



# Workshop on «Assesing the Impacts of Public Research Systems»

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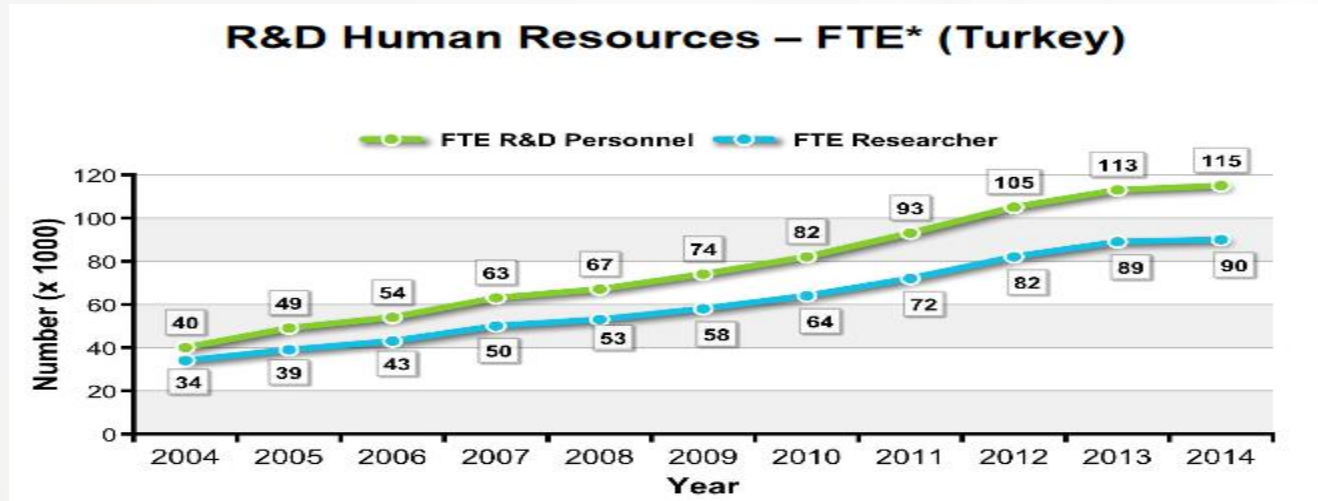
Some Figures in the  
Higher Education Sector  
in Turkey



Target Oriented National  
Innovation System



How research and higher  
education is funded



## Universities in Turkey

The number of FTE Researchers in Universities: 41269

The number of FTE Researchers in Government Research Institutes: 6541

Year	Number of Universities in Turkey	Number of Undergraduate Students	Number of Students per Faculty Member	The rate of Graduate Students in all Students	Number of Doctorate Students	Number of Faculty Members
2015	190	3628800	21.89	%11	78.223	165.774

# Financial Resources for Universities

## Block Funding for Research in Universities

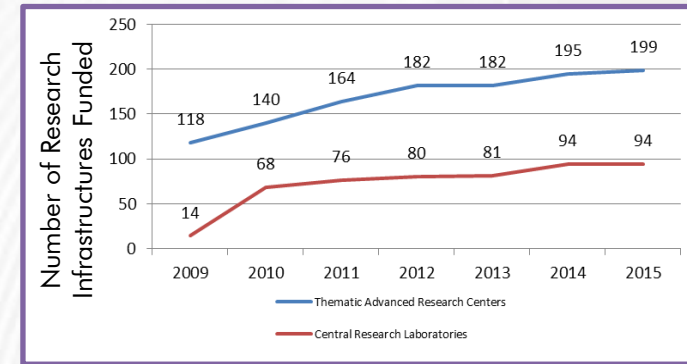
- Ministry of Finance allocates institutional block funding for R&D activities of government universities under the name of «Scientific Research Projects Support».

- 2003: 53 Milyon Current PPP\$
- 2015: 444 Million Current PPP\$  
8 fold increase since 2003

## Competitive Funding for Research Infrastructures in Universities

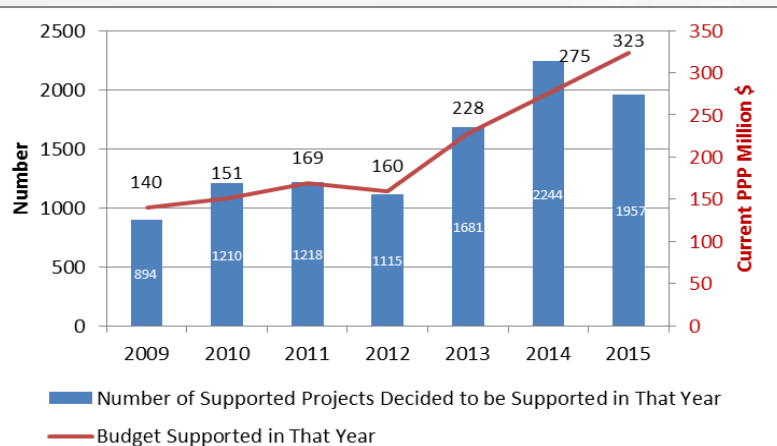
Year	Government Spending for Research Infrastructures in Universities (Current Milyon PPP\$)	Government Spending for Research Infrastructures in Governmental Research Institutes (Current Milyon PPP\$)	Total Government Spending for Research Infrastructures (Current Milyon PPP\$)
2015	425	168	593

