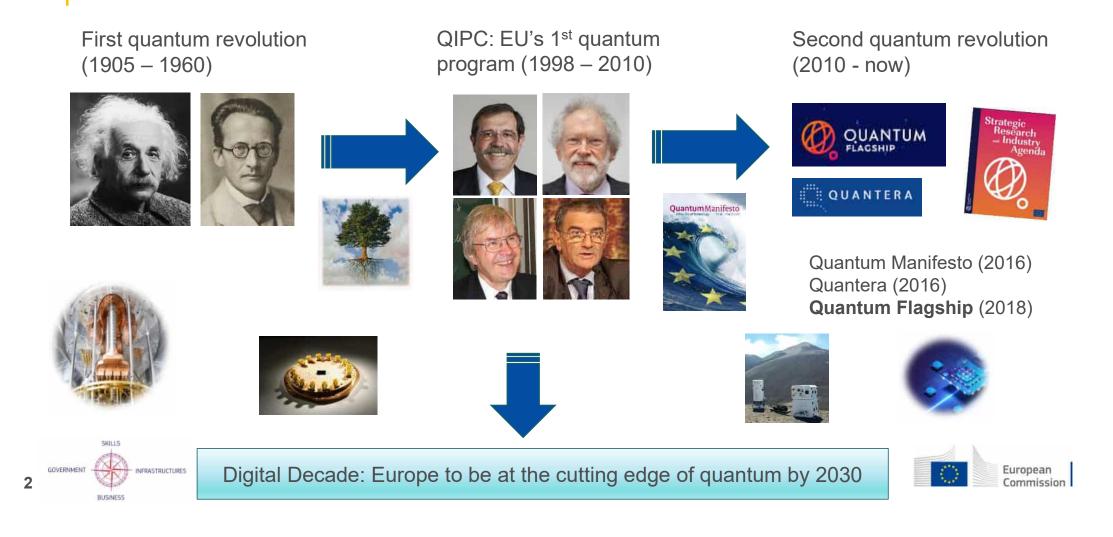


# EC perspectives and introduction to EU investments in quantum technology

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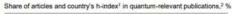
## Quantum in Europe over the years

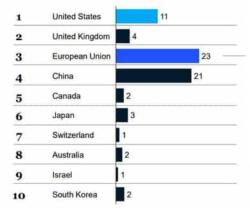


### Quantum Excellence: Europe (EU+MS) and the rest of the world

#### **Scientific Publications**

Top 10 countries worldwide 2020, by h-index





## China and the European Union have announced the most public funding planned for QC efforts; Germany has announced most in EU.

S billion	anned governmental funding <sup>1</sup>		EU public funding sources, %
China		15.3	121
European Union	7,2		12.1 2.5
United States	1.9		
Japan	t.B		40.6
Inited Kingdom	1/3		
India	1.0		
Canada	1.0		
Russia	0.7		29.4
Israel	0.5		
Singapore	0.3		Germany III Netherlands
Australia	0.2		European Union 🔳 Others
Others	0.1		

## China increased its quantum-related patent activity across all technologies.

Share of quantum patents by company's HQ country, 2000-21,1 %

reliminary		QC	QComms	QS
China	53.8	54.1	46.2	59.7
Japan	15.2	15.4	18.4	14.8
European Union	11.2	11.5	10.0	14.8
United States	10.0	9.6	6.5	4.5
South Korea	4.0	3.9	6.2	3.4
Taiwan	1.8	1.8	4.5	2.3
United Kingdom	1.2	1.0	3.4	0
Canada	0.8	0.6	1.6	0
Switzerland	0.6	0.6	1.0	o
Russia	0,6%	0,6%	0,5%	0%

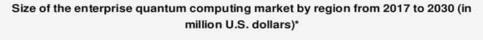
Source: Integraphy: expert interviews; Mitkinsey analysis

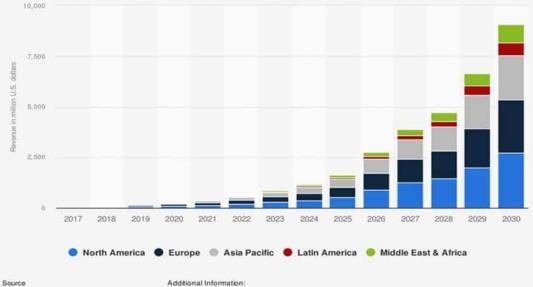
- EU is home to 25% of the global number of QT companies
- 2010: 10 companies
   2020: > 70 companies
   2022: > 150 companies
- A growing nr of start-ups!



