

# Iberdrola aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals



## Keys to understanding the lack of R&D investment in in the world



### More CO<sub>2</sub> emissions

Carbon dioxide emissions (CO<sub>2</sub>) from energy combustion and industrial processes **grew by 0.9% globally** and reached a new record high of **36.8 billion metric tons**



### Connected population

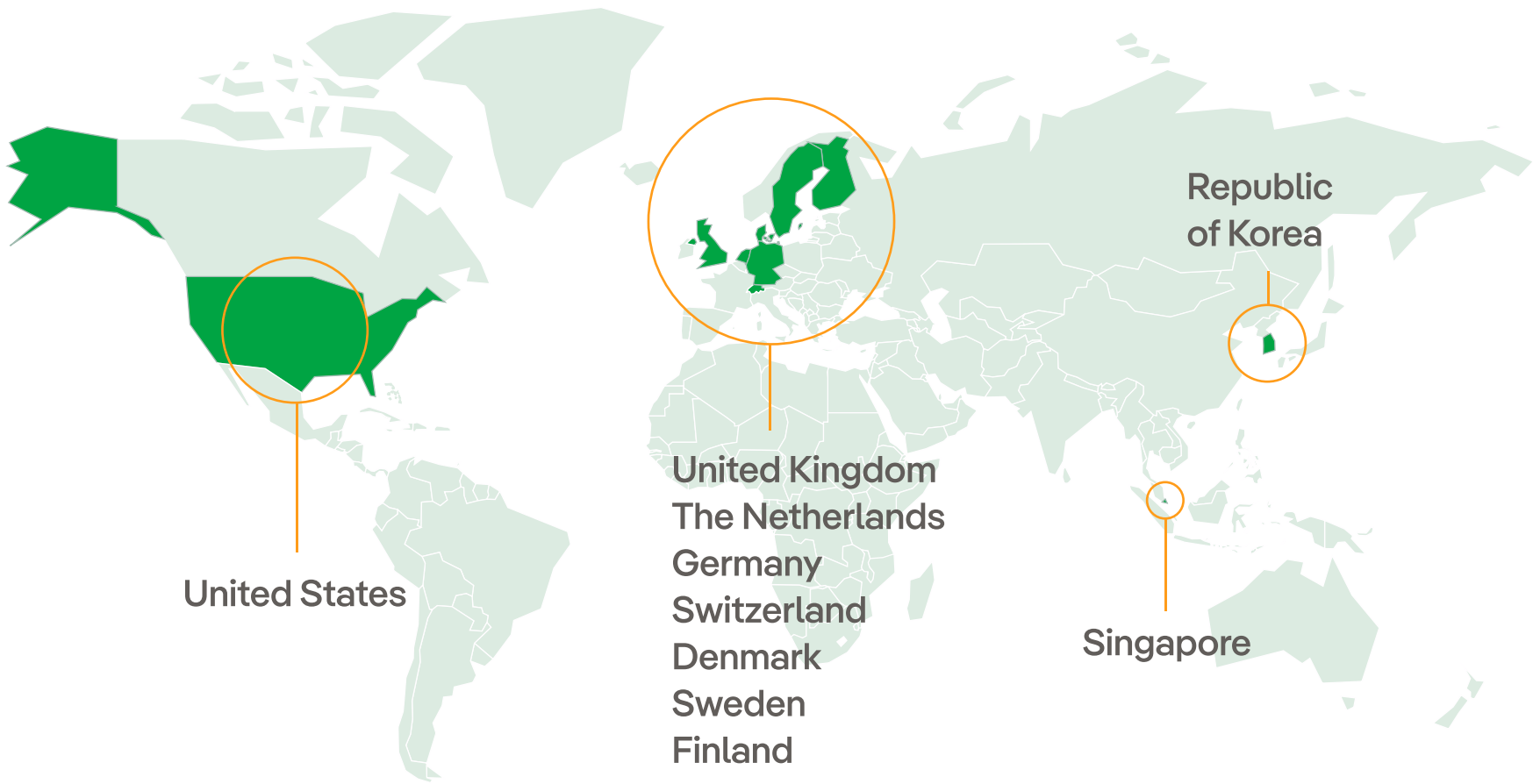
95% of the world's population had access to a mobile broadband network, but **some areas remain underserved**



### More researchers

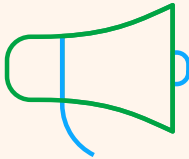
The number of researchers per million inhabitants has **increased worldwide** from 1,022 in 2010 to 1,342 in 2020. However, **women accounted for only 31.2% of this group**

## Countries investing the most in innovation



### Main causes

Ignorance that a country's sustainable, inclusive and social economic development goes hand in hand with investment in R&D; budget cuts in some countries; and bureaucratic difficulties in some regions to set up new businesses.



### How can we put an end to it?

The public sector and private companies must provide funds to enable investment in research; we have to restructure the education system to foster the creation of ideas and new projects; and we must establish standards to ensure the sustainable management of business projects and initiatives and facilitate the procedures for forming new companies.

Sources: WIPO Innovation Index, UN and World Bank.