

Max Planck Innovation — Germany's Patent-to-Startup Pipeline for Basic Research

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Quality score: 62/100

Evidence strength: Observational / pre–post

Summary

Max Planck Innovation, the Max Planck Society's technology-transfer arm, has generated over €576m in exploitation revenue and helped launch 200+ spin-offs since 1970, including 4 unicorns — Europe's top-ranked research-to-startup pipeline in 2025.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of impact / measured results	3/3
Transferability / demonstrated replication	2/3
Scalability	3/3
Sustainability / continuity	3/3
Innovation	1/3
Inclusiveness / equity	0/3
Multi-stakeholder collaboration	1/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-09-11

[Max Planck Innovation GmbH](#) — accessed 2026-09-11

[Max Planck Innovation — Patents, Licenses, Spin-offs](#) — accessed 2026-09-11

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