



# defining the WCU

- self-declaration
- reputation
- rankings



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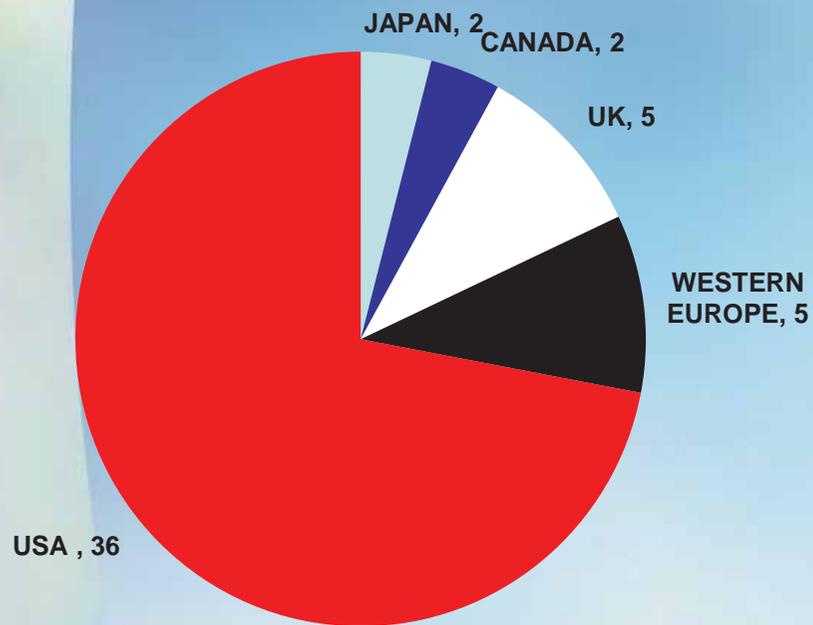


