

Call for applications for analysis and research activities in support of government decision-making 2021

On the **9th of November 2020**, 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 2021.

All applications and their appendices must be submitted using the vnteas-asiointi.fi electronic application and service system **by 16.00 on the 5th of January 2021**.

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 1st of December 2020. Answers to all questions received by the deadline will be published by the 9th of December 2020 at: tietokayttoon.fi.

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: tietokayttoon.fi.

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 [General terms of the Government's analysis, 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 detailed descriptions of the topics. The topics covered by the call for applications are grouped according to the priorities set out in the Programme of Prime Minister Sanna Marin's Government.

1. Finland as a sustainable economy

analysis/research topic	cost estimate (€)
1.1. Steering aviation emissions through taxation	150 000
1.2. Enhancing the allocation of labour and capital	150 000
1.3. Economic impact of climate change – public finances	250 000
1.4. Integrating interest comparison into the mining permit process	120 000

2. Carbon neutral Finland that protects biodiversity; housing policy

analysis/research topic	cost estimate (€)
2.1. Assessing the environmental and climate impacts and the cost-effectiveness of biogas production and use	250 000
2.2. Integrating water management status targets into the impact assessment of new projects	200 000
2.3. Opportunities and development needs of new nuclear technologies	200 000
2.4. The hydrogen economy – opportunities and limitations	150 000
2.5. Assessing the impact and effectiveness of the Environmental Protection Act	150 000

analysis/research topic	cost estimate (€)
2.6. Significance of sporadic discharge of municipal wastewater from the perspective of water protection and hygiene	140 000
2.7. Environmental protection foresight to influence the EU's zero-emission strategy	180 000

3. Globally influential Finland

analysis/research topic	cost estimate (€)
3.1. Effects of great-power economic and technological competition on Europe and Finland	140 000
3.2. Complementary pathways for legal migration for persons in need of international protection	100 000
3.3. Russian technological know-how and technology policy	140 000

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

analysis/research topic	cost estimate (€)
4.1. Status and development of the rule of law in Europe from Finland's perspective	120 000
4.2. Evaluating the practical application of the penal provisions on trafficking in human beings and related offences	110 000
4.3. Investigating people's experiences of mediation in cases of domestic and intimate partner violence, its impact on their lives and the reduction of violence	190 000
4.4. Examining the chains of events leading to intimate partner homicide against women	180 000
4.5. Analysis and international comparison of evidence requirements in connection with foreign bribery offences	120 000
4.6. Assessing the effectiveness of the Anchor model	110 000
4.7. Studying the perpetrators and disseminators of hate speech	100 000
4.8. Ensuring security of supply as part of the supervision of real estate ownership	120 000

5. Dynamic and thriving Finland, transport networks and agriculture

analysis/research topic	cost estimate (€)
5.1. Constitutional review of the scope of municipal autonomy	100 000
5.2. Sustainable digitalisation of public services: climate and environmental impacts	125 000
5.3. What does smart shrinking look like in Finland?	150 000
5.4. Impacts of transport infrastructure projects on employment during the construction phase	130 000
5.5. Risk-sharing in sustainable and innovative public procurement	150 000
5.6. Assessing the impact of the Team Finland network	170 000
5.7. Space activities and their impact on society	100 000
5.8. Potential futures of regional and urban structures	230 000

6. Finland built on trust and labour market equality

analysis/research topic	cost estimate (€)
6.1. Assessing the impact and effectiveness of labour market training	150 000
6.2. Local government pilot projects to boost employment: assessing their impact on employment, costs and wellbeing	300 000
6.3. Functionality of the service system: part-time work, temporary work and transitions to full-time work	150 000

7. Fair, equal and inclusive Finland

analysis/research topic	cost estimate (€)
7.1. Impact of the Council of Europe human rights conventions on Finland	120 000
7.2. Potential discriminatory effects of artificial intelligence	120 000
7.3. Constitutional perspective on social security reform	200 000
7.4. Developing criteria for assessing building investments and the need for treatment facilities in healthcare and social welfare	200 000
7.5. Mental health and substance abuse work for young people in social welfare and at the interface of healthcare and social welfare	250 000

analysis/research topic	cost estimate (€)
7.6. Recognising obesity-related stigma and identifying ways to reduce it	150 000
7.7. Costs of domestic and intimate partner violence in Finland	100 000
7.8. Prevalence of intimate partner violence experienced by persons with disabilities and availability of services to help them	100 000
7.9. Needs for legislative reform and development related to the health care service range and prioritisation	300 000
7.10. UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and accessibility of the built environment – Legislative and guidance needs for the future	150 000

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

analysis/research topic	cost estimate (€)
8.1. Evaluation of the operation and impacts of the strategic research funding instrument	300 000
8.2. Cooperation practices and coordination of services between maternity and child health clinics and early childhood education and care	125 000
8.3. Implementation, equality, equity and accessibility of on-the-job learning periods (TET periods) during basic education	140 000
8.4. Education market in Finland	150 000
8.5. Investigating changes in job descriptions of teaching and research staff and division of working hours in higher education institutes	200 000
8.6. Assessing the effectiveness of innovation ecosystems in the light of key indicators	150 000