

# INNOVATION ACROSS BORDERS



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# Minder grenzen, meer kansen

## *Moins de frontières, plus d'opportunités*



Global Agenda > Economy > Innovation

# These are the world's most innovative economies

Based on 2016 Global Innovation Index. 2015 ranking in brackets

1. Switzerland (1)
2. Sweden (3)
3. United Kingdom (2)
4. United States (5)
5. Finland (6)
6. Singapore (7)
7. Ireland (8)
8. Denmark (10)
9. Netherlands (4)
10. Germany (12)



23. Belgium

Source: Cornell University, INSEAD and the World Intellectual Property Organization



*We know that the nation that goes 200% for innovation today will own the global economy tomorrow.*

Barack Obama





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# Prosperity & Competitiveness

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A photograph of a classroom scene. In the foreground, a white tablet lies on a dark wooden desk. In the background, several students are seated at their desks, focused on their work. One student in the center-right is wearing glasses and a dark jacket. Another student to the left is wearing a red sweater. The room has light-colored walls and a window in the background.

# Strengths

1. *Education*

2. *R&D*

3. *Investment*

# Improvements

1. *Labour Costs*
2. *Mismatch*
3. *Overkill Regulation*





# 1. Reduction of Structural Handicaps

*Tax Shift,  
Dual Education System,  
etc.*

## 2. Dynamic Entrepreneurship

*Ambition, Intelligence & ‘culot’*



### 3. Cooperation

*>60% of Belgian companies innovates across borders \**



# Innovation across Borders

*Innovation Follower > Innovation Leader*



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