

Crete Scores High Impact Research: Leiden 2014

According to the [CWTS Leiden Ranking for 2014](#), normalized for size, the University of Crete has the highest percentage of high impact publications of the six major Greek HEIs included in the 2014 ranking and, overall, ranks #150 among the total 288 European HEIs listed and #5 in Europe for Natural Sciences (between ETH-Zurich and Imperial College).

The 2014 Leiden ranking is based on Web of Science indexed publications 2009-2012, with citations up to the end of 2013. Leiden's sophisticated [methodology](#) takes into account differences between fields in citation and co-authorship practices in ranking impact and research collaborations. The advantage of size-independent indicators is that they enable comparisons between HEIs of all sizes. Impact as measured by the proportion of publications belonging to top 10% most frequently cited [PP (top 10%)] is regarded as the most important impact factor of the Leiden ranking.

The 2014 Leiden ranking is evidence of the high quality of research being conducted at University of Crete, with leading edge research in the Natural Sciences particularly being recognized internationally. It is a tribute to the academic community that high-impact research is being conducted under the increasingly difficult conditions imposed with the ongoing political and economic crisis which is negatively affecting research and education in Greece.