 Innovation linkages			10.7	116	◇	
5.2.1 University-industry R&D collaboration†			25.9	105	○	
5.2.2 State of cluster development†			14.4	121	○ ◇	
5.2.3 GERD financed by abroad, % GDP			0.0	72	●	
5.2.4 Joint venture/strategic alliance deals/bn PPP\$ GDP			0.0	55		
5.2.5 Patent families/bn PPP\$ GDP			0.1	51		
5.3 Knowledge absorption			27.9	89		
5.3.1 Intellectual property payments, % total trade			0.7	57		
5.3.2 High-tech imports, % total trade			8.4	61		
5.3.3 ICT services imports, % total trade			1.4	62		
5.3.4 FDI net inflows, % GDP			2.8	54		
5.3.5 Research talent, % in businesses			6.2	67	●	
 Knowledge and technology outputs			23.8	60		
6.1 Knowledge creation			23.1	46		
6.1.1 Patents by origin/bn PPP\$ GDP			1.6	43		
6.1.2 PCT patents by origin/bn PPP\$ GDP			0.1	62		
6.1.3 Utility models by origin/bn PPP\$ GDP			2.9	5	●	
6.1.4 Scientific and technical articles/bn PPP\$ GDP			n/a	n/a		
6.1.5 Citable documents H-index			5.6	96		
6.2 Knowledge impact			23.7	86		
6.2.1 Labor productivity growth, %			2.2	28	●	
6.2.2 Unicorn valuation, % GDP			0.0	48	○ ◇	
6.2.3 Software spending, % GDP			0.1	93		
6.2.4 High-tech manufacturing, %			19.0	64		
6.3 Knowledge diffusion			24.7	58		
6.3.1 Intellectual property receipts, % total trade			0.0	72		
6.3.2 Production and export complexity			51.7	62		
6.3.3 High-tech exports, % total trade			0.7	83		
6.3.4 ICT services exports, % total trade			6.6	13	●	
6.3.5 ISO 9001 quality/bn PPP\$ GDP			2.5	80		
 Creative outputs			33.2	42		
7.1 Intangible assets			49.8	27		
7.1.1 Intangible asset intensity, top 15, %			n/a	n/a		
7.1.2 Trademarks by origin/bn PPP\$ GDP			101.6	11	●	
7.1.3 Global brand value, top 5,000			0.0	74	○ ◇	
7.1.4 Industrial designs by origin/bn PPP\$ GDP			16.7	6	●	
7.2 Creative goods and services			9.3	70		
7.2.1 Cultural and creative services exports, % total trade			0.9	38		
7.2.2 National feature films/mn pop. 15-69			n/a	n/a		
7.2.3 Entertainment and media market/th pop. 15-69			n/a	n/a		
7.2.4 Creative goods exports, % total trade			0.1	102		
7.3 Online creativity			23.8	55		
7.3.1 Generic top-level domains (TLDs)/th pop. 15-69			3.0	71		
7.3.2 Country-code TLDs/th pop. 15-69			3.9	60		
7.3.3 GitHub commits/mn pop. 15-69			10.9	54		
7.3.4 Mobile app creation/bn PPP\$ GDP			77.2	14	●	

NOTES: ● indicates a strength; ○ a weakness; ◆ an income group strength; ◇ an income group weakness; * an index; † a survey question, ● indicates that the economy's data are older than the base year; see appendices for details, including the year of the data, at <https://www.wipo.int/gii-ranking>. Square brackets [] indicate that the data minimum coverage (DMC) requirements were not met at the sub-pillar or pillar level.

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→ Data availability

The following tables list indicators that are either missing or outdated for Republic of Moldova.



> Republic of Moldova has missing data for seven indicators and outdated data for nine indicators.

> Missing data for Republic of Moldova

Code	Indicator name	Economy Year	Model Year	Source
1.3.2	Entrepreneurship policies and culture	n/a	2022	Global Entrepreneurship Monitor
4.1.1	Finance for startups and scaleups	n/a	2022	Global Entrepreneurship Monitor
4.2.1	Market capitalization, % GDP	n/a	2020	World Federation of Exchanges; World Bank
4.2.2	Venture capital (VC) investors, deals/bn PPP\$ GDP	n/a	2022	Refinitiv; International Monetary Fund
7.1.1	Intangible asset intensity, top 15, %	n/a	2022	Brand Finance
7.2.2	National feature films/mn pop. 15-69	n/a	2021	OMDIA; United Nations, World Population Prospects
7.2.3	Entertainment and media market/th pop. 15-69	n/a	2022	PwC, GEMO; United Nations, World Population Prospects; International Monetary Fund

