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Last year University of Porto started a new governing cycle. U.Porto Innovation is now under the Vice-Rector for Research and Innovation. This change reinforces the role and visibility of U.Porto Innovation in our research ecosystem, and aims to facilitate the access and use of our services to the innovation and research communities.

Recognizing the societal importance of innovation, the University of Porto during the last years has increased the resources committed to promotion of innovation. By the end of 2022 the U.Porto Innovation had a team of 11 people dedicated to achieve a better match between our University leadership in scientific production and its impact in the regional, national and European economic development.

U.Porto Innovation hopes to potentiate the opportunities driven by the excellence and productivity of University of Porto research ecosystem and the emergence of a new generation of scientists who is investing in the transfer of their research results into the market and society.

Pedro Rodrigues

*Vice-Rector of the University of Porto for
Research and Innovation*

U.Porto Innovation completed 18 years of activity in 2022. In Portugal a person who is 18 years old reaches adulthood. I may affirm that U.Porto Innovation got its adulthood status too, not only because of its age but also due to its continuous growth, in dimension as well as in responsibilities.

In 2022, U.Porto Innovation kept its focus in three avenues of activity: protection and valorisation of research results; generation of spin-off companies; interface with industry aiming research partnerships.

In the first avenue, a key achievement was the umbrella agreement between INESC TEC and University of Porto regarding joint intellectual property. The agreement sets the principles for the mapping, ownership and management of joint intellectual property. The agreement will leverage the transfer of scientific and technological research of both Institutions, contributing for an innovative economy.

Last year, University of Porto technology transfer activities also benefited with the kick-off of UI-TRANSFER project. UI-TRANSFER brings together 5 Portuguese universities to identify, validate, accelerate and capitalize innovations coming from academia. Specifically, it supports the protection, proof-of-concept and commercialization of scientific and technological knowledge.

In the second avenue, I call attention to the publication of the manual “Corporate Social Entrepreneurship – Practices, tools and knowledge for action”. This publication is a result of a collaboration between U.Porto Innovation and the Institute of Sociology – University of Porto, in the framework of the project Embrace – Corporate Social Entrepreneurship.

Last year, Entreprenow pinpointed University of Porto in the portuguese entrepreneurial ecosystem map. In total, around 200 people participated in the five debates offered in hybrid form by Entreprenow 2022. Debates were recorded hence you still have the chance to catch up with the latest entrepreneurial insights at University of Porto media.

Regarding the third avenue, 2022 was the year when U.Porto Innovation took the helm of IJUP Empresas. This open innovation programme gathers companies and students in exploratory research projects. The present edition of IJUP Empresas is supported by the project Skills for a next generation U.Porto.

At last, I underline that U.Porto Innovation owes most of its maturity to the institutional support of the University, to the commitment of the team and to the vitality of the surrounding environment. Check more 2022 highlights in the present report and much more on U.Porto innovation media.

André Fernandes

U.Porto Innovation Director

[Spotlight]

WELCOME TO THE “PATENT GRANTED” WORLD

A noteworthy event, for the first time patents were granted to inventions from the Faculty of Nutrition and Food Sciences (FCNAUP) and from the Faculty of Dental Medicine (FMDUP).



IUP25K IS BACK

2022 saw the return of the University of Porto business ideas competition. iUP25k, which already had seven past editions, received 24 applications in 2022, totaling 50 participants. The finalist teams presented their pitches to the public and three winning ideas were selected. In total, iUP25k awarded a total of 25.000 € worth of prizes, in both money and support services for the selected teams.



