

KU Leuven Research & Development — Europe's Longest-Running University Tech-Transfer Office

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Quality score: 86/100

Evidence strength: Strong

Summary

Founded in 1972, KU Leuven's tech-transfer office LRD generated 3,142 industry collaboration agreements, 102 new patents and €152.6 million in licence income in 2025, helping make KU Leuven Reuters' top-ranked innovative university in Europe four years running.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Scalability	3/3
Sustainability / continuity	3/3
Evidence of impact / measured results	3/3
Transferability / demonstrated replication	3/3
Innovation	3/3
Inclusiveness / equity	0/3
Multi-stakeholder collaboration	3/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-07-23

[KU Leuven Research & Development \(LRD\)](#) — accessed 2026-07-23

[KU Leuven: Research Figures](#) — accessed 2026-07-23

[World Economic Forum: Europe's Most Innovative Universities 2019](#) — accessed 2026-07-23

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