\*Ministry of Development

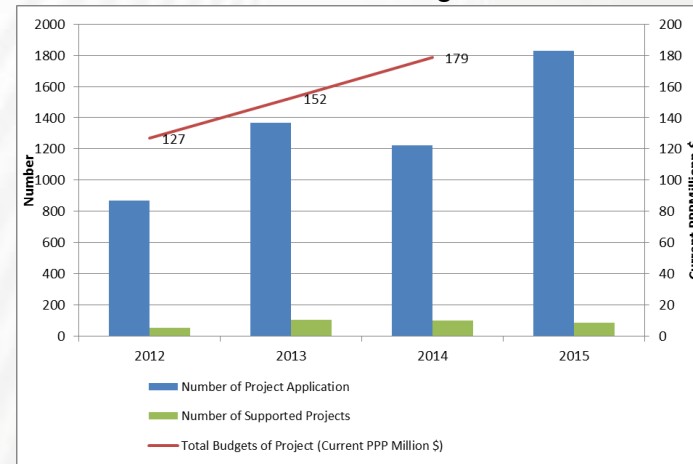


## Competitive Funding for Research Projects in Universities

### Total Academic R&D Funds of TÜBİTAK

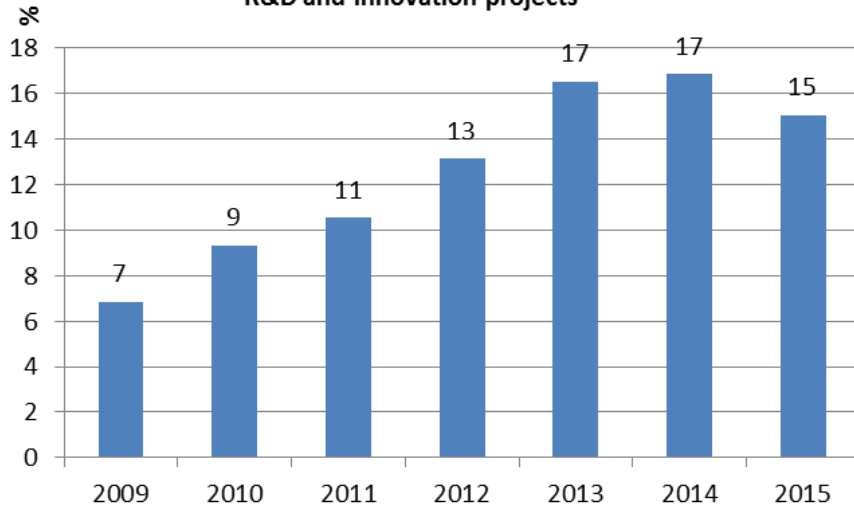


### TÜBİTAK 1003 Program



Budget per Project:  
1,7 Million PPP \$

Percentage of university-industry collaborative projects in total R&D and innovation projects

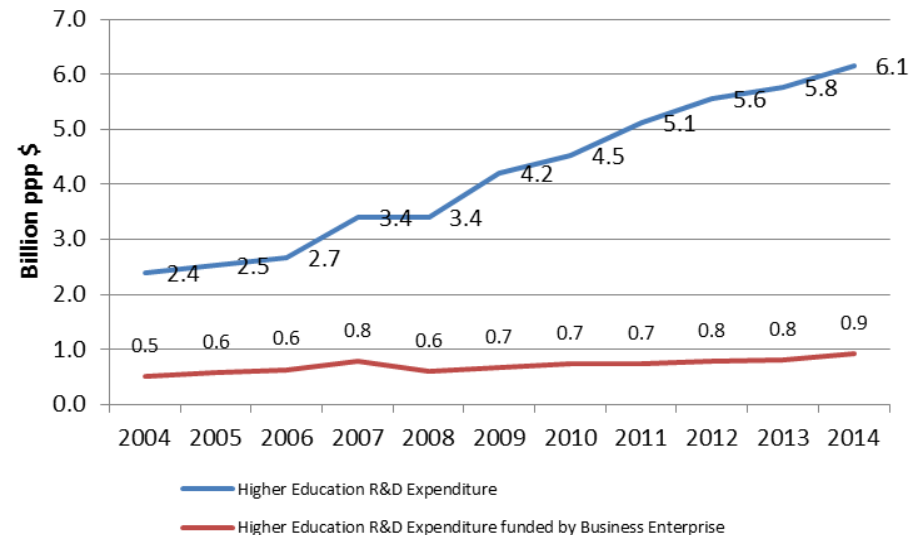


The percentage of the collaborative R&DI projects has doubled since 2009 in the government supported RDI projects.