## **Prospects for Quantum Technologies: Markets and Jobs**

#### **QT Markets: Exponential growth!**





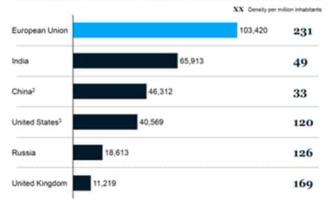
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Worldwide: Africa: North America: Europe: Central and South America: APAC: MENA, 2017 to 2018

#### **Concentration of QT Talent**

#### The European Union has the highest concentration of QT talent. Absolute number of graduates in QT-relevant fields,1 2019

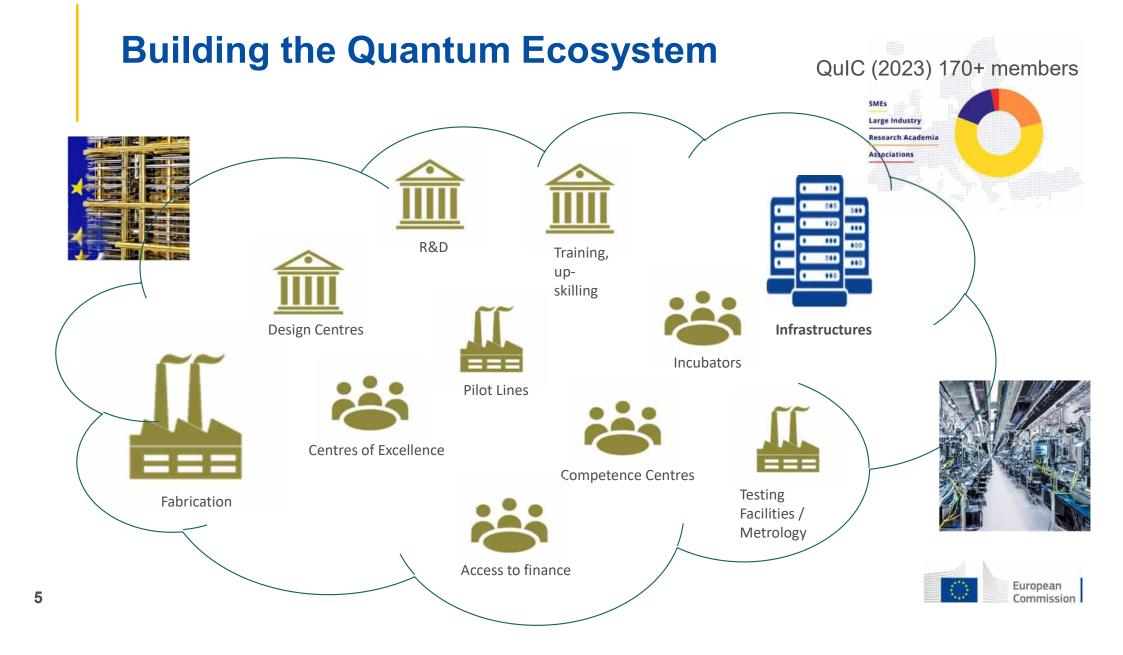




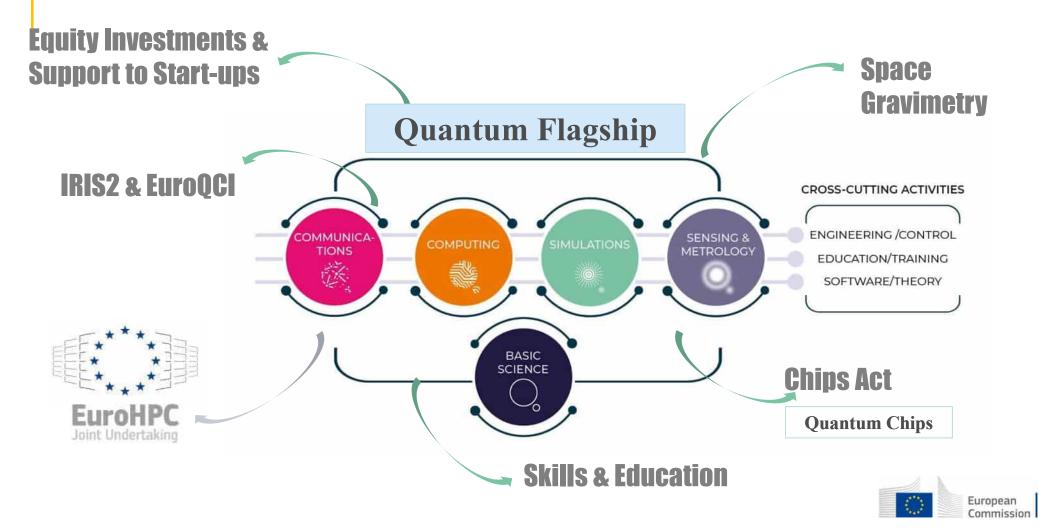
3. Chalkables of master's level or equivalent in 2019 in biochemicity, othermolty, electronics, and chemical engineering, information and communication talogy, mathematics and elations, and physics. High-level extinues