# top 50 universities (2012)

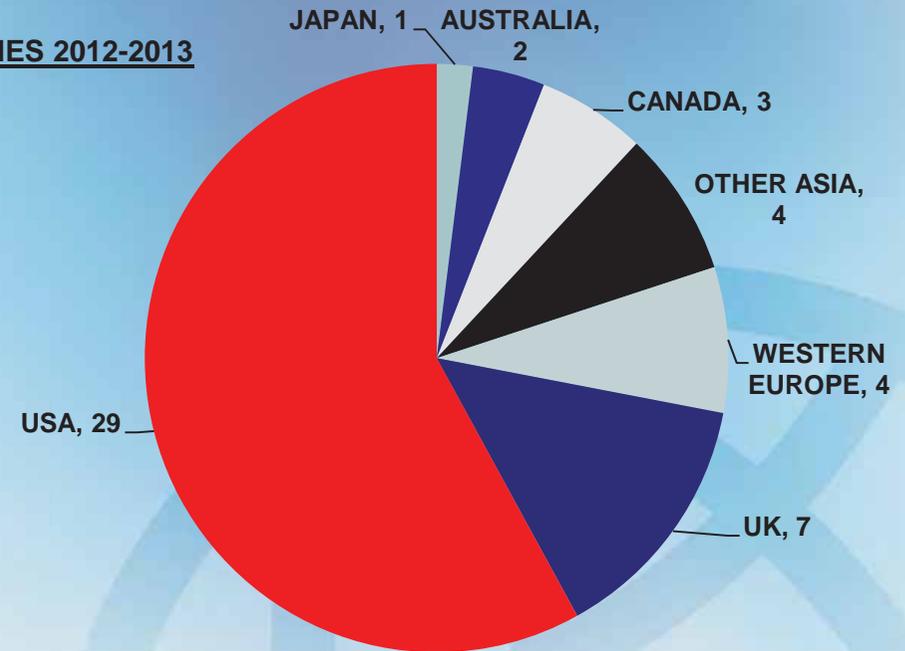
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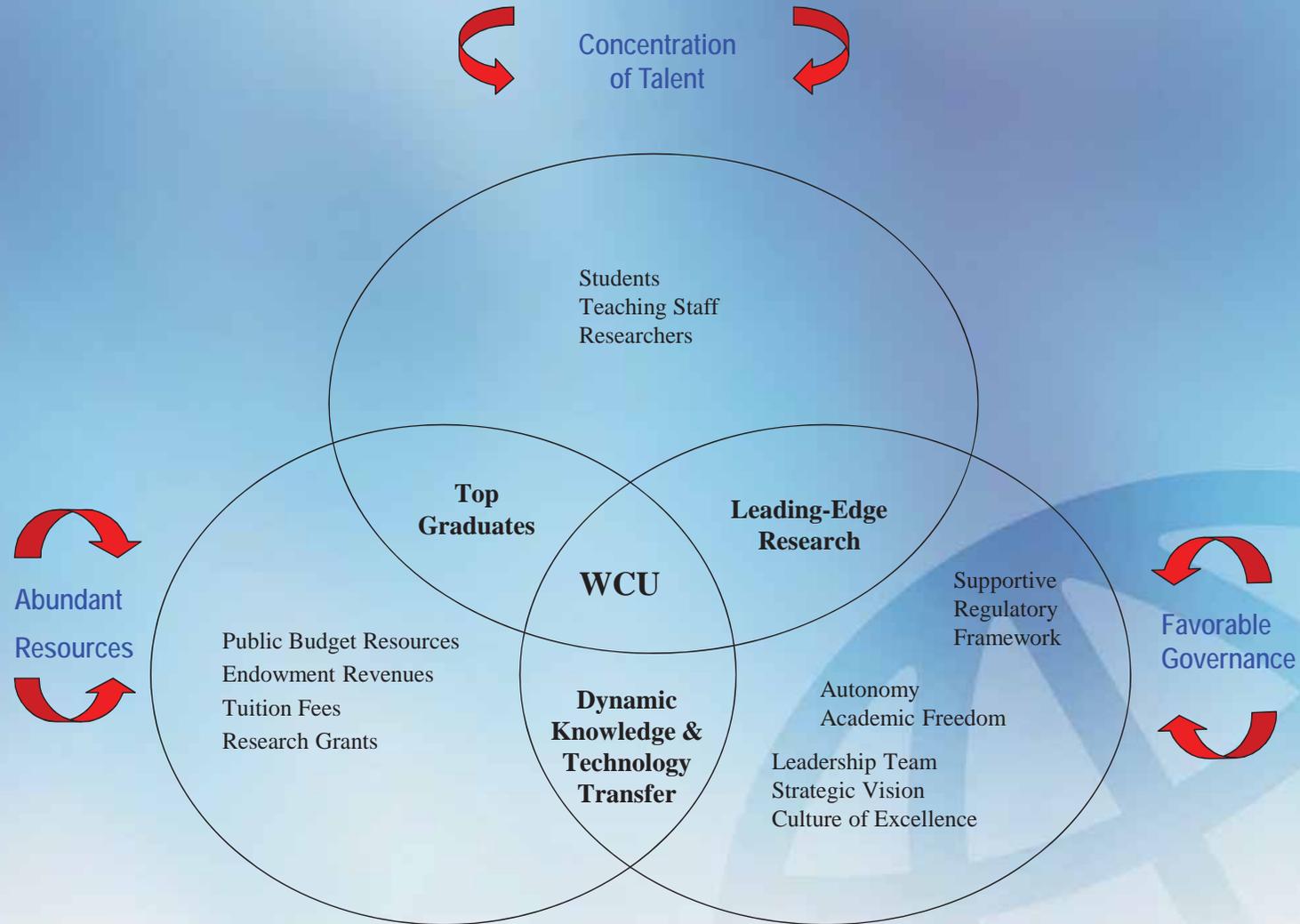


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# Characteristics of a World-Class University

## Alignment of Key Factors



Source: Elaborated by Jamil Salmi





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# weight of graduate students

<b>University</b>	<b>Undergraduate Students</b>	<b>Graduate Students</b>	<b>Share of Graduate Students (%)</b>
Harvard	7,002	10,094	59
Stanford	6,442	11,325	64
MIT	4,066	6,140	60
Oxford	11,106	6,601	37
Cambridge	12,284	6,649	35
LSE	4,254	4,386	51
Beijing	14,662	16,666	53
Tokyo	15,466	12,676	45



# concentration of talent

- teachers and researchers
- incoming students
- undergraduate / graduate students balance
  - but involving undergraduate students in research
- international dimensions



# international dimensions

- foreign faculty
  - Caltech (37%), Harvard (30%), Oxford (36%),  
ETH Zürich (60%)
- foreign students
  - Harvard (19%), Cambridge (18%)



# abundant resources

- government funding
  - US able to spend 3.3% of GDP (\$54,000 per student) – 1/3 public 2/3 private
  - Europe (E25) only 1.3% (\$13,500 per student)
- endowments





## Comparison of US and UK Endowment Levels

<b>US Institutions</b>	<b>Endowments Assets (2009 million \$)</b>	<b>UK Institutions</b>	<b>Endowment Assets (2009 million \$)</b>
Harvard University	25,662	Cambridge	6,327
Yale University	16,327	Oxford	5,767
Stanford University	12,619	Edinburgh	264
Princeton University	12,614	Manchester	204
University of Texas	12,163	Glasgow	164