## Outcomes:

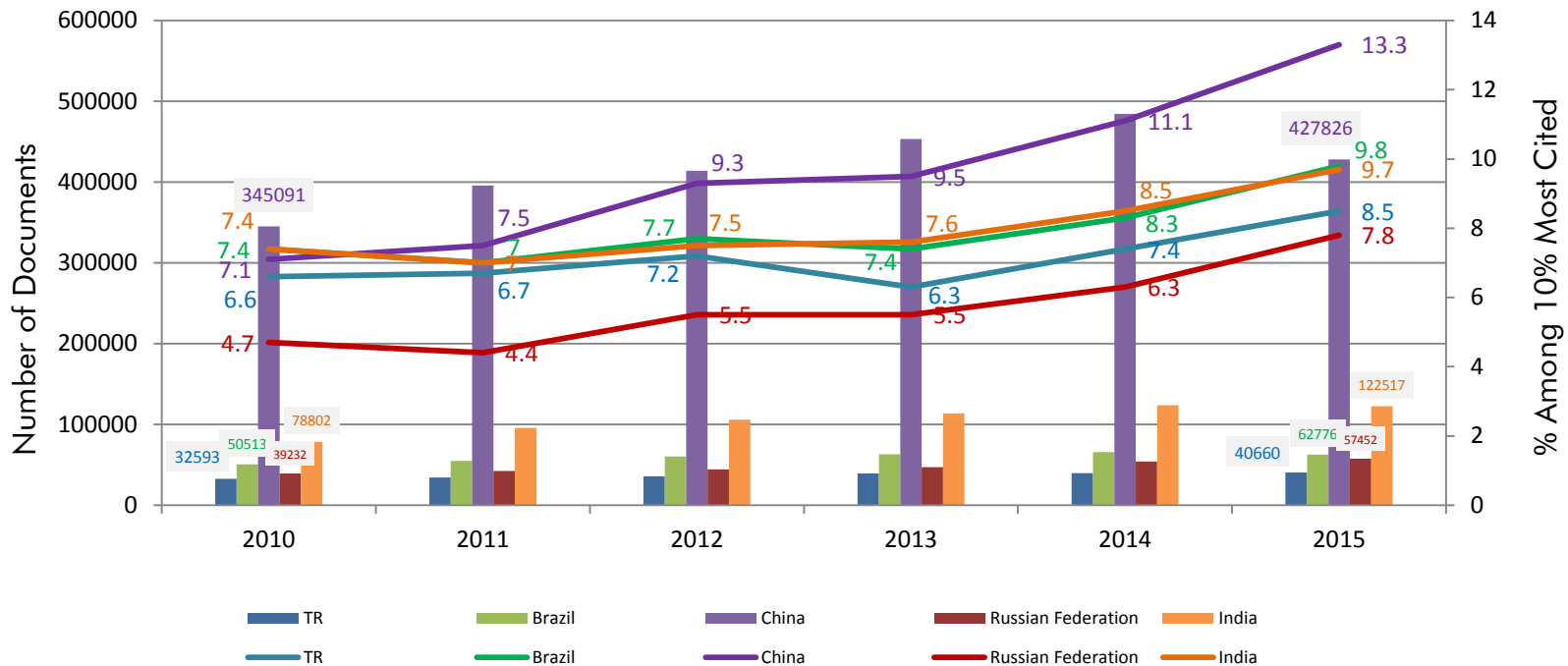
- Higher Education R&D Expenditure has increased more than 2.5 times.
- Level of funding from business sector is still low

Higher Education R&D Expenditure vs. Higher Education Expenditure funded by Business Sector



# Quantity and Quality of Scholarly Outputs

Scholarly Output in SCOPUS and Percentage of Documents among 10% Most Cited



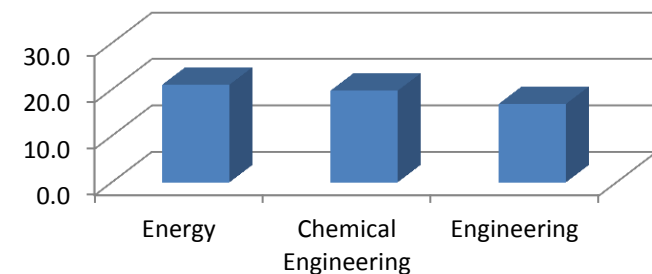
## 2010-2015=> Number of documents

- 24% increase in the for Turkey, India and Brazil
- ~50 increase for Russia and China

## % Among 10% Most Cited

- Average %30 increase for Turkey, Brazil and India
- %66 increase for Russia and %87 increase for China

Percentage of documents of Turkey among 10% most cited, by field  
(2003-2012 Cumulative)





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## National Innovation System Targets For Economic Development and Wellbeing in 2023



GERD / GDP

3 %

BERD / GDP

2 %

Researchers (FTE)

300 K

Private Sector  
Researchers (FTE)

180 K



# Supreme Council for Science and Technology (SCST)

Every six months R&D policy of Turkey is reviewed in Supreme Council for Science and Technology chaired by the Prime Minister himself



SCST

Policy Making

Setting Long Term Targets

Appointment of Organizations  
and Establishment of Committees

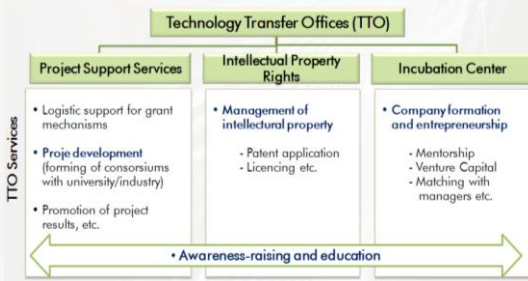
Policy  
Implementation

Monitoring

# Examples: Resolutions of SCST Regarding the Ecosystem



Many of the decrees adopted in SCST meetings involve universities



Fostering R&D Start-ups

Enhancing TTOs

Mini Entrepreneurship MBA Education

University Entrepreneurship Index



Open Video Courses For Higher Education



Development of Centres of Excellence



Improving Scholarships Supporting PhD Holders



Development of University R&D Strategies



## University R&D Capacity Building Program (1000)

- Call for development and implementation of university R&D Strategies
- Allow universities to focus on selected technologies based on their specific competency areas
- Funds to be allocated according to universities' strategic research and development plans





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1. Mission Oriented  
Approaches