1 The actual speed point for the United States may be larger, as bothetic programs are longer and messer's programs are loss con-Source National government vebsteel, OECD, McKinsey analysis





## Quantum in Europe: state of play (2/2)



## Quantum Flagship A Success story

21 innovation- and science-driven projects and 3 coordination actions 175 million EUR funding since 2016

1,654 scientists and experts from 236 collaborating organisations in 31 European countries

1,313 scientific papers published (further 223 under review), 105 patents filed and 25 start-ups founded



# **Quantum Flagship success stories**





For a secure digital society and a quantum enabled internet





Simulating complex systems for advanced design and development





Bringing accuracy and performance to unprecedented levels





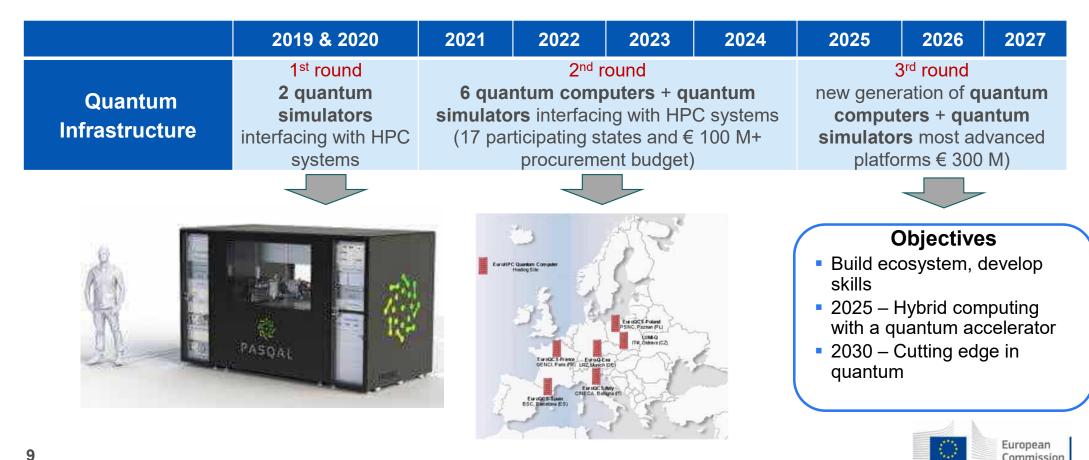


Addressing foundational challenges for development of quantum technologies

- ✓ World-leading advances in cont. variable QKD
- High efficiency and multiplexed quantum memories
- ✓ Development of advanced systems' components
- Next gen atomic-based programmable Quantum Simulators
- Practical quantum advantage
- Pan-European hybrid HPC/quantum infrastructure (100 qubit analogue sims at FZJ and GENCI)
- Diamond quantum sensors (automotive, medical imaging)
- ✓ First quantum sensors in space
- ✓ New MEMS-based quantum sensors
- Next gen integrated/compact
   optical quantum clocks
- ✓ 50 qubit trapped-ions
   Quantum Computer
   (with low power
   consumption at 1.5KW)
   deployed and online
- ✓ 25 superconducting qubit device with 99% 2-qubit gate fidelity built
- World record tuneability of photon emitters
- ✓ New single photon detectors
- ✓ High-fidelity quantum gates with microwave-driven ions
- ✓ Compact entangled photon-based light sources
- ✓ Detection and control of single rare earth ions

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# Quantum in Europe: Computing Infrastructure



## **Quantum in Europe: IRIS<sup>2</sup> and EuroQCI**

**EuroQCI space segment** 



#### under rescheduling!

#### **Eagle 1 – LEO satellite for in orbit demonstration and early tests**

• ESA & SES Astra Consortium funded – Eagle 1 launch in DEC 2025(?)

