

Government R&D funding in the state budget 2016

Cuts to government R&D funding in the budget for 2016

Corrected on 3 March 2016. The corrections are indicated in red.

Appropriations for research and development will decrease in the budget for 2016 by around EUR **157** million from the year before. In total, government R&D funding will be approximately EUR **1,845** million in the budget for 2016. The share of public research funding in gross domestic product is estimated to fall to **0.87** per cent.

The fall is particularly caused by cuts to the appropriations of Tekes - the Finnish Funding Agency for Technology and Innovation, and government research institutes. R&D funding awarded by Tekes will decrease by EUR 107 million in the budget for 2016, and R&D funding of government research institutes will go down by EUR 59 million from the year before. The decrease in the mandate of Tekes continues the support cuts made during the previous Government's term of office. The fall in the appropriations of research institutes is explained partly by the comprehensive review of government research institutes and research funding.

Of the administrative sectors, most R&D funding is awarded by the Ministry of Education and Culture, whose share in all public research funding is over one half. The modest rise in R&D funding by the Ministry of Education and Culture in the budget for 2016 is mainly due to the growing outlays of the Academy of Finland.

Government budget appropriations or outlays for R&D (GBAORD) in 2016

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	R&D funding € million	Share of R&D funding, %	Change from 2015, € million	Real change from 2015, %
R&D funding total	1 845,4	100,0	157,0	-9,4
Main administrative branches (ministries)				
Ministry of Education and Culture	1112,3	60,3	22,3	0,3
Ministry of Employment and the Economy	488,8	26,5	-128,6	-22,2
Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry	72,4	3,9	-22,4	-24,9
Ministry of Social Affairs and Health	69,9	3,8	-12,4	-16,5
Funding organisations				
Universities	585,5	31,7	7,5	-0,4
Tekes – the Finnish Funding Agency for Innovation	381,1	20,7	-107,0	-23,2
Academy of Finland	439,0	23,8	23,4	3,9
Government research institutes	197,1	10,7	-59,1	-24,4
Other R&D funding	227,7	12,3	-15,1	-7,8
University central hospitals	15,0	0,8	-6,7	-32,0

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