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## **Government plan for analysis, assessment and research in support of decision-making 2023**

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### Objectives of the plan

The objective of the Government plan for analysis, assessment and research in support of decision-making is to ensure that there is a strong and horizontal knowledge base to support decision-making in society.

The plan guides the studies and research activities towards specific priority areas selected by the Government that are relevant to the work of the Government and its ministries.

The plan creates a basis for systematic and broad-based use of research data by the Government and its ministries in their decision-making and the related preparations. The activities outlined in the plan reinforce the knowledge base available to the Government and ministries, promote an evidence-based mode of operation and contribute to a comprehensive strategic picture. The research topics are clearly linked to the information needs and current issues in the Government's decision-making processes.

### Content and implementation of the plan for analysis, assessment and research and related responsibilities

The plan addresses the priority areas and topics of the analysis, assessment and research activities to be carried out under the Prime Minister's Office item 23.01.22 Analysis, Assessment and Research Activities (deferred appropriation of EUR 8 million for a three-year period), including financial estimates and relevant responsibilities for preparation and guidance. The purpose for which the appropriation is to be used is defined in the detailed statement for the budget item.

The information needs detailed in the plan have been identified in the ministries and through open co-creation.

The plan includes an appropriation of EUR 0.53 million for the immediate information needs identified for decision-making by the new Government in 2023.

### 1. Economic sustainability

analysis/research topic	ministry in charge	other ministries	cost estimate (€)
1.1. Environmental goods and services offered by Finnish companies	Ministry for Foreign Affairs	Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment	80,000
1.2. Residence permit holders' requirement for sufficient financial resources – alternatives for development and their impacts	Ministry of the Interior	Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Education and Culture, Ministry of Economic	100,000

analysis/research topic	ministry in charge	other ministries	cost estimate (€)
1.3. Effectiveness of the lay-off system and possible areas for development	Ministry of Finance	Affairs and Employment, Ministry of Social Affairs and Health Prime Minister's Office, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment, Ministry of Social Affairs and Health	200,000
1.4. Relationship between wellbeing services counties and municipalities; management and guidance	Ministry of Finance	Ministry of the Interior, Ministry of Education and Culture, Ministry of Social Affairs and Health	300,000
1.5. Anticipation of labour and education needs as a tool for strategic social policy	Ministry of Education and Culture	Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment, Ministry of Social Affairs and Health	150,000
1.6. Assessing the impacts of methods of obtaining qualifications in secondary general education and vocational education	Ministry of Education and Culture	Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment	150,000
1.7. Ecosystem services in the bioeconomy – synthesis from the perspective of increasing added value	Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry	Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment, Ministry of the Environment	120,000

<b>analysis/research topic</b>	<b>ministry in charge</b>	<b>other ministries</b>	<b>cost estimate (€)</b>
1.8. Measuring the impact of the data economy	Ministry of Transport and Communications	Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Education and Culture, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment	250,000
1.9. Assessing the accessibility impacts of developments in the transport system on the labour market	Ministry of Transport and Communications	Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment, Ministry of the Environment	150,000
1.10. Assessing the impacts of the accessibility requirements of products and services	Ministry of Transport and Communications	Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment, Ministry of Social Affairs and Health	200,000
1.11. Technological neutrality and the promotion of strategic objectives in society – Emerging technologies in research and innovation policy	Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment	Prime Minister's Office, Ministry of Defence, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Education and Culture, Ministry of Transport and Communications, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment, Ministry of the Environment	200,000
1.12. Assessing the impact of support for building charging infrastructure for electric vehicles	Ministry of the Environment	Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Transport and Communications	200,000

<b>analysis/research topic</b>	<b>ministry in charge</b>	<b>other ministries</b>	<b>cost estimate (€)</b>
		ons, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment	
<b>Total</b>			<b>2,100,000</b>

## 2. Social sustainability

<b>analysis/research topic</b>	<b>ministry in charge</b>	<b>other ministries</b>	<b>cost estimate (€)</b>
2.1. Guiding customers of the police, the Criminal Sanctions Agency and the National Enforcement Authority to access the necessary services	Ministry of Justice	Ministry of the Interior, Ministry of Social Affairs and Health	150,000
2.2. Social engagement of persons of foreign origin and foreign-language speakers	Ministry of Justice	Ministry of the Interior, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment, Ministry of Social Affairs and Health	150,000
2.3. Improving understanding of legal language	Ministry of Justice	Prime Minister's Office, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment	150,000
2.4. General interest representation services	Ministry of Justice	Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Social Affairs and Health	150,000
2.5. Significance of the Strategy for Public Governance Renewal	Ministry of Finance	Ministry of the Interior, Ministry of Transport and Communicati	150,000

analysis/research topic	ministry in charge	other ministries	cost estimate (€)
		ons, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment, Ministry of the Environment	
2.6. Local civic engagement as a tool for increasing resilience in society	Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry	Ministry of Justice, Ministry of the Interior, Ministry of Defence, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Education and Culture, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment, Ministry of the Environment	200,000
2.7. Impact of the concentration of media on media pluralism in Finland	Ministry of Transport and Communications	Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Education and Culture, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment	100,000
2.8. Independent study supported by unemployment benefit as a path to employment and continuous learning	Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment	Ministry of Education and Culture, Ministry of Social Affairs and Health	150,000
2.9. Quantitative anticipation of personnel needs in healthcare and social welfare	Ministry of Social Affairs and Health	Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Education and Culture, Ministry of Economic	220,000

<b>analysis/research topic</b>	<b>ministry in charge</b>	<b>other ministries</b>	<b>cost estimate (€)</b>
		Affairs and Employment	
2.10. Planning for the ageing of the population in municipalities and wellbeing services counties	Ministry of Social Affairs and Health	Ministry of Justice, Ministry of the Environment	300,000
2.11. Effectiveness of the social security system in the diverse and changing life situations of young people	Ministry of Social Affairs and Health	Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Education and Culture, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment	200,000
2.12. Home hospital activities – implementation models and effectiveness	Ministry of Social Affairs and Health	Ministry of Finance, Ministry of the Environment	150,000
2.13. Measures to improve the position of low-income families with children	Ministry of Social Affairs and Health	Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Education and Culture, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment	150,000
2.14. Health protection now and in the future	Ministry of Social Affairs and Health	Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Ministry of the Environment	250,000
<b>Total</b>			<b>2,470,000</b>

### 3. Ecological sustainability

analysis/research topic	ministry in charge	other ministries	cost estimate (€)
3.1. Comparison of regulation models for environmental liabilities of bankruptcy estates	Ministry of Justice	Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment, Ministry of Social Affairs and Health, Ministry of the Environment	150,000
3.2. Expanding the taxation of solid biomass – opportunities and challenges	Ministry of Finance	Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment, Ministry of the Environment	150,000
3.3. Soil policy at the national and EU levels – relationships and consistency	Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry	Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Ministry of the Environment	100,000
3.4. Impacts of the technological transformation on passenger traffic and on regional and community structures	Ministry of Transport and Communications	Ministry of the Environment	200,000
3.5. Business and emission reductions potential of logistics emissions data	Ministry of Transport and Communications	Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Ministry of the Environment	100,000
3.6. Energy and climate scenarios towards zero emissions	Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment	Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry,	300,000



analysis/research topic	ministry in charge	other ministries	cost estimate (€)
3.7. Promoting offshore wind power	Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment	Ministry of Transport and Communications, Ministry of the Environment	150,000
3.8. Effects of river basin management measures on regulating power	Ministry of the Environment	Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment	300,000
3.9. Increasing added value in the Finnish bioeconomy sustainably in a changing market	Ministry of the Environment	Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment	230,000
3.10. Emerging international framework for voluntary climate measures	Ministry of the Environment	Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment	240,000
3.11. Key questions concerning the recycling of plastics	Ministry of the Environment	Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment	350,000

<b>analysis/research topic</b>	<b>ministry in charge</b>	<b>other ministries</b>	<b>cost estimate (€)</b>
3.12. Promoting the repair of goods – potential and benefits to be achieved	Ministry of the Environment	Ministry of Transport and Communications, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment	180,000
<b>Total</b>			<b>2,450,000</b>

#### 4. Security and national defence

<b>analysis/research topic</b>	<b>ministry in charge</b>	<b>other ministries</b>	<b>cost estimate (€)</b>
4.1. NATO's nuclear deterrence and Finland	Ministry for Foreign Affairs	Ministry of Defence	100,000
4.2. Role of the circular economy and reuse of technology in developing crisis preparedness	Ministry of Defence	Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment, Ministry of the Environment	150,000
<b>Total</b>			<b>250,000</b>

#### 5. Other

<b>analysis/research topic</b>	<b>ministry in charge</b>	<b>other ministries</b>	<b>cost estimate (€)</b>
5.1. Information needs to be specified later by the Economic Council	Prime Minister's Office	to be specified later	200,000
5.2. Information needs to be specified later (reserved for additional calls for applications in 2023)	Prime Minister's Office	to be specified later	530,000
<b>Total</b>			<b>730,000</b>
<b>Total</b>			<b>8,000,000</b>

## **Open call principles**

Studies and research projects based on the Government plan for analysis, assessment and research will be selected based on an open call for proposals using objective and non-discriminatory criteria. The procurement will be conducted based on an equal treatment of potential suppliers according to the principles of good governance.

## **Application procedure**

The content of the call for applications will be determined by the Prime Minister's Office. The Prime Minister's Office will provide information on the open application.

The designated ministries will be responsible for assessing the content of the applications and will propose to the Prime Minister's Office which applications should be selected for the analysis, assessment and research activities. The selection criteria for the commissioned studies are: relevance and usability (25 per cent), project quality (35 per cent), project implementers' expertise and sufficiency of resources (30 per cent), and communications and information management (10 per cent).

The Prime Minister's Office will make the decisions on the procurement of studies and research activities and conclude project agreements with the main research service providers.

## **Monitoring and steering of project implementation**

The Government working group for the coordination of research, foresight and assessment activities (Working Group) serves as the collective contracting authority and monitors performance in attaining the objectives of the plan for analysis, assessment and research.

The Prime Minister's Office will appoint a steering group for each Government analysis, assessment and research project or programme, settle the payments of project costs and monitor the use of appropriations and man-years on an annual basis.

The steering group's remit is to monitor progress in the project and to facilitate the application of the project outcomes as well as to prepare a proposal to the Prime Minister's Office on the payments of the project costs as required by its progress. The steering group will be chaired by a representative of the ministry in charge of the project. The chairpersons of the steering groups will report on project progress to the members of their ministries' analysis, assessment and research working group responsible for the overall monitoring of the research plan and provide all essential material required for the monitoring of the project.

The ministries in charge will agree, in cooperation with the executor of the project, on advancing the application of the new information produced in the course of the project. The final reports will be published in the publication series of the Government's analysis, assessment and research activities.

The Prime Minister's Office will issue, as necessary, more detailed regulations and instructions for the implementation of the plan for analysis, assessment and research.

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