#### 1st Generation - deployment of LEO satellites with EU technology

- A small number of satellites funded by ESA/EU
- Exchange quantum keys between different sites on EU territory interconnected LEO satellites + ground stations + terrestrial systems

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Generation - deployment of a fully operational system integrated with IRIS<sup>2</sup> for secure connectivity

• Full coverage of user and security requirements

**EuroQCI terrestrial segment** 

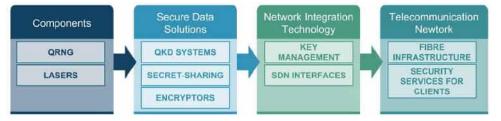


#### 26 Member States deploy national QCIs as of JAN 2023

- Aim: Initiate MS in QKD use, test architectures, develop use cases, develop skills and prepare for full deployment
- 265 participants (incl. 34 SMEs), >60 use cases (finance, healthcare, defence, industry, research, etc.)

#### 6 Industry projects for maturing EU QCI technologies:

- QKD systems ready for integration into telecom networks
- QKD modules (QRNG, optical components), key management software, encryptors, QKD protocols



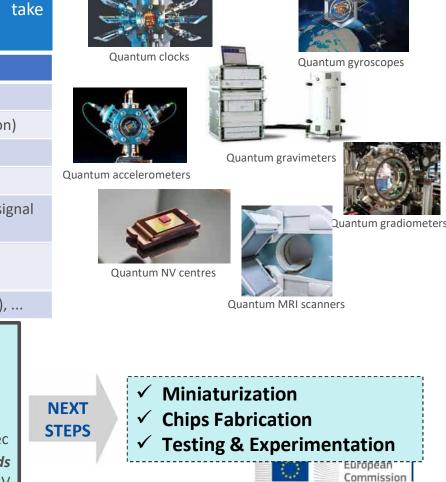
# **Quantum Sensing in the EU**

Sensors with increased sensitivity and precision able to capture many physical quantities (magnetic field, radiofrequency field, gravitation, movement...), or that can take measurements even in harsh conditions (e.g. high pressure and temperature)

Quantum Sensors	Applications
QT-enhanced MRI	Heart and brain imaging, spectroscopy (molecular imaging)
Accelerometers	Atom interferometry to measure accelerations (satellite-free navigation)
Gradiometers	<ul> <li>NV-centres to measures gradients, such as a magnetic field or gravity</li> </ul>
Gyroscopes	<ul> <li>Position for automated driving or indoor navigation</li> </ul>
Atomic clocks	<ul> <li>GPS that works even underground and inside, communication (radar signal amplification)</li> </ul>
Gravimeters	<ul> <li>Environmental/infrastructure monitoring (volcanoes, CO2 emissions)</li> <li>Surveying (finding water basins and oil and gas reserves)</li> </ul>
Other	• Measure temperature, electrical field, RF-field (wide-range frequency),

#### European landmark achievements (2018-2021)

- Metabolic microscope x100,000 more sensitive than state of the art
- Quantum polarizer enhancing MRI signal x10,000 at room temperature
- Optical lattice clock off by only one second over the age of the universe
- Imaging sensors for THz waves with 1mm spatial resolution and acquiring of 20 000 frames / sec
- Some of the world's most advanced q. sensors based on *NV centres in ultrapure diamonds* (cryogenic scanning probe system, spectrum analysers with extended bandwidth, NV magnetometers under extreme pressure, etc)

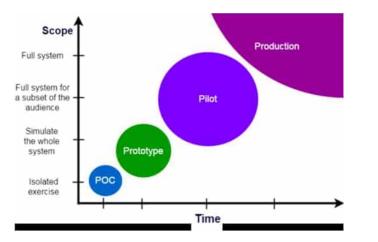


# Quantum Flagship: Fostering Industrial Uptake of QT

## Deploying pilot production and testing capabilities for QT.

## Key goals:

Qu-Pilot: Establish engineering methods and processes that are scalable at industrial level





Qu-Test: Establish a (open-access) network of QT testing and experimentation infrastructure for the needs of industry



Leverage EU facilities that offer such scalable methods, processes in pilot scale, and testing and experimentation services to all EU 27

 $\rightarrow$  Essential for the success of the European businesses enabling QT in all the application areas 12



# Thank you