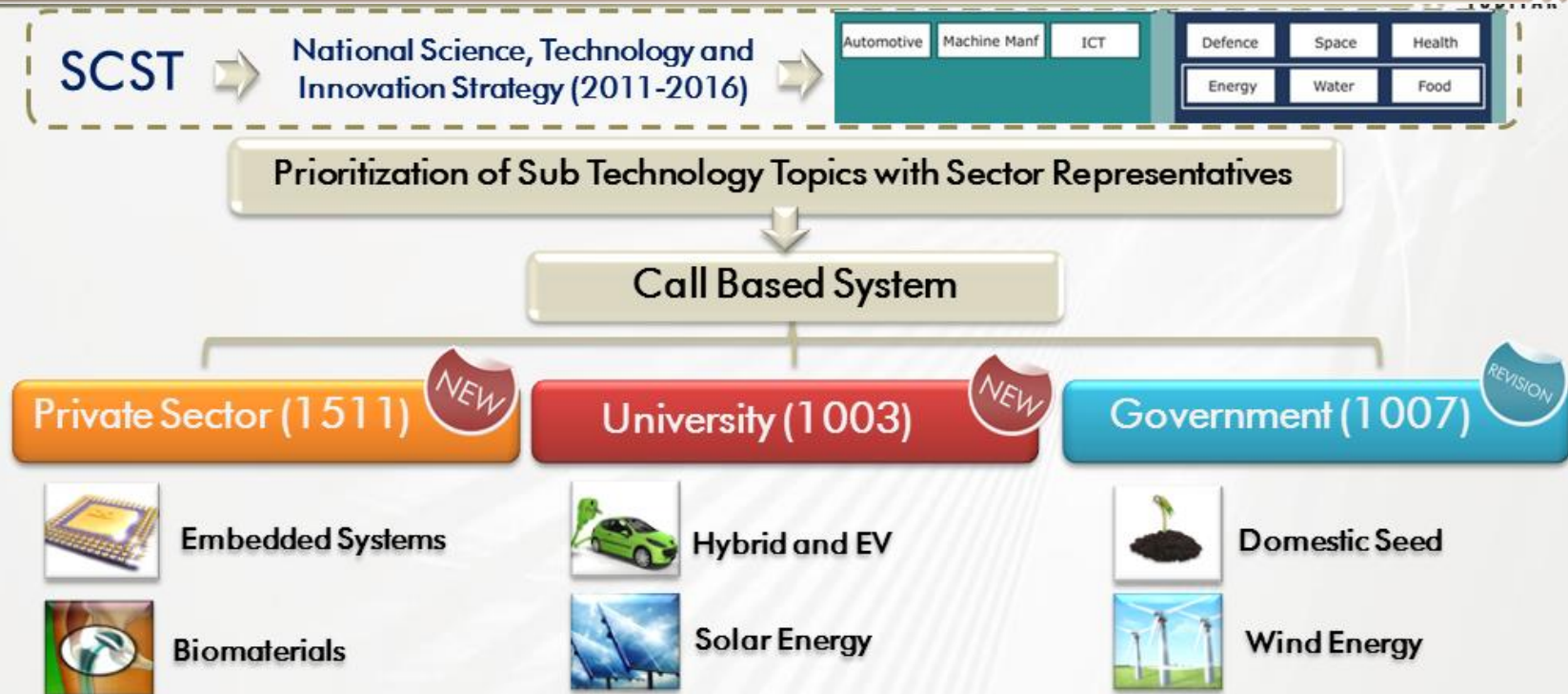


2. Supporting  
Entrepreneurship and  
Technology Transfer



3. Performance Based  
Approaches

# Mission Oriented Approaches and Programs



## University-Industry Interaction

**Technology Road Maps:** Support of large-scale projects for the development of national technology

1. Energy Efficiency
2. Mobile Comm. Tech.
3. Pharmaceuticals
4. Vaccines
5. Biomedical Equipment
6. Medical Diagnose Kits
7. Biomaterials
8. MEMS/NEMS
9. Advanced Display Technologies
10. Machine Control and Factory Automation Systems
11. Embedded Software in Automotive and Machinery Sectors
12. Lightweight Materials Technology in Automotive
13. Social Sciences (Education, Economic Growth, Family, Urbanization, Culture, History)

# Supporting Entrepreneurship and Technology Transfer



Individual Entrepreneurs (1512)  
[BiGG.tubitak.gov.tr](http://BiGG.tubitak.gov.tr)

Supporting entrepreneurship and  
creations of R&D based start-ups:



University Entrepreneurship  
Sertificate Program (1601)

Supporting the development of  
entrepreneurship and R&D culture  
at early stages



Technology Transfer Office Support  
Program (1513)

34 universities between 2013-2015  
10 M TL for 10 years for each university

# 1514

Venture Capital Support  
Program (1514)

R&D Start-Up Support





## Industrial R&D Projects Grant Program (1501)

Obligatory condition for university-industry cooperation for the industry projects with the budget over 1 million TL. Required percentage of cooperation increases while the budget increases.



## University-Industry Collaboration Grant Program (1505)

**University-Public Knowledge Accumulation + SME-Big Scale Firm = Commercial Product/Process**

- 1 million TL budget
- Feasibility support up to 10k TL
- SME → 75 %, Big Scale firm → 60 %

# Performance Based Approaches



## Highest Quality Research

Award According to  
Project Performance

NEW

Incentives for Quality  
Oriented International  
Publications

NEW

## Higher Education

Project Overhead  
Increases According to  
the Performance

REVISION

Entrepreneurial and  
Innovative University  
Index

NEW

## Research Centers

Centers of Excellence  
(1004)

NEW

Assessment of Higher  
Education Research Labs

NEW



## Project Performance Award

Up to **200 K TL** award for  
successfully completed projects

PROJECT  
PERFORMANCE  
AWARD



Publications



Patent



Product



Firm



Graduates

Support increases due to performance!

