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U.Porto Inovação celebrated its 20th anniversary in 2024. This was a symbolic moment, a milestone and a special occasion for celebrating, sharing memories and inviting us to reflect on the future.

Over the last two decades, U.Porto Inovação has become a cornerstone of the University of Porto's research and innovation ecosystem. Over time, and considering developments in its area of activity, some adjustments have been made to meet emerging challenges and optimise its performance. Even so, U.Porto Inovação remains true to its roots while adapting to the new times, always with the aim of consolidating U.Porto's leadership position.

Indeed, 20 years after its creation, U.Porto Inovação is now a recognised and respected service at both national and international level. Now that we have reached this milestone, one of our key targets is to make the work of U.Porto Inovação more visible and comprehensive, with greater involvement from the entire academic community.

The secret to successful innovation is still the protection of intellectual property and, fundamentally, the valorisation of knowledge. Protecting scientific discoveries is crucial, but it is equally important to ensure that these innovations translate into economic and social value. This is a field where we need to invest more resources and attention.

I am sure that U.Porto Inovação will continue to lead this process at the University of Porto, encouraging professors, researchers, as well as students, to actively participate in protecting and maximising their knowledge.

Pedro Rodrigues

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

In 2024, U.Porto Inovação was recognized as a Service within the organic structure of the University of Porto Rectorate. This institutional achievement is due to the cross-cutting nature and scope of our activities, as well as the centrality of innovation in the University's mission.

Indeed, the University of Porto 2030 Strategic Plan identifies innovation as one of the four core areas of the University. This priority is reflected in numerous actions carried out by various agents across the University of Porto's research and innovation ecosystem.

Regarding U.Porto Inovação, we highlight our business development activities, which resulted in four new technology transfer agreements in 2024. We also emphasize the successful execution of the six programs U.Porto Inovação organizes annually: the business idea competition iup25k, the BIP Ignition, the training program UPinTECH, the BIP Acceleration, the proof of concept program BIP Proof, and the exploratory research program IJUP Empresas.

All these programs received support from CGD - Caixa Geral de Depósitos, the new sponsor of the University in 2024 and also the new partner of The Circle - U.Porto spin-offs club.

We invite you to check U.Porto Inovação's figures in the following pages and to stay connected with us on our media channels.

André Fernandes

U.Porto Inovação Director

[Spotlight]

U.PORTO INOVAÇÃO CELEBRATES ITS 20TH ANNIVERSARY!

It was on April 15, 2004, in response to a specific need from the University of Porto, that UPIN was born. It was necessary not only to create ways to safeguard the interests of the scientific community but also to promote the valorisation of knowledge and entrepreneurial activities. About halfway through this journey, which has now lasted 20 years, UPIN changed its name to U.Porto Inovação. But the mission did not change; on the contrary, it expanded to more areas of activity. Over the course of two decades, it can be said that U.Porto Inovação has remained at the forefront of the activities it champions.



20TH ANNIVERSARY BOOK PRESENTATION

One of the highlights of the 20th anniversary celebration of U.Porto Inovação was the launch of the book “20 anos U.Porto Inovação”. Although it is not easy to summarize two decades of so many achievements, projects launched, and companies created, the results of the work of the various people who have been part of the team are undeniable. The goal of this book is to preserve all that work for posterity, serving as a historical milestone of the first two decades of U.Porto Inovação.



UNIVERSITY'S INNOVATION TEAMS MEET FOR THE FIRST TIME

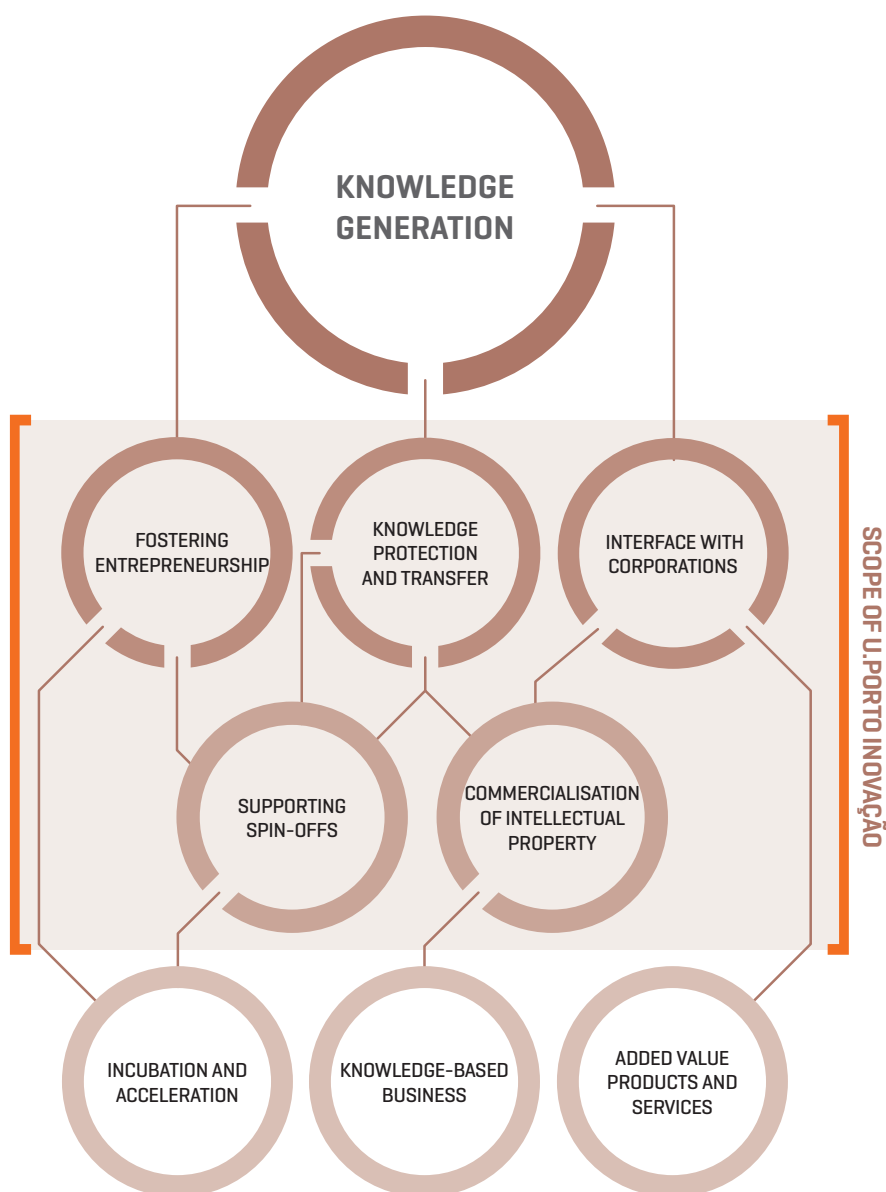
With the aim of bringing together teams that, in one way or another, already work together, U.Porto Inovação invited innovation “ambassadors” from all the faculties of U.Porto, as well as from research and technology institutes, for a networking lunch. The goal was to bring together the various teams supporting innovation at U.Porto, so that they could meet and present their work informally, further enhancing collaboration among them.



