

Prominent Sectors

Information & Communication Technologies

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Communication
Technologies
(ICT)**

The **mobilization of the information society**, as explicitly expressed in the government's program, strongly depends on the increase of general access to the Information and Communication Technologies (ICT), particularly the Internet, with direct impact on the citizens quality of life, safety and work.

Brief Sector Overview

- ✓ Along with the encouragement to innovation, and the **priority given to the development of human capital, the emphasis put on social and economic appropriation of the ICT is a critical element on the government's Technological Plan** for the development of the Portuguese society.
- ✓ Enhancing **Portugal modernization on ICT**, the Portuguese Government has launched a strategy project – **"Connecting Portugal"** -, in the scope of the Technological Plan aiming to strengthening the competitiveness in the sector, to promote the use of the ICT infrastructures and to stimulate the scientific and technological growth supported by international cooperation.
- ✓ **Portugal is becoming one the European countries with more Living Labs** - "bed test" **creating an excellent environment for the innovative investment projects** that can be supported by several technical staff and experts such as those on: **ECO LivingLab@Chamusca; Living Labs Minho; Creative Media Lab; RENER LL – Renewable Energies Sustainable Community; Madeira Living Lab; S. João da Madeira Industrial Living Lab (SJM-ILL).**

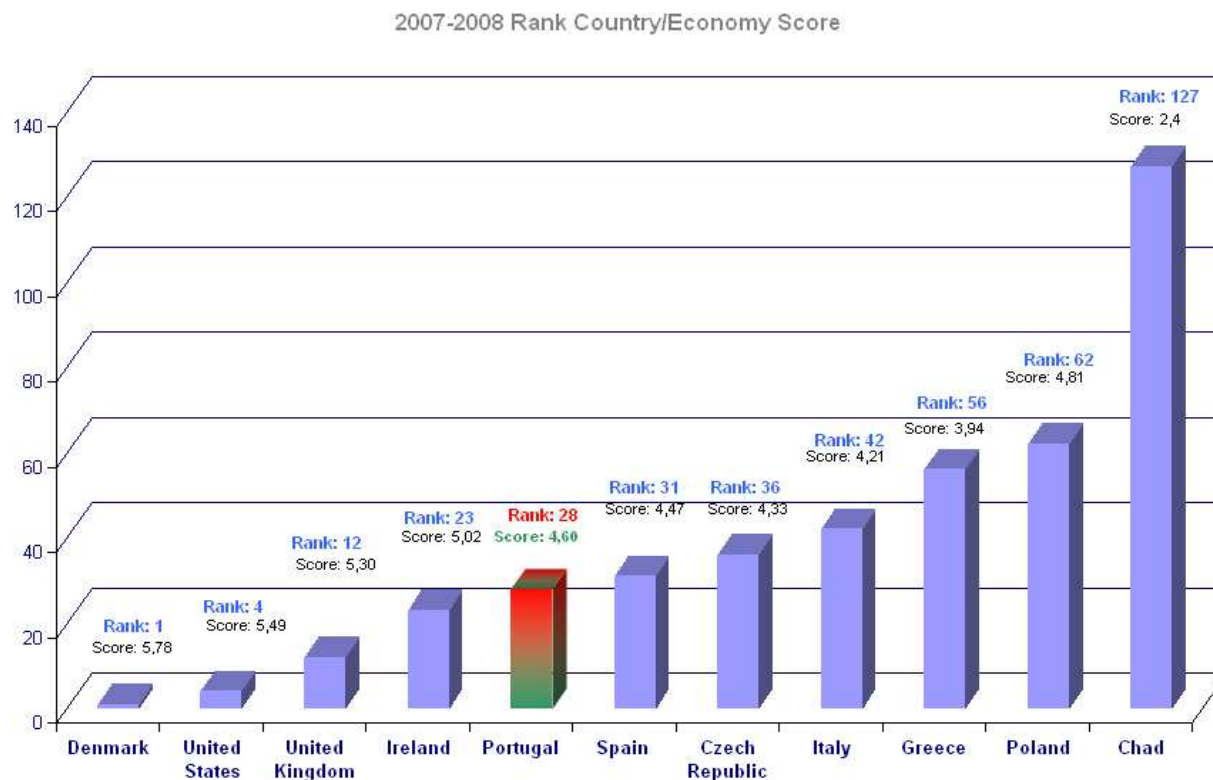


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The Global Information Technology Report 2007-2008

The Networked Readiness Index
2007-2008



✓ According to the last edition of The Global Information Technology Report, covering 127 economies worldwide and considered as the world's most comprehensive and authoritative international assessment of the impact of ICT on the development process and the competitiveness of nations, **Portugal score better than 99 countries.**



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