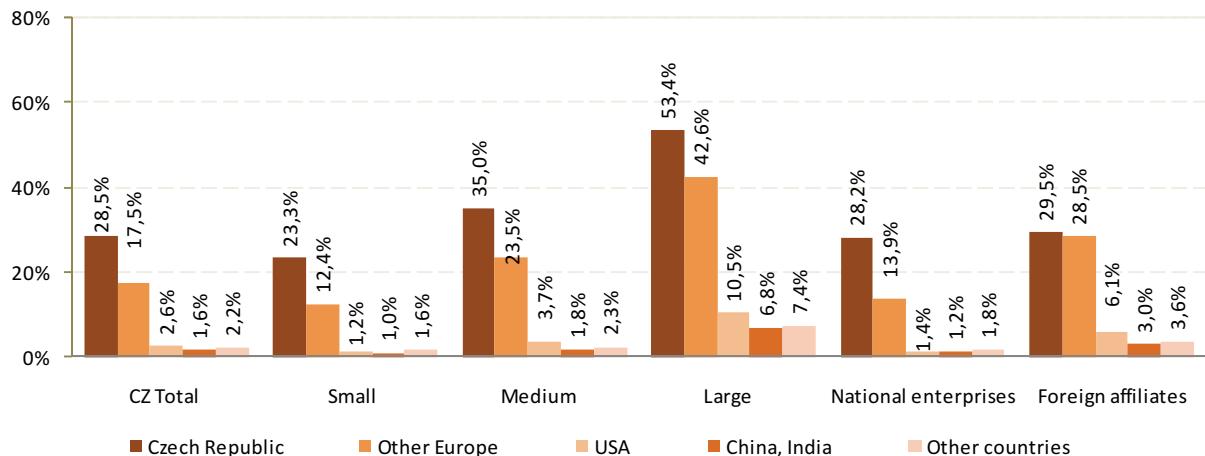


## 2.2.7 Innovation co-operation

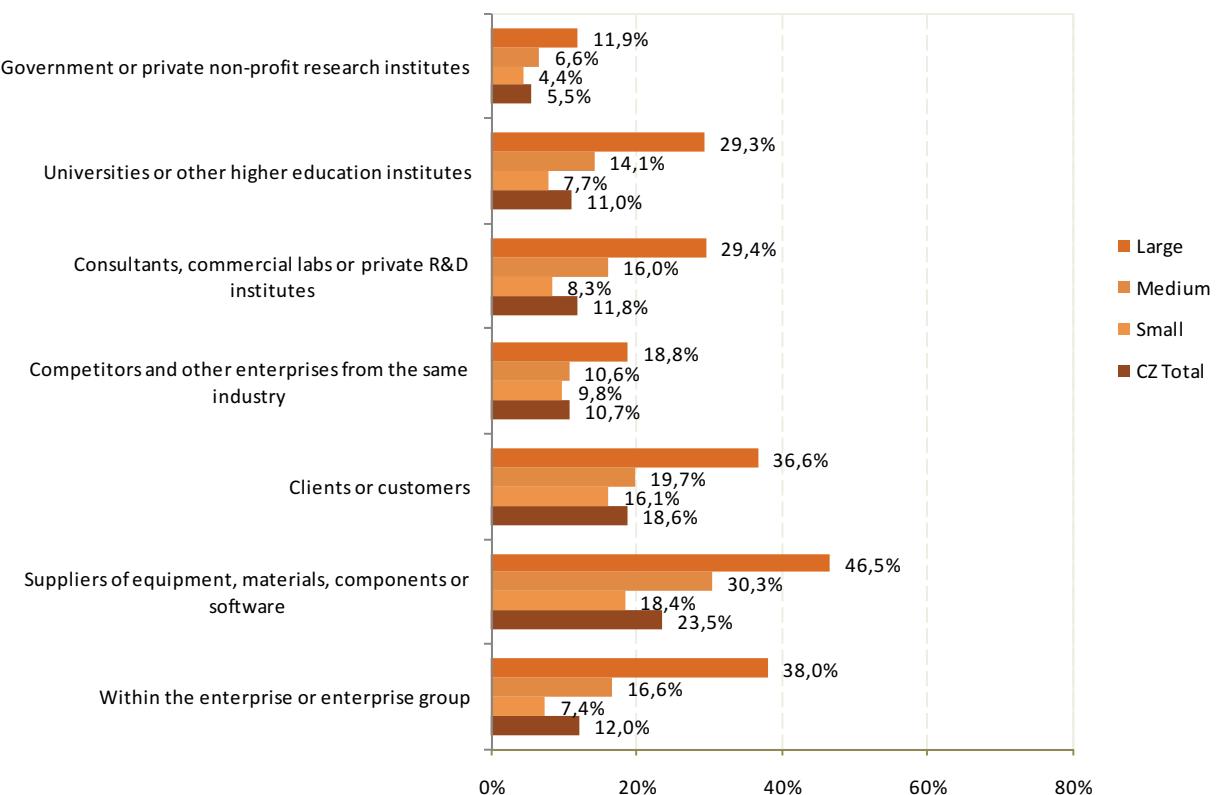
In the period of 2006–2008, enterprises engaged in innovation co-operation especially with enterprises located in the Czech Republic (28.5 %) and with enterprises located in the EU (17.5 %). Large enterprises followed the same pattern, 53.4 % of large enterprises participated in innovation cooperation with enterprises within the Czech Republic and 42.6 % with enterprises within the EU. Among small and medium-sized enterprises there is less innovation co-operation. Foreign affiliates differ significantly from national enterprises in innovation co-operation with EU-located enterprises, having more than a twofold difference in proportion of such co-operation.

**Figure 2.43: Breakdown of enterprises co-operating in innovation by location of co-operation partner, size-class and ownership (as a percentage of enterprises with technological innovation); 2006–2008**



The most frequent cooperation partners of innovative enterprises were suppliers of equipment, materials, components or software (23.5 %) and clients or customers (18.6 %), whereas innovative enterprises cooperated the least with government or private non-profit research institutes (5.5 %). Figure 2.44 provides more details on innovation co-operation.

**Figure 2.44: Breakdown of enterprises co-operating in innovation by the type of the co-operation partner and size-class (as a percentage of enterprises with technological innovation); 2006–2008**



Suppliers of equipment, materials, components or software were considered the most valuable co-operation partners for 31.9 % of enterprises with technological innovation (and with a co-operation partner) in the Czech Republic. For 30.9 % of co-operation enterprises, clients and customers were the most valuable. On the contrary, government or private non-profit research institutes were considered as the least valuable cooperation partners (1.9 %).

The breakdown by size-class shows a different pattern. Large enterprises had the most valuable partners within the enterprise or enterprise group (30.4 %), in suppliers of equipment, materials, components or software (25.4 %) and in clients and customers (24.4 %).

For small enterprises with technological innovation, clients and customers proved to be the most valuable co-operation partners (37.6 %), whereas for medium-sized enterprises this place was taken by suppliers of equipment, materials, components or software (33.6 %).

**Figure 2.45: Breakdown of enterprises co-operating in innovation by the most valuable co-operation partner and size-class (as a percentage of enterprises with technological innovation; 2006–2008)**

