Call for applications for analysis and research activities in support of government decision-making 2023

On the **28**th **of November 2022**, the Prime Minister's Office will open a call for applications for funding intended to generate data through analysis, assessment and research activities in support of government decision-making. The call for applications is based on the Government's plan for analysis, assessment and research activities in support of decision-making for 2023.

All applications and their appendices must be submitted using the <u>vnteas-asiointi.fi</u> (in Finnish) electronic application and service system **by 16.00 on the 17**th **of January 2023.**

If you have questions about the application process that are not answered in the application documents, please send your questions as messages via the service system no later than on the 14th of December 2022. Answers to all questions received by the deadline will be published by the 20th of December 2022 at: tietokayttoon.fi (in Finnish).

Online application info sessions will be held on some of the analysis and research topics. Updated information on the schedule for the events is available at: <u>tietokayttoon.fi</u> (in Finnish).

The call for applications is intended for organisations, such as universities and universities of applied sciences, research institutes, companies and organisations, or consortia formed by these, including international organisations. The funds are awarded to host organisations only, not to individuals.

The selection criteria for project applications, along with their weightings, are as follows: 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). Decisions to commission analysis and research activities are made by the Prime Minister's Office, which is also responsible for drawing up contracts with the implementers of projects. For more information, see the updated <u>General terms of the Government's analysis</u>, assessment and research activities.

By participating in the call for applications, the applicant agrees to the terms stated in the description of the personal data file of the Government's analysis and research activities (EU General Data Protection Regulation 2016/679). The confidentiality of the application documents is subject to the provisions of the Act on the Openness of Government Activities (621/1999).

As a general rule, the project application and its appendices are public documents, with the exception of the detailed project plan attached to the application, which is generally secret unless the applicant declares or the authorities decide otherwise (Act on the Openness of Government Activities (621/1999), chapter 6, section 24: Secret official documents, paragraph 21).

If, in the applicant's view, the application contains information to be kept secret in addition to the above, the applicant must indicate the confidential information in a separate appendix along with the grounds for secrecy. The final decision on the secrecy of the information will be made by the Prime Minister's Office.

The Contracting Entity may exclude from the competitive tendering a tenderer to which an exclusion criterion referred to in section 80 or 81 of the Act on Public Procurement applies.

Analysis and research topics

See the separate attachment on the application page for more <u>detailed descriptions of the topics</u> (two selected topics are published <u>in English</u>). The topics covered by the call for applications are grouped under four categories: financial, social and ecological sustainability, security and defense.

1. Financial sustainability

analysis/research topic		cost estimate (€)
1.1.	Environmental goods and services offered by Finnish companies	80,000
1.2.	Residence permit holders' requirement for sufficient financial resources – alternatives for development and their impacts	100,000
1.3.	Effectiveness of the lay-off system and possible areas for development	200,000
1.4.	Relationship between wellbeing services counties and municipalities; management and guidance	300,000
1.5.	Anticipation of labour and education needs as a tool for strategic social policy	150,000
1.6.	Assessing the impacts of methods of obtaining qualifications in secondary general education and vocational education	150,000
1.7.	Ecosystem services in the bioeconomy – synthesis from the perspective of increasing added value	120,000
1.8.	Measuring the impact of the data economy	250,000
1.9.	Assessing the accessibility impacts of developments in the transport system on the labour market	150,000
1.10	. Assessing the impacts of the accessibility requirements of products and services	200,000

analysis/research topic	cost estimate (€)
 Technological neutrality and the promotion of strategic objectives in society – Emerging technologies in research and innovation policy 	200,000
 1.12. Assessing the impact of support for building charging infrastructure for electric vehicles 	200,000

2. Social sustainability

analysis/research topic		cost estimate (€)
2.1.	Guiding customers of the police, the Criminal Sanctions Agency and the National Enforcement Authority to access the necessary services	150,000
2.2.	Social engagement of persons of foreign origin and foreign- language speakers	150,000
2.3.	Improving understanding of legal language	150,000
2.4.	General interest representation services	150,000
2.5.	Significance of the Strategy for Public Governance Renewal	150,000
2.6.	Local civic engagement as a tool for increasing resilience in society	200,000
2.7.	Impact of the concentration of media on media pluralism in Finland	100,000
2.8.	Independent study supported by unemployment benefit as a path to employment and continuous learning	150,000
2.9.	Quantitative anticipation of personnel needs in healthcare and social welfare	220,000
2.10	Planning for the ageing of the population in municipalities and wellbeing services counties	300,000
2.11	Effectiveness of the social security system in the diverse and changing life situations of young people	200,000
2.12	Home hospital activities – implementation models and effectiveness	150,000
2.13	Measures to improve the position of low-income families with children	150,000
2.14	Health protection now and in the future	250,000

3. Ecological sustainability

analysis/research topic		cost estimate (€)
3.1.	Comparison of regulation models for environmental liabilities of bankruptcy estates	150,000
3.2.	Expanding the taxation of solid biomass – opportunities and challenges	150,000
3.3.	Soil policy at the national and EU levels – relationships and consistency	100,000
3.4.	Impacts of the technological transformation on passenger traffic and on regional and community structures	200,000
3.5.	Business and emission reductions potential of logistics emissions data	100,000
3.6.	Energy and climate scenarios towards zero emissions	300,000
3.7.	Promoting offshore wind power	150,000
3.8.	Effects of river basin management measures on regulating power	300,000
3.9.	Increasing added value in the Finnish bioeconomy sustainably in a changing market	230,000
3.10	. Emerging international framework for voluntary climate measures	240,000
3.11	. Key questions concerning the recycling of plastics	350,000
3.12	. Promoting the repair of goods – potential and benefits to be achieved	180,000

4. Security and defense

analysis/research topic	cost estimate (€)
4.1. NATO's nuclear deterrence and Finland	100,000
4.2. Role of the circular economy and reuse of technology in developing crisis preparedness	150,000