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Federal Government expenditure on science, research and development, by types of funding¹

Millions of €						
Type of funding	ACTUAL					
	2019		2020		2021	
	Total	Of which, R&D	Total	Of which, R&D	Total	Of which, R&D
1. Project funding and departmental research	11,693.6	8,711.7	13,039.2	10,030.6	13,015.8	10,045.7
1.1 Direct project funding and departmental research ²	10,780.7	7,798.8	12,074.3	9,065.7	11,960.2	8,990.4
1.2 Indirect research and innovation funding ³	912.9	912.9	964.9	964.9	1,055.6	1,055.3
2. Basic funding of institutions including federal institutions with research and development tasks	10,058.9	8,484.9	10,680.3	9,069.2	11,734.4	10,001.8
2.1 Research and science organisations, of which:	7,210.9	7,012.3	7,728.0	7,518.3	8,628.9	8,349.5
German Research Foundation (DFG)	1,382.1	1,382.1	1,448.3	1,448.3	1,930.3	1,930.3
Helmholtz Association of German Research Centres (HGF)	3,108.8	3,108.8	3,305.2	3,305.2	3,575.5	3,575.5
Leibniz Association (WGL) ⁴	721.2	703.6	768.9	750.7	811.8	791.6
2.2 Other non-profit organisations	646.9	350.3	635.1	351.1	747.0	397.7
2.3 Federal institutions with research and development tasks	2,201.1	1,122.3	2,317.2	1,199.8	2,358.5	1,254.6
3. University- and education-related funding⁵	1,193.0	315.5	525.8	326.5	589.7	363.3
4. Contributions and subsidies to international scientific organisations and intergovernmental institutions⁶	1,294.9	1,236.0	1,315.4	1,257.0	1,379.0	1,318.0
5. Global reduced expenditure of the BMBF (share for science and R&D)⁷	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total expenditure	24,240.4	18,748.1	25,560.7	20,683.3	26,718.8	21,728.9
For Information:						
Direct project funding and departmental research ^{2 8}	10,780.7	7,798.8	12,074.3	9,065.7	11,960.2	8,990.4
Of which:						
Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action	1,643.4	1,615.4	1,642.7	1,607.8	1,718.0	1,679.0
Federal Ministry of Defence	1,101.7	1,101.7	1,230.5	1,230.5	1,521.8	1,521.8
Federal Ministry of Education and Research	6,810.5	3,987.8	7,733.4	4,923.2	7,045.1	4,279.3

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Millions of €						
Type of funding	ACTUAL					
	2022		2023		2024	
	Total	Of which, R&D	Total	Of which, R&D	Total	Of which, R&D
1. Project funding and departmental research	14,283.2	11,203.4	14,688.7	11,540.4	16,629.1	13,269.0
1.1 Direct project funding and departmental research ²	13,200.1	10,120.9	13,707.8	10,559.5	15,710.9	12,350.8
1.2 Indirect research and innovation funding ³	1,083.1	1,082.5	980.9	980.9	918.2	918.2
2. Basic funding of institutions including federal institutions with research and development tasks	12,320.9	10,449.0	12,752.5	10,816.8	12,897.1	10,891.6
2.1 Research and science organisations, of which:	8,851.4	8,558.4	9,104.7	8,812.7	9,111.7	8,826.3
German Research Foundation (DFG)	1,984.3	1,984.3	2,039.9	2,039.9	2,078.4	2,078.4
Helmholtz Association of German Research Centres (HGF)	3,656.6	3,656.6	3,768.5	3,768.5	3,682.1	3,682.1
Leibniz Association (WGL) ⁴	820.1	799.7	865.2	845.4	895.4	875.3
2.2 Other non-profit organisations	897.5	543.8	953.0	593.1	937.2	576.0
2.3 Federal institutions with research and development tasks	2,572.0	1,346.8	2,694.9	1,411.0	2,848.2	1,489.2
3. University- and education-related funding⁵	513.9	399.7	540.6	404.0	536.7	402.3
4. Contributions and subsidies to international scientific organisations and intergovernmental institutions⁶	1,394.1	1,333.3	1,410.1	1,349.9	1,573.3	1,509.3
5. Global reduced expenditure of the BMBF (share for science and R&D)⁷	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total expenditure	28,512.1	23,385.4	29,392.0	24,111.1	31,636.2	26,072.2
For Information:						
Direct project funding and departmental research ^{2 8}	13,200.1	10,120.9	13,707.8	10,559.5	15,710.9	12,350.8
Of which:						
Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action	1,792.1	1,754.9	1,926.6	1,890.1	2,065.1	2,025.2
Federal Ministry of Defence	1,889.6	1,889.6	1,573.8	1,573.8	2,838.6	2,838.6
Federal Ministry of Education and Research	7,611.2	4,741.4	7,715.2	4,781.3	7,890.2	4,738.7

1 Until 2022, including “Energy and climate fund”; as of 2023, including “Climate and transformation fund”. Possible deviations from earlier publications due to subsequent changes in the allocation to R&D or subsequent changes in the allocation to the types of funding are possible. Possible rounding differences.

2 Including expenditure on orders for departmental and defence research and development. Excluding basic funding of federal institutions with research and development tasks.

3 Excluding tax measures (grants, special depreciations).

4 Including Land-owned institutions with research and development tasks that are jointly funded by the federal and Länder governments.

5 Including universities of the federal armed forces and the Federal University of Applied Administrative Sciences.

6 Located in Germany and abroad.

7 ACTUAL figures are needed to break down the BMBF's global reduced expenditure by types of funding.

8 The departments' scopes of responsibilities and their names correspond to the organisational division of the 20th legislative period's Federal Government. To ensure comparability between individual years, expenditures were retrospectively adjusted or implemented to reflect the current organizational division when there were changes in the allocation of responsibilities between government departments.

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