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GOVERNMENT PLAN FOR ANALYSIS, ASSESSMENT AND RESEARCH IN SUPPORT OF DECISION MAKING 2018

Objectives of the plan

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

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

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

The plan addresses the topics for analysis, assessment and research and includes financial estimates and relevant responsibilities for preparation and guidance. The research topics are clearly linked to the information needs and questions 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/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 10.5 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 action plan for the implementation of key projects and reforms in the strategic government programme has been used as the basis for identifying information needs when drafting the Government plan for analysis, assessment and research. The itemisation in the Government plan for analysis, assessment and research follows the one adopted for the action plan.

Analysis, Assessment and Research projects to be determined at a later date will prioritise information needs that can be carried out as a randomised comparative survey.

STRATEGIC PRIORITY 1. EMPLOYMENT AND COMPETITIVENESS

ANALYSIS/ RESEARCH TOPIC	MINISTRY IN CHARGE	OTHER MINISTRIES	COST ESTIMATE (€)
1.1 Social assistance and housing costs	Ministry of Finance	Ministry of Social Affairs and Health, Ministry of the Environment	200,000
1.2 Impact of flexible care allowance on employment and working hours	Ministry of Finance	Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment	150,000
1.3 Employment and incentives: proposal to implement scientific experiment involving information and bureaucracy traps	Ministry of Finance	Prime Minister's Office, Ministry of Social Affairs and Health, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment	200,000
1.4 Geographical mobility and potential afforded multi-locality and its consequences	Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment	Ministry of Finance, 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	300,000
1.5 Evaluation of regular interviews with unemployed people	Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment	Prime Minister's Office, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Social Affairs and Health	200,000
1.6 Competitiveness in the construction industry and quality of construction in Finland	Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment	Ministry of Finance, Ministry of the Environment	200,000
1.7 Housing policy in local government and town planning – incorporating incentive elements into the system of central government transfers	Ministry of Finance	Prime Minister's Office, Ministry of the Environment	100,000
1.8 Impact of business subsidies on global competitiveness	Ministry of Economic Affairs	Ministry of Finance, Ministry of the Environment	350,000

	and Employment	ronment, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Prime Minister's Office	
1.9 Long-term strategy for tax system overhaul	Ministry of Finance	Prime Minister's Office, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment	200,000

STRATEGIC PRIORITY 2. KNOWLEDGE AND EDUCATION

ANALYSIS/ RESEARCH TOPIC	MINISTRY IN CHARGE	OTHER MINISTRIES	COST ESTIMATE (€)
2.1 Examining recognition of occupational qualifications and qualification requirements	Ministry of Education and Culture	Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Social Affairs and Health	200,000
2.2 State of ecosystems in the creative economy and development needs - survey based on international comparisons	Ministry of Education and Culture	Prime Minister's Office, Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment	150,000
2.3 Assessing the need to further develop special needs education in early childhood education, pre-primary education and primary education	Ministry of Education and Culture	Ministry of Social Affairs and Health	200,000

STRATEGIC PRIORITY 3. HEALTH AND WELLBEING

ANALYSIS/ RESEARCH TOPIC	MINISTRY IN CHARGE	OTHER MINISTRIES	COST ESTIMATE (€)
3.1 Financial and other instruments for promoting a healthy diet	Ministry of Finance	Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment, Ministry of Social Affairs and Health	200,000

STRATEGIC PRIORITY 4. BIOECONOMY AND CLEAN SOLUTIONS

ANALYSIS/ RESEARCH TOPIC	MINISTRY IN CHARGE	OTHER MINISTRIES	COST ESTIMATE (€)
4.1 Risk assessment of public health impact of food system	Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry	Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment, Minis-	150,000

		try of Social Affairs and Health, Ministry of the Environment	
4.2 Climate and environmental impact by 2030 of food waste reduction and eating based on nutritional recommendations	Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry	Ministry of Social Affairs and Health, Ministry of the Environment	250,000
4.3 Proliferation of invasive alien species, their pathways, risks and prioritising preventive measures	Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry	Ministry of Transport and Communications, Ministry of the Environment	100,000
4.4 Potential for action, costs and overall impact of the land use sector (afforestation, management of cultivated land, reducing deforestation) for achieving climate targets.	Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry	