



PRIME MINISTER'S
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Government plan for analysis, assessment and research in support of decision-making 2020

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GOVERNMENT PLAN FOR ANALYSIS, ASSESSMENT AND RESEARCH IN SUPPORT OF DECISION-MAKING 2020

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 ministries.

The aim of the plan is to create a basis for the systematic and broad-based use of research data in decision-making in the Government and ministries, and to strengthen the knowledge base that the Government and ministries use in decision-making, knowledge-based policy and overall strategic insight. 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 11.05 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 1.5 million for the immediate information needs identified for decision-making in 2020.

1. Finland as a sustainable economy

ANALYSIS/RESEARCH TOPIC	MINIST RY IN CHARGE	OTHER MINISTR IES	COST ESTIMATE (€)
1.1 Overall economic impact of business subsidies	Ministry of Finance	Prime Minister's Office, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment	200,000
1.2 Public procurement – total volume and utilisation of data	Ministry of Finance	Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment	200,000
1.3 Overall economic impact of demographic change	Ministry of Finance	Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment, Ministry of Social Affairs and Health, Ministry of the Environment	150,000
1.4 Functioning of the municipal tax system in a changing operating environment	Ministry of Finance	Ministry of Education and Culture	90,000
1.5 Financing of high-growth enterprises in Finland – utilisation and importance of EU financial instruments alongside business subsidies	Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment	Prime Minister's Office, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Education and Culture, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry,	150,000

		Ministry of the Environment	
1.6 Intangible property rights (IPR) strategy (information needs to be defined later)	Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment	Ministry of Education and Culture	200,000
Total			990,000

2. Carbon neutral Finland that protects biodiversity; housing policy

ANALYSIS/RESEARCH TOPIC	MINISTRY IN CHARGE	OTHER MINISTRIES	COST ESTIMATE (€)
2.1 Cost-effective means of halting the loss of forest biodiversity	Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry	Ministry of the Environment	150,000
2.2 Making Finland and Finnish companies the most water responsible in the world by 2030	Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry	Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Ministry of the Environment	120,000
2.3 Energy and climate policy measures to achieve a carbon neutral Finland	Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment	Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Ministry of Transport and Communications, Ministry of the Environment	650,000
2.4 Opportunities for and obstacles to the promotion of walking and cycling	Ministry of Transport	Ministry of Education and Culture	200,000

	and Communi cations	Culture, Ministry of Social Affairs and Health, Ministry of the Environme nt	
2.5 Role of vehicles purchased by companies in climate policy in the transport sector	Ministry of Transport and Communi cations	Ministry of Economic Affairs and Empleme nt, Ministry of the Environme nt	150,000
2.6 Steering instruments for a sustainable mobility services market	Ministry of Transport and Communi cations	Ministry of Economic Affairs and Empleme nt, Ministry of the Environme nt	150,000
2.7 Taking into account carbon and environmental footprints in procurement – legislation and assessment of procurement	Ministry of the Environm ent	Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Ministry of Transport and Communica tions, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Empleme nt	250,000
2.8 Managing the impact of waste incineration on the circular economy and the climate through various steering methods	Ministry of the Environm ent	Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Empleme nt	100,000

2.9 Circular economy and product policy instruments	Ministry of the Environment	Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment	200,000
2.10 Impact of forestry on groundwater	Ministry of the Environment	Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry	200,000
2.11 Adopting climate impact assessments as part of the environmental permit procedure	Ministry of the Environment	Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment	180,000
2.12 Developing local land use policy – current state of policy, new means, effectiveness and acceptability	Ministry of the Environment	Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry	250,000
Total			2,600,000

3. Globally influential Finland

ANALYSIS/RESEARCH TOPIC	MINISTRY IN CHARGE	OTHER MINISTRIES	COST ESTIMATE (€)
3.1 Climate migration: towards a better understanding and management of the phenomenon	Ministry for Foreign Affairs	Ministry of the Interior, Ministry of the Environment	120,000
3.2 Russia's foreign and security policy in Northern Europe	Ministry for Foreign Affairs	Ministry of the Interior, Ministry of Defence	200,000
3.3 Finnish science diplomacy – current state and opportunities	Ministry for	Ministry of Education	80,000

	Foreign Affairs	and Culture	
3.4 Addressing and managing the human rights impacts of companies	Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment	Prime Minister's Office, Ministry for Foreign Affairs	150,000
		Total	550,000

4. Safe and secure Finland built on the rule of law – its development and defence policy

ANALYSIS/RESEARCH TOPIC	MINISTRY IN CHARGE	OTHER MINISTRIES	COST ESTIMATE (€)
4.1 Study on income limits for public legal aid	Ministry of Justice	Ministry of Social Affairs and Health	150,000
4.2 Strengthening the use of mediation and other alternative means of conflict resolution	Ministry of Justice	Ministry of the Interior, Ministry of Education and Culture, Ministry of Social Affairs and Health	200,000
4.3 Assessing danger and the risk of violence	Ministry of Justice	Ministry of the Interior, Ministry of Social Affairs and Health	150,000
4.4 Perpetrators of sexual offences, situations where acts are committed and opportunities to prevent acts	Ministry of the Interior	Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Social	100,000

		Affairs and Health	
4.5 Interaction of amendments to the Aliens Act and application practices with regard to the status of applicants for and beneficiaries of international protection	Ministry of the Interior	Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment	120,000
4.6 Narratives and conspiracy theories of violent extremist groups	Ministry of the Interior	Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Education and Culture, Ministry of the Environment	80,000
4.7 Climate change and Finland's security	Ministry of Defence	Prime Minister's Office, Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Ministry of the Interior, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Ministry of the Environment	150,000
4.8 Security situation in municipal services and meetings of municipal councils and exercise of powers to maintain municipal security	Ministry of Finance	Ministry of the Interior, Ministry of Social	100,000

		Affairs and Health	
4.9 Social impact of actions against drug-related crime targeted at Finland – Utilisation of impact data from the perspective of law enforcement authorities and society	Ministry of Finance	Ministry of Social Affairs and Health	100,000
4.10 Measures to prevent people from falling victim to sexual offences	Ministry of Social Affairs and Health	Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Justice, Ministry of the Interior	150,000
		Total	1,300,000

5. Dynamic and thriving Finland, transport networks and agriculture

ANALYSIS/RESEARCH TOPIC	MINISTRY IN CHARGE	OTHER MINISTRIES	COST ESTIMATE (€)
5.1 Providing snacks to support pupils' wellbeing during the school day	Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry	Ministry of Education and Culture, Ministry of Social Affairs and Health	200,000
5.2 Mitigating the spread of salmonella to livestock farms	Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry	Ministry of Social Affairs and Health	300,000
5.3 Utilising the impacts produced by transport projects as part of project funding	Ministry of Transport and Communications	Ministry of Finance, Ministry of the Environment	150,000
5.4 Dynamic and sustainable multi-local Finland – necessary steering and development tools	Ministry of the Environment	Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Agriculture and	300,000

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6. Finland built on trust and labour market equality

ANALYSIS/RESEARCH TOPIC	MINIST RY IN CHARGE	OTHER MINISTR IES	COST ESTIMATE (€)
6.1 Measures to prevent discrimination in working life and job seeking	Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment	Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Social Affairs and Health	150,000
6.2 Effectiveness of support for work ability	Ministry of Social Affairs and Health	Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment	200,000
Total			350,000

7. Fair, equal and inclusive Finland

ANALYSIS/RESEARCH TOPIC	MINIST RY IN CHARGE	OTHER MINISTR IES	COST ESTIMATE (€)
7.1 Quality and effectiveness of auditing by municipalities and joint municipal authorities	Ministry of Finance	Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment, Ministry of the Environment	100,000

7.2 Study on the obligation of young people without education to apply for places of study as a prerequisite for receiving the unemployment benefit	Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment	Ministry of Education and Culture, Ministry of Social Affairs and Health	100,000
7.3 Digital inclusion in Finland	Ministry of Social Affairs and Health	Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Education and Culture, Ministry of Transport and Communications, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment, Ministry of the Environment	250,000
7.4 Tools for assessing the impacts and costs of promoting wellbeing, health and safety	Ministry of Social Affairs and Health	Ministry of the Interior, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment, Ministry of the Environment	150,000
7.5 Where do the costs of medicines come from? Report on measures to influence and manage the price of medicines	Ministry of Social Affairs and Health	Ministry of Finance	200,000

7.6 Impact of the responsibility for financing basic social assistance on municipal activities	Ministry of Social Affairs and Health	Ministry of Finance, Ministry of the Environment	150,000
7.7 Patient and client safety – situational picture and follow-up procedures	Ministry of Social Affairs and Health	Ministry of the Interior, Ministry of Finance	200,000
7.8 Reform of social security (information needs to be defined later)	Ministry of Social Affairs and Health	To be specified later	300,000
Total			1,450,000

8. Finland that promotes competence, education, culture and innovation

ANALYSIS/RESEARCH TOPIC	MINISTRY IN CHARGE	OTHER MINISTRIES	COST ESTIMATE (€)
8.1 Using labour market information and other register information to support the training and career choices and guidance of individuals	Ministry of Education and Culture	Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment	100,000
8.2 GDP share of R&D expenditure towards the 4 per cent target: how can companies be encouraged to invest more in R&D activities?	Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment	Prime Minister's Office, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Education and Culture, Ministry of Social Affairs and Health, Ministry of the Environment	240,000

Total 340,000**9. Governance**

ANALYSIS/RESEARCH TOPIC	MINIST RY IN CHARGE	OTHER MINISTR IES	COST ESTIMATE (€)
9.1 Physical, social and virtual Government of the future to support more effective decision-making	Prime Minister's Office	Ministry of Finance	270,000
9.2 Evaluation of the central government's performance management model	Ministry of Finance	Ministry of the Interior, Ministry of Defence, Ministry of Education and Culture, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Ministry of Transport and Communications, Ministry of Social Affairs and Health, Ministry of the Environment	100,000
9.3 Scope of public authority and needs for development	Ministry of Finance	Ministry of Justice, and Ministry of Employment and the Economy.	150,000
Total			520,000

10. Other information needs

ANALYSIS/RESEARCH TOPIC	MINIST RY IN CHARGE	OTHER MINISTR IES	COST ESTIMATE (€)
10.1 Government Report on the Future, stage 1 (information needs to be specified later)	Prime Minister's Office	to be specified later	200,000
10.2 Economic Council (information needs to be specified later)	Prime Minister's Office	to be specified later	300,000
10.3 Other information needs to be specified later (reserved for additional applications in 2020)			1,500,000
		Total	2,000,000
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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) shall serve as the collective contracting authority and monitor 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 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 shall 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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