



Terms used in official statistics



Research and experimental development (R&D)

Definition:

Research and experimental development (R&D) comprise creative and systematic work undertaken in order to increase the stock of knowledge - including knowledge of humankind, culture and society - and to devise new applications of available knowledge.

The five criteria for identifying R&D:

- novel - to be aimed at new findings
- creative - to be based on original, not obvious, concepts and hypotheses
- uncertain - to be uncertain about the final outcome and the cost, including time allocation
- systematic - to be conducted in a planned way (with identified the purpose of the R&D project and the sources of funding)
- transferable and/or reproducible - to lead to results that could be possibly reproduced.

Research and development includes:

1. scientific research

- basic research
- applied research
- industrial research

2. experimental development

Low-level terms:

- [Basic research](#)
- [Current expenditures on R&D activity](#)
- [Capital R&D expenditures](#)
- [Gross domestic expenditures on research and development \(GERD\)](#)
- [Intramural expenditures on R&D](#)
- [Extramural expenditures on R&D](#)

- Entities in research and development
- Dedicated research entities
- Experimental development

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