> Outdated data for Republic of Moldova

Code	Indicator name	Economy Year	Model Year	Source
1.3.1	Policies for doing business	2021	2022	World Economic Forum, Executive Opinion Survey (EOS)
4.2.3	VC recipients, deals/bn PPP\$ GDP	2020	2022	Refinitiv; International Monetary Fund
4.2.4	VC received, value, % GDP	2020	2022	Refinitiv; International Monetary Fund
5.1.3	GERD performed by business, % GDP	2018	2021	UNESCO Institute for Statistics; Eurostat; OECD; RICYT
5.1.4	GERD financed by business, %	2018	2020	UNESCO Institute for Statistics; Eurostat; OECD; RICYT
5.2.1	University-industry R&D collaboration	2021	2022	World Economic Forum, Executive Opinion Survey (EOS)
5.2.2	State of cluster development	2021	2022	World Economic Forum, Executive Opinion Survey

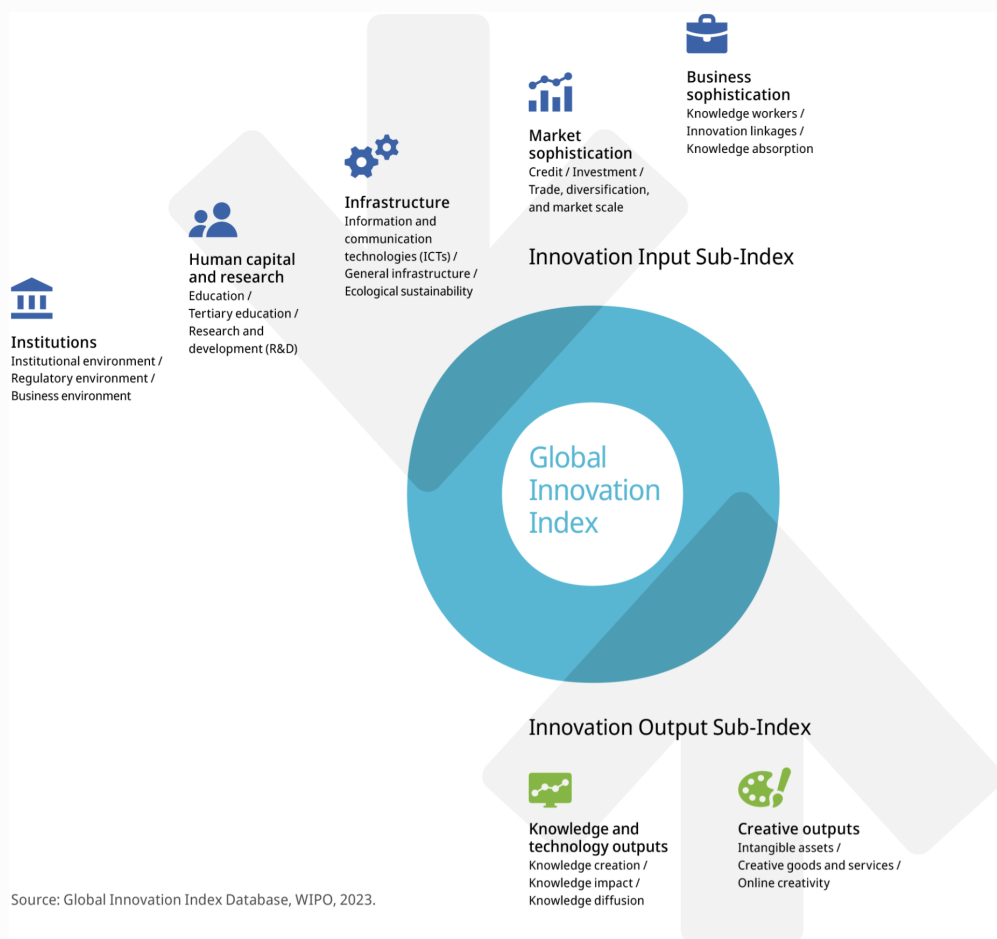
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				(EOS)
5.2.3	GERD financed by abroad, % GDP	2018	2020	UNESCO Institute for Statistics; Eurostat; OECD; RICYT
5.3.5	Research talent, % in businesses	2018	2021	UNESCO Institute for Statistics; Eurostat; OECD; RICYT

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→ About the Global Innovation Index

- The Global Innovation Index (GII) is published by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), a specialized agency of the United Nations.
- Recognizing that innovation is a key driver of economic development, the GII aims to provide an innovation ranking and rich analysis referencing around 130 economies. Over the last decade, the GII has established itself as both a leading reference on innovation and a “tool for action” for economies that incorporate the GII into their innovation agendas.



The Index is a ranking of the innovation capabilities and results of world economies. It measures innovation based on criteria that include institutions, human capital and research, infrastructure, credit, investment, linkages; the creation, absorption and diffusion of knowledge; and creative outputs.

The GII has two sub-indices: the Innovation Input Sub-Index and the Innovation Output Sub-Index, and seven pillars, each consisting of three sub-pillars.