## Comparison of US and UK Endowment per Student

<b>US Institutions</b>	<b>Endowment per student (2009 \$)</b>	<b>UK Institutions</b>	<b>Endowment per student (2009 \$)</b>
Princeton University	1,667,000	Cambridge	343,934
Yale University	1,408,000	Oxford	283,670
Harvard University	1,209,000	Edinburgh	9,298
Stanford University	824,000	Glasgow	6,952
University of Texas	239,000	Manchester	5,208



# abundant resources

- government funding
- endowments
- tuition fees
- research funding



# funding features of case studies

- 8 out of 11 are public institutions
- endowments
  - Pohang: 2 billion \$
  - NUS: 1 billion \$
  - Monterrey Tech: 1 billion \$
  - SJTU 120 million \$





# favorable governance

- freedom from civil service rules (human resources, procurement, financial management)
- management autonomy
  - flexibility and responsiveness with power to act
- selection of leadership team
- independent Board with outside representation



# U. Of Malaya vs. NUS

## – talent

- UM: selection bias in favor of Bumiputras, less than 5% foreign students, few foreign professors
- NUS: highly selective, 43% of graduates students are foreign, many foreign professors



# U. Of Malaya vs. NUS (II)

## – finance

- UM: \$385 million, \$14,000 per student
- NUS: \$1 billion endowment, \$1,200 million, \$39,000 per student



# U. Of Malaya vs. NUS

## – governance

- appointment of VC highly political in Malaysia: 10 VCs until 2008 (Prime Minister statement)
- more professional in Singapore (5 VCs)
- UM: restricted by government regulations and control, unable to hire top foreign professors
- NUS: status of a private corporation, able to attract world-class foreign researchers
  - 52% of professors (9% from Malaysia)
  - 79% of researchers (11% from Malaysia)



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# outline of the presentation

- defining the world-class university
- **the road to academic excellence**



# the path to glory

- mergers
- upgrading existing institutions
- creating a new institution





# upgrading approach

- less costly
- challenge of creating a culture of excellence
- focus on governance







"Whew! That was close! We almost decided something!"



# creating a new institution

- KAUST, Nazarbayev University, Skolktech
- higher costs
- getting the right culture from the beginning
- creating a deep tradition of research
- academic freedom



# which approach works best?

- upgrading and merging complicated
- establishing a new university from scratch potentially easier



# who takes the initiative?

## role of the State

- favorable regulatory framework
- funding
  - Excellence Initiatives



# # of excellence initiatives

Region	1989 - 2004	2005 - 2012
Africa	0	1
Asia & Pacific	8	14
Europe	4	18
Middle East	0	1
North America	1	1
Total	13	33



# regional distribution of EIs

Region	1989 - 2004	2005 – 2012
<b>Africa</b>	-	Nigeria
<b>Asia &amp; Pacific</b>	Australia, China, Hong Kong, Japan, New Zealand, South Korea	China, India, Japan, Malaysia, Singapore, South Korea, Taiwan, Thailand
<b>Europe</b>	Denmark, Finland, Ireland, Norway	Denmark, France, Germany, Luxembourg, Poland, Russian Federation, Spain, Sweden
<b>Middle East</b>	-	Israel
<b>North America</b>	Canada	Canada

# characteristics of EIs

- focus on entire institutions or individual departments / centers?
- allocation method: competitive or picking winners?
- focus on young researchers?
- involvement of international experts in selection of winners?



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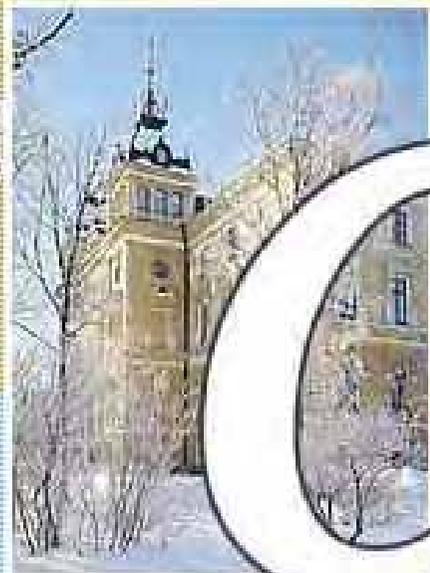
- financial stability over the years
  - crisis (Japan and Spain)
  - phased programs
  - endowment (France)
- scholarship programs (Brazil, Chile, Kazakhstan, Saudi Arabia)