What can I get from U.Porto Inovação?

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

With 20 years of experience, U.Porto Inovação 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





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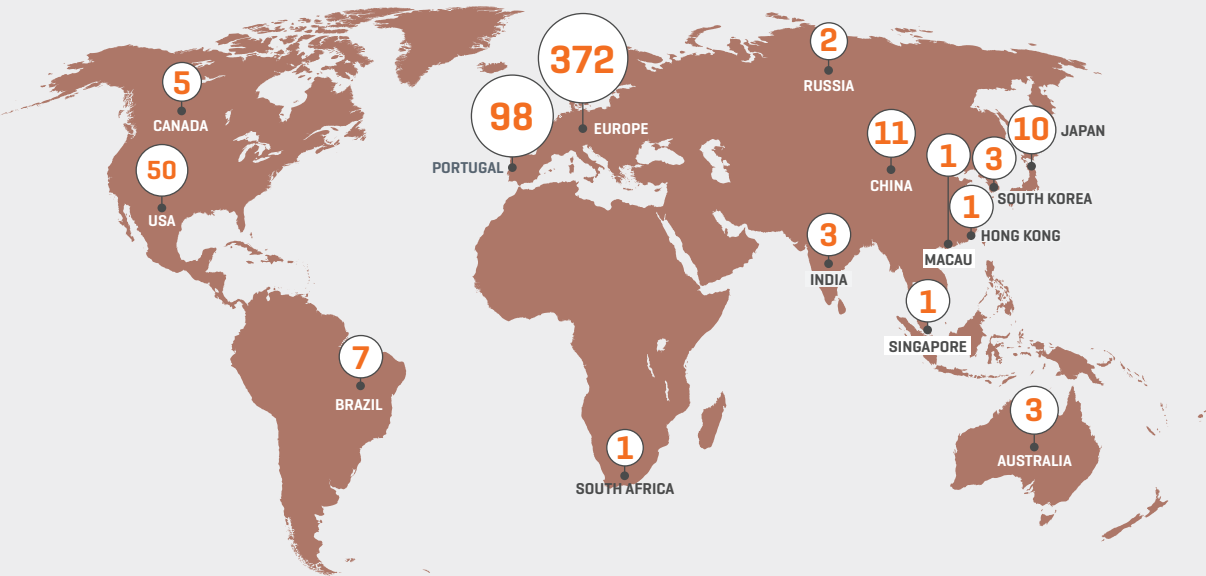
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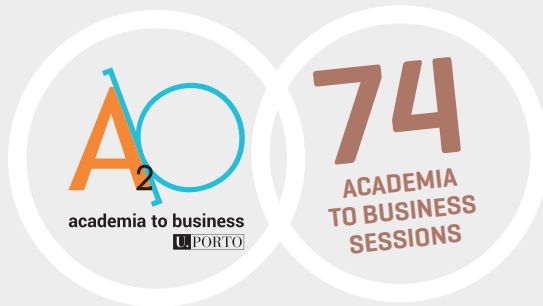
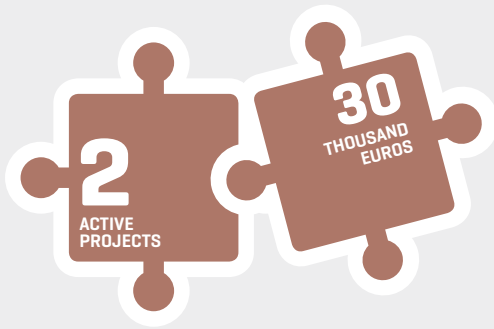
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SUPPORTED
INVENTORS

641
ACTIVE PATENTS *
PORTUGAL: 139
INTERNATIONAL: 502

[* All data refers to accumulated activity until December 31st 2024]

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

[Our Numbers]



More than
1800
PARTICIPANTS



[Researchers and company employees]



116

U.PORTO SPIN-OFF
COMPANIES



85

PATENTS MANAGED



227 741 052€

INVESTMENT RAISED

101 238 821€

REVENUE GENERATED



51

SPIN-OFFS
FUNDED BY FEMALE
ENTREPRENEURS



1627

JOBS CREATED

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