

KU Leuven Research & Development (LRD) — University Spin-off & Technology Transfer Office

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Quality score: 81/100

Evidence strength: Strong

Summary

KU Leuven's LRD office has backed 199 university spin-offs since the 1980s, employing 7,700+ people; ranked Europe's most innovative university by Reuters for four years running, and joint-third in Europe for 2025 EPO patent filings.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of impact / measured results	3/3
Transferability / demonstrated replication	2/3
Scalability	3/3
Sustainability / continuity	3/3
Innovation	3/3
Inclusiveness / equity	1/3
Multi-stakeholder collaboration	2/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-07-20

[KU Leuven Research & Development \(LRD\)](#) — accessed 2026-07-20

[KU Leuven Research & Development — Spin-off companies overview](#) — accessed 2026-07-20

[KU Leuven — Research figures \(research.kuleuven.be\)](#) — accessed 2026-07-20

[EurekAlert — DTU files more patents than any other university in Europe \(EPO 2025 stats, incl. KU Leuven ranking\)](#) — accessed 2026-07-20

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