# who takes the initiative? (II)

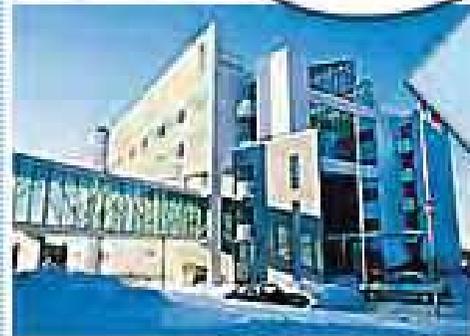
- role of the institutions
  - leadership
  - strategic vision
  - culture of excellence





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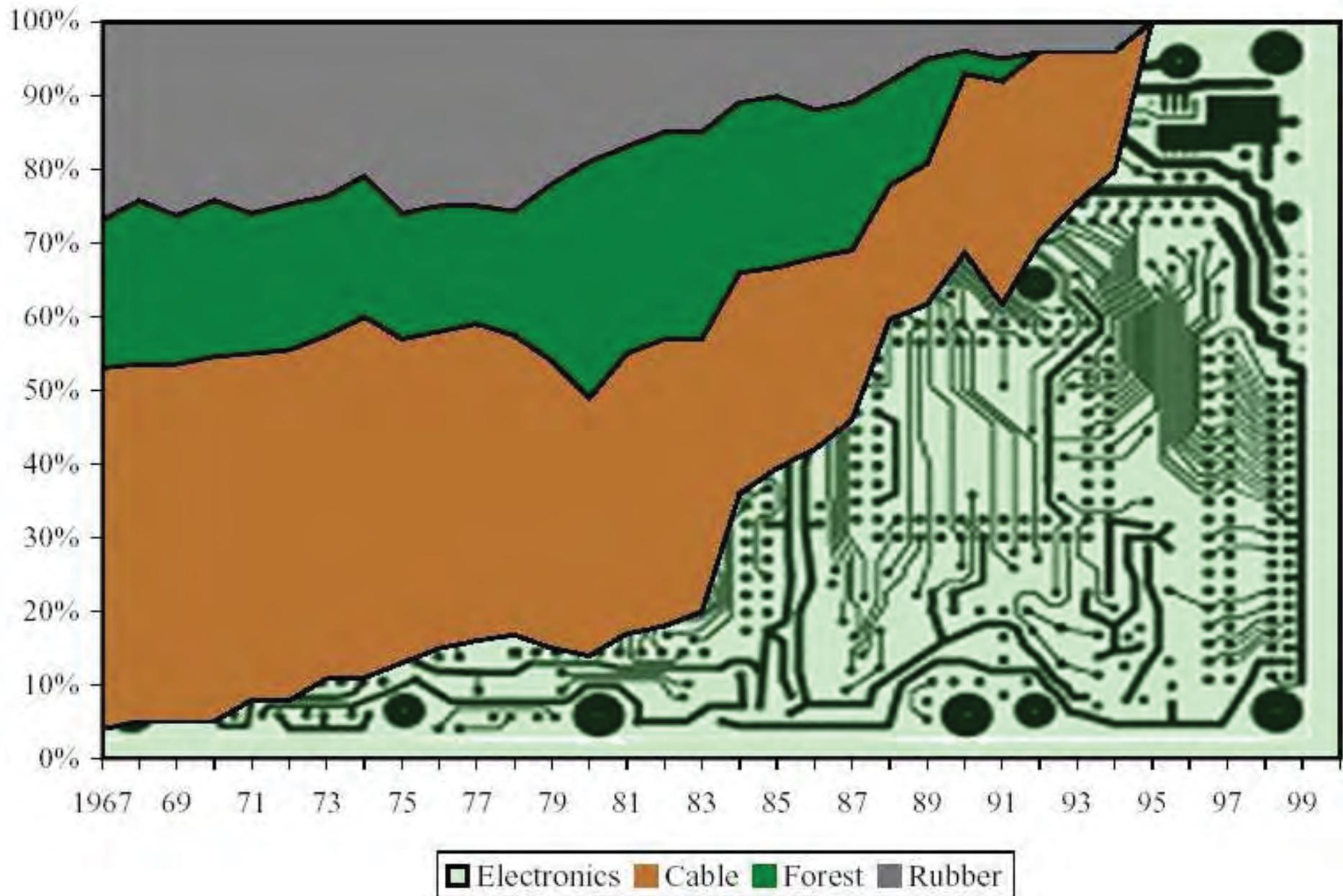
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# evolution of Nokia income