BIP IS NOW BIP IGNITION AND BIP ACCELERATION

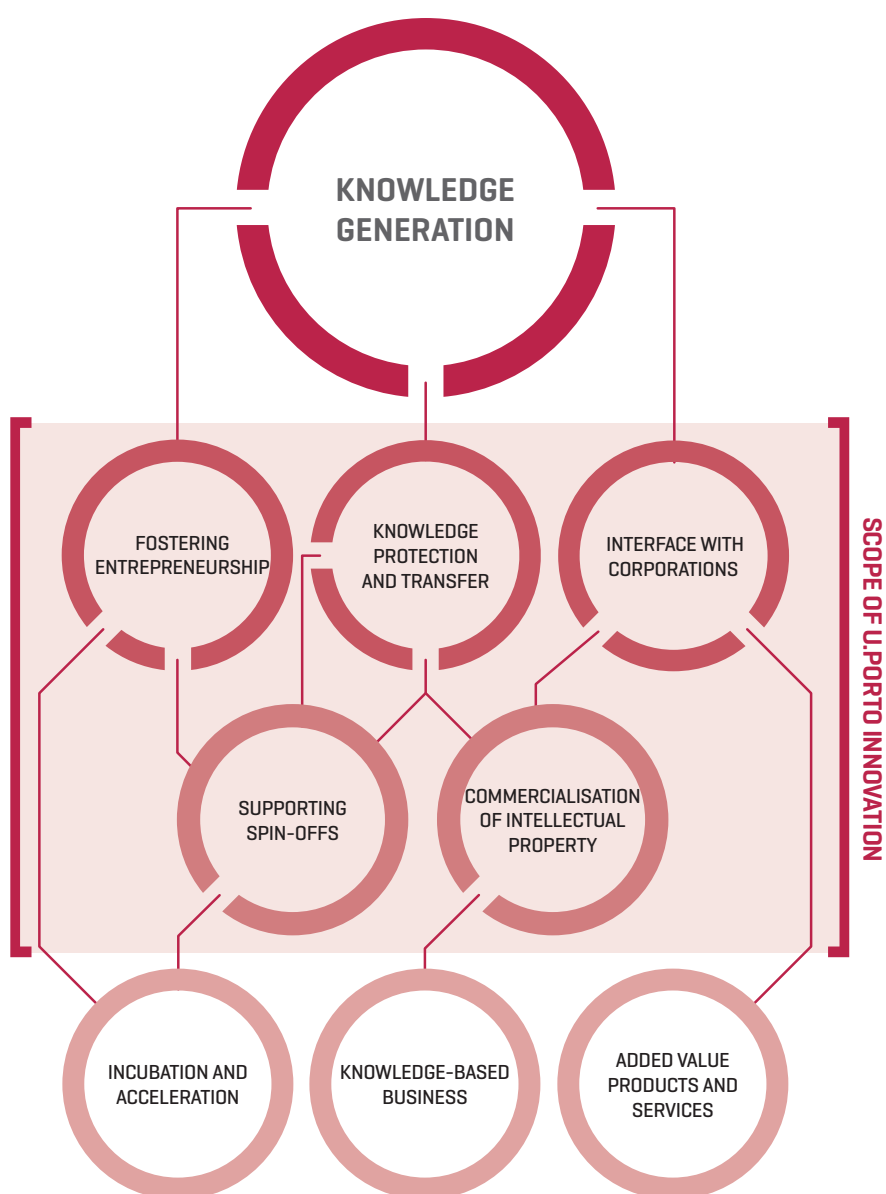
Two “spin-off” programmes of the late BIP – Business Ignition Programme started in 2022. The initiatives complement each other in helping U.Porto researchers to enhance their business ideas. On one hand, BIP Ignition is an ideation programme that aims to explore the potential of existing knowledge in the University of Porto and launch the validation and development of technological and innovative ideas. BIP Acceleration, on the other hand, is the acceleration programme for projects that create added value to research results generated at the University of Porto.



What can I get from U.Porto Innovation?

U.Porto Innovation was created in 2004 with the objective of supporting the University's innovation value chain by fostering the transfer of scientific research and reinforcing the bond between the University and businesses.

With over 18 years of experience, U.Porto Innovation focuses its activities on the protection and valorisation of University research results, entrepreneurship within the academic community and U.Porto's growing connections with industry.





INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY NUMBERS [2022]

✓
32
INVENTION
DISCLOSURES

✓
34
PORTUGUESE
PATENTS

✓
14
PCT
EXTENSIONS

✓
59
INTERNATIONAL
PATENTS

ALL GRANTED PATENTS*



ACTIVE
LICENCES
29*

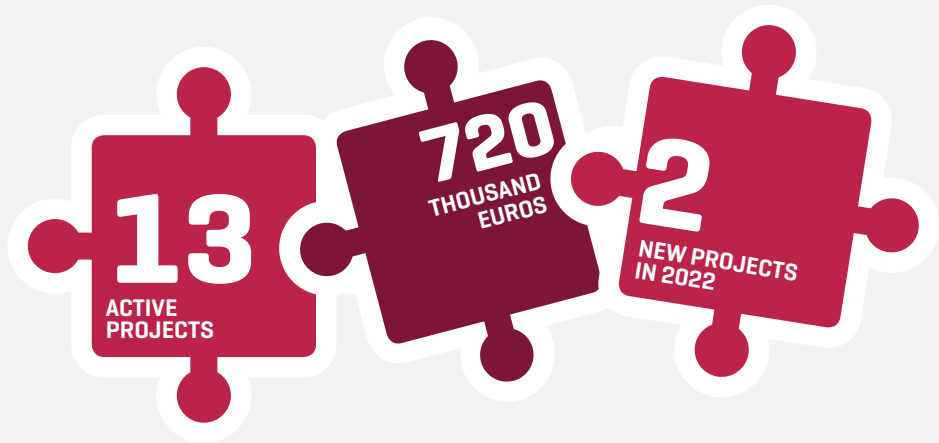
1997
SUPPORTED
INVENTORS*

501
ACTIVE PATENTS *
PORTUGAL: 117
INTERNATIONAL: 384

[* All data refers to accumulated activity until December 31st 2022]

[**Total number of inventors listed, including those external to U.Porto and recurrent inventors]

[*Our Numbers*]



More than

1570

PARTICIPANTS



[Researchers and company employees]



100

U.PORTO SPIN-OFF
COMPANIES



246

PATENTS MANAGED



192 773 687,59€

INVESTMENT RAISED

96 773 687,89€

REVENUE GENERATED



38

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