## Incentive Program for International Scientific Publications (UBYT)

Up to **7.500 TL** article  
support for researchers



- Incentive increases by folds due to quality!
- Each journal is assessed by objective criteria

## Project Overhead Increases According to the Performance



Project overhead increases from  
**10 % → to 50%**

Project overhead will vary from university to university

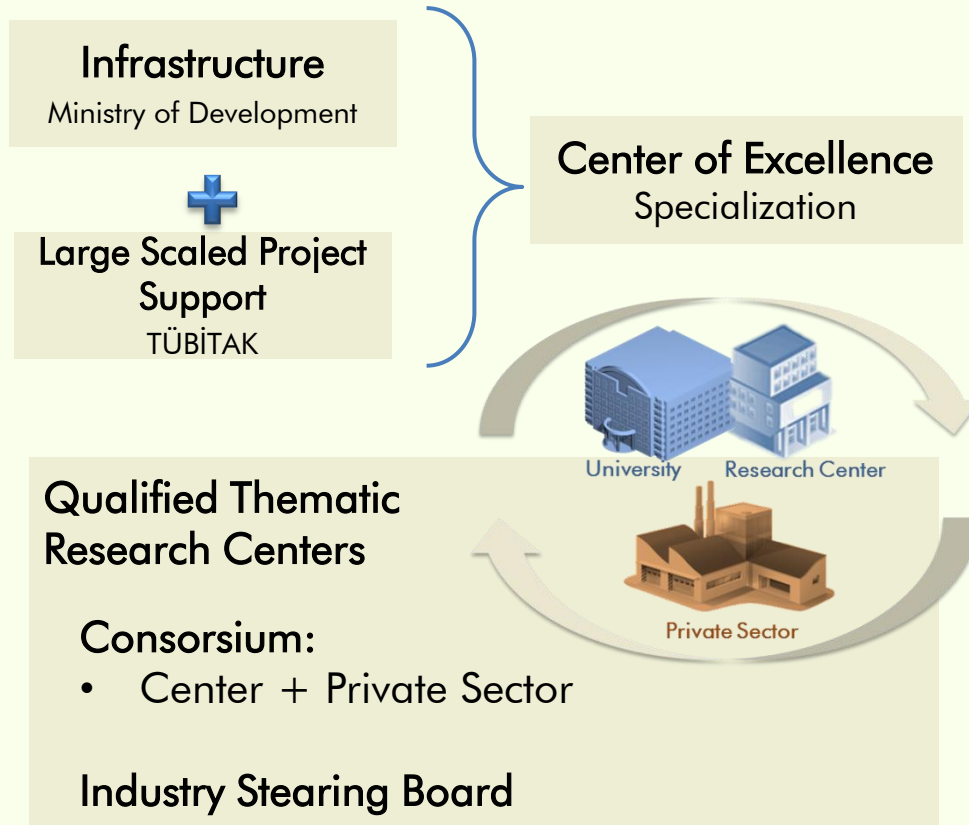
More performance more project overhead

Calculations will be based on objective criteria

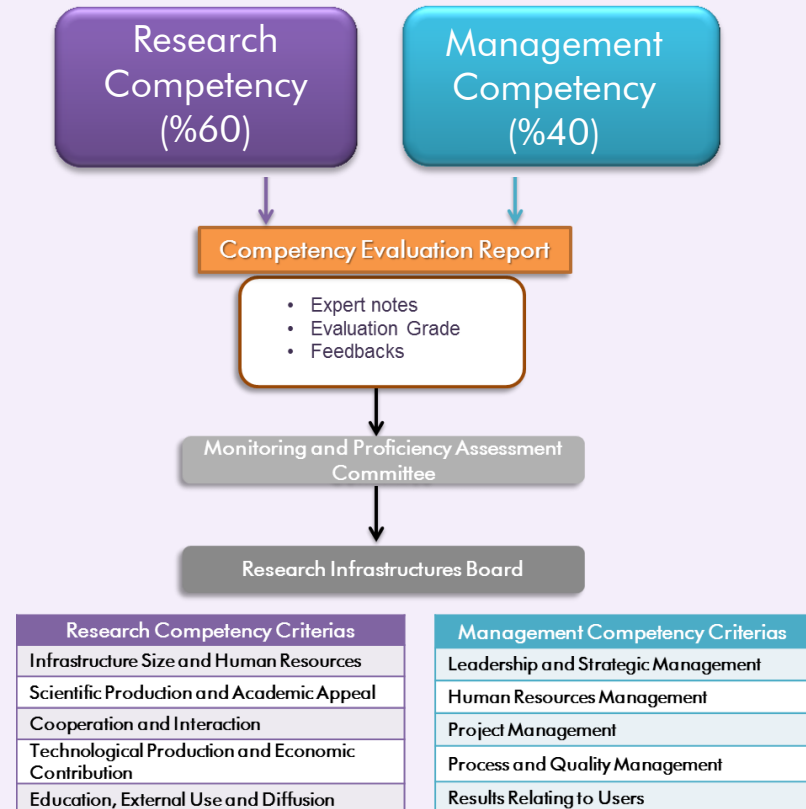