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- defining the world-class university
- the road to academic excellence
- **lessons of experience**



# vintage bias



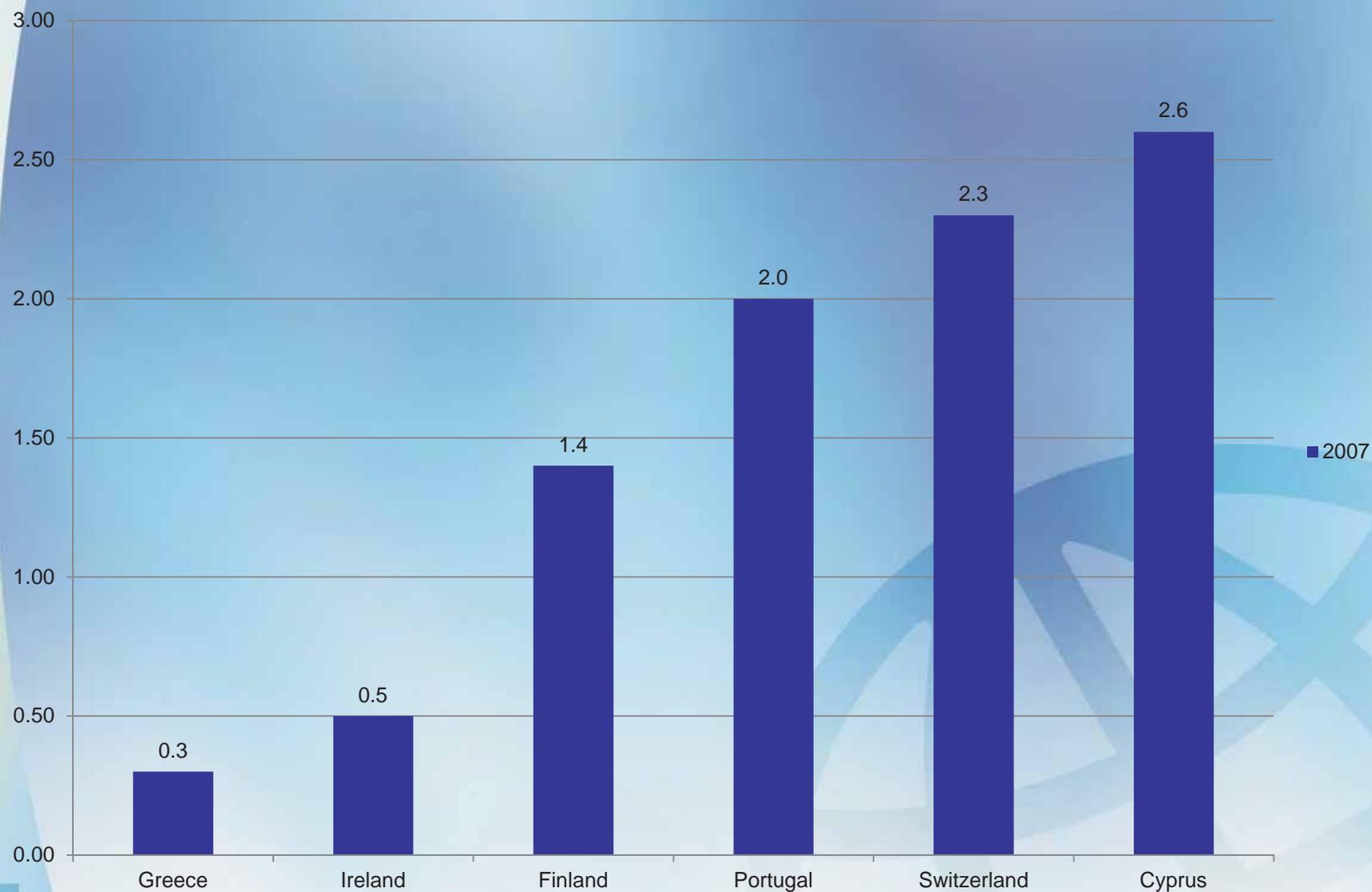


# accelerating factors

- internationalization



## research capacity: EU research grants by country of host institutions per 1 million inhabitants



# international dimensions

- reliance on Diaspora (Pohang, HK, SJTU, Cyprus)



# international dimensions

- reliance on Diaspora (Pohang, HK, SJTU, Cyprus)
- foreign or foreign-trained academics
- foreign partners (new universities)
  - creation of original institutional culture (KAUST, Nazarbayev U)
- English language (all or many)