# Supporting Centers of Excellence

## Support Program for Centers of Excellence (1004)

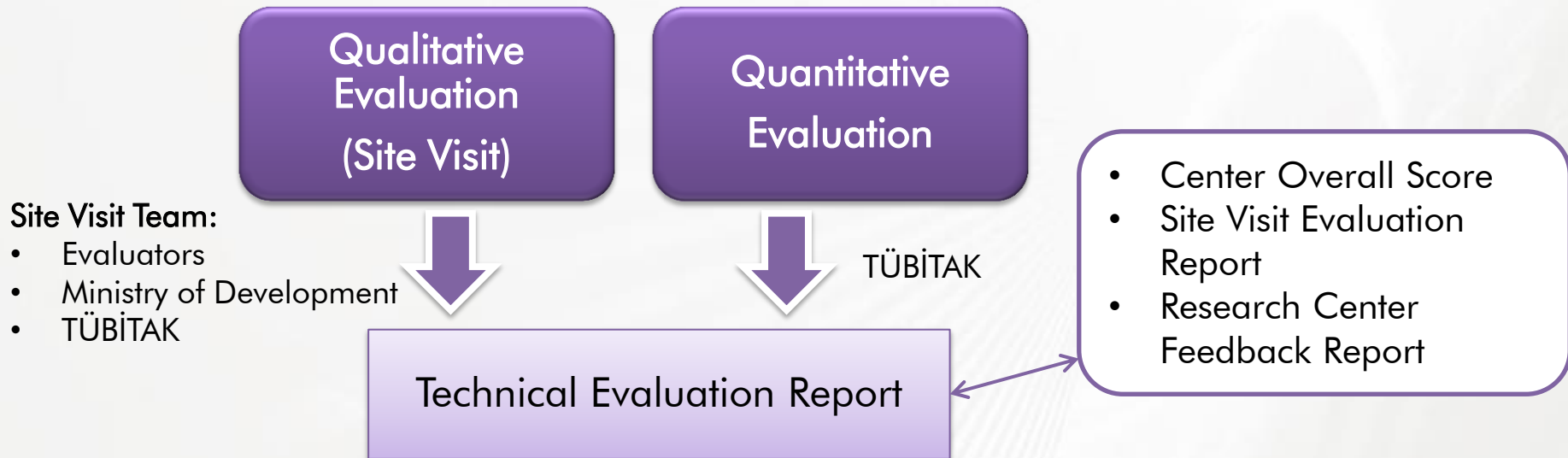
A new insight into specialization of Research Infrastructures in Turkey towards becoming Centers of Excellence



## Assessment of Higher Education Research Labs







## Qualitative Dimensions

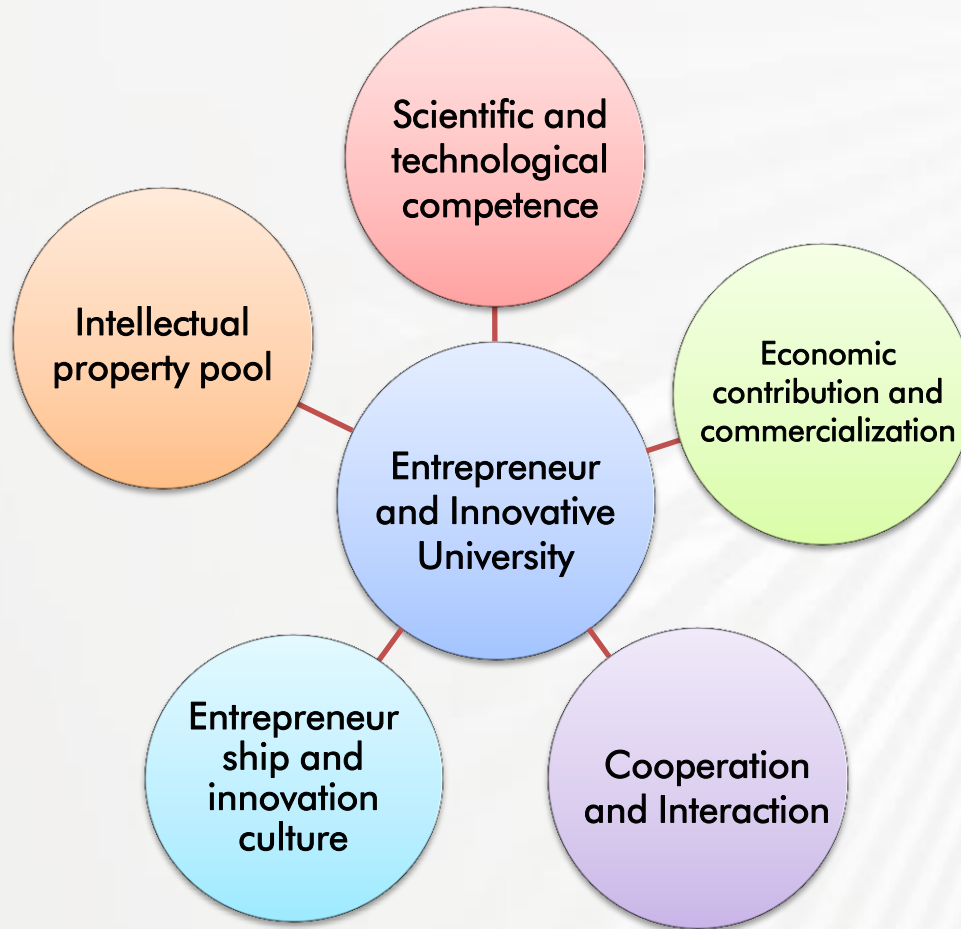
- Strategic Management
- Human Resources Management
- Collaboration Management
- Project Management
- Process and Quality Management
- Results Regarding Customers/Partners/Users

## Quantitative Dimensions

- R&D Intensity
- Center Size and Human Resources
- Project Accumulation
- Domestic Collaborations
- National Collaborations
- International Collaborations
- Level of Scientific Activity
- Level of Technological Activity
- Accordance With National Policies



Entrepreneurial and Innovative University Index is developed in cooperation with 168 universities and 10 public institutions



## Sample Indicators

- Number of firms established by academicians
- Number of firms established by students/graduated students
- Employment in those firms
- Patents
- Licences
- R&D and innovation projects
- Entrepreneurship, innovation lessons/trainings

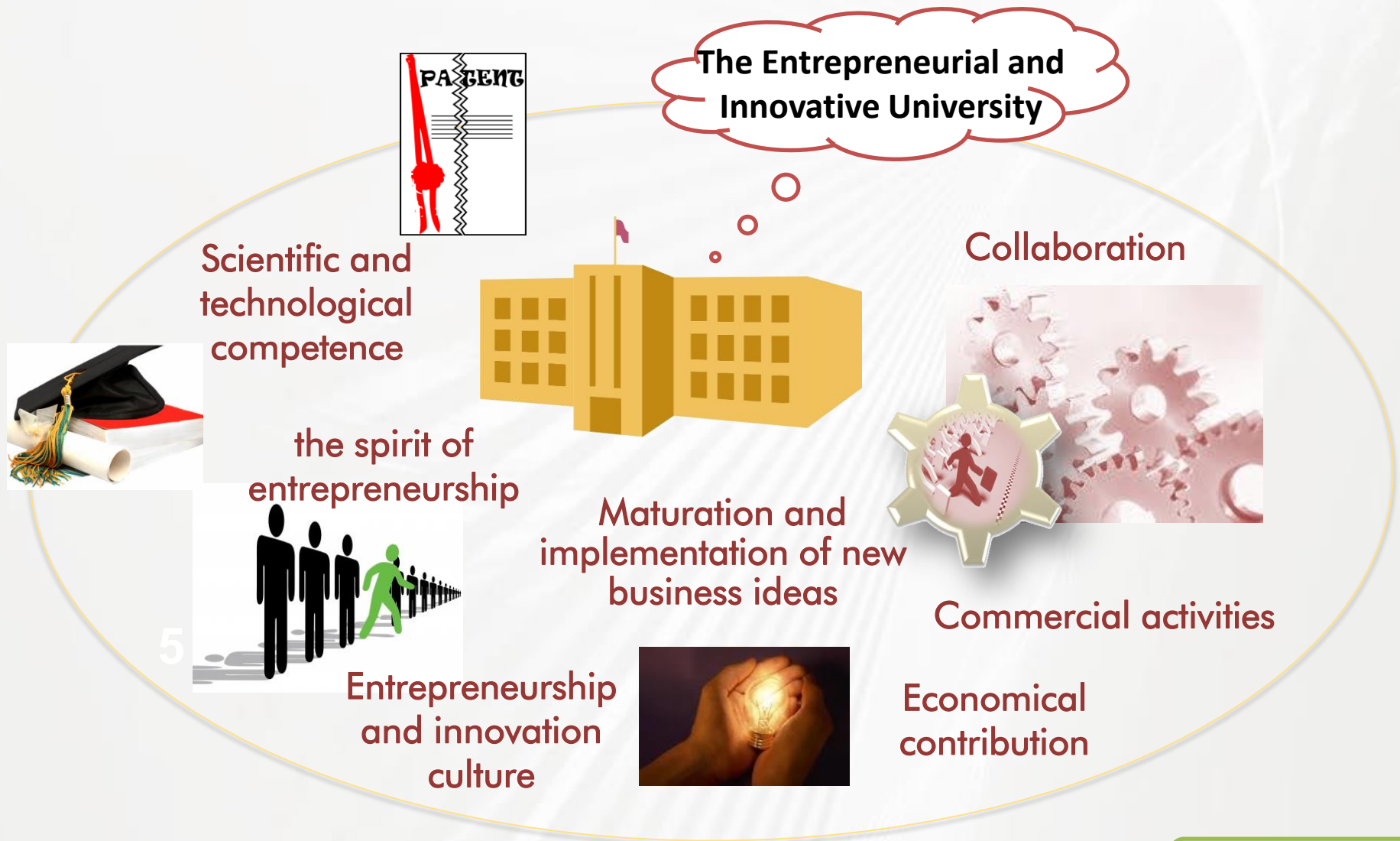
International Collaboration to Develop Such Indexes

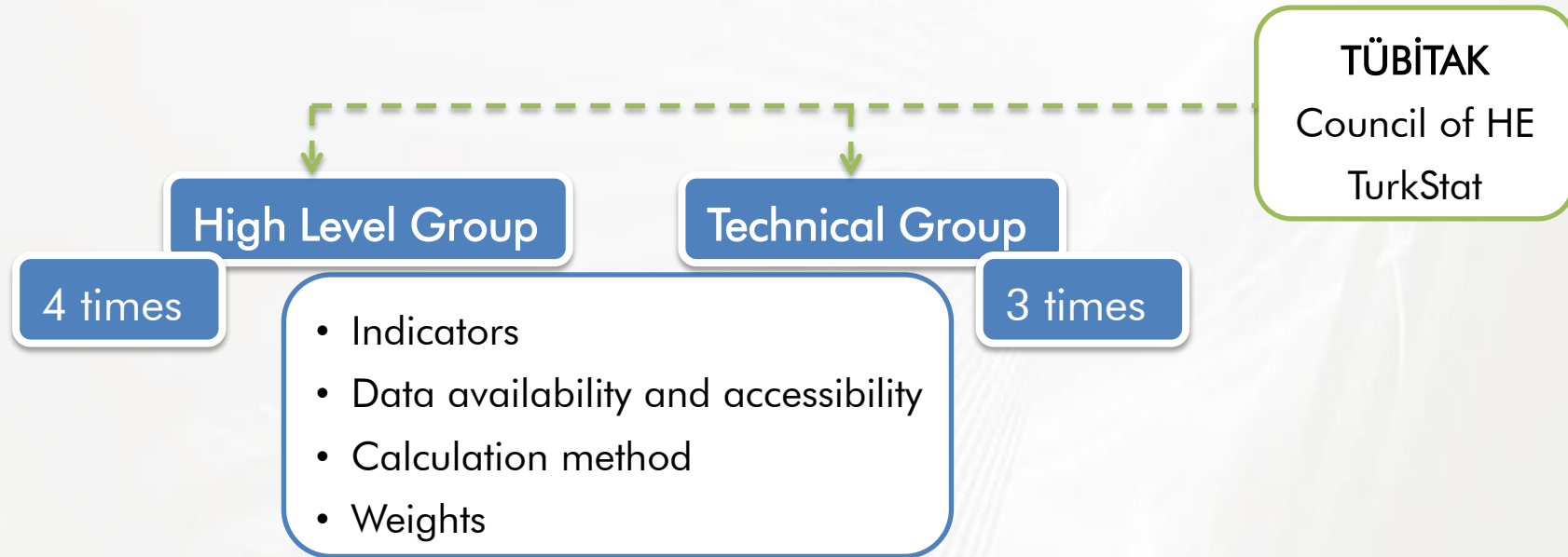
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## Entrepreneurial and Innovative University Index

### Steps for the index

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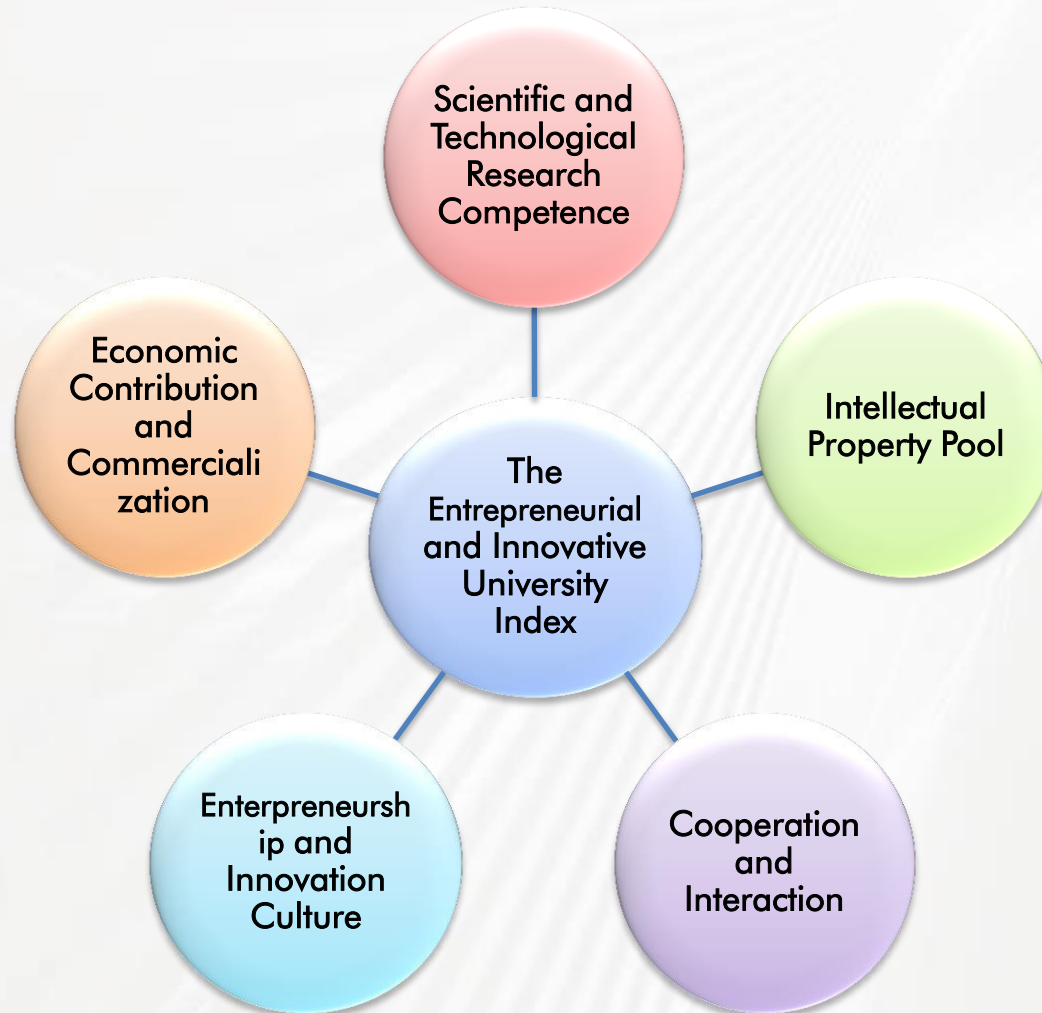


- 16 universities (old/new, private/government, faculty of medicine/engineering, region)
- Indicators
  - 87 breakdown, 6 science field
  - 12 Institutions/Units
- Feedback meeting





5 pillars, 23 indicators overall



## Cooperation with 168 universities and 10 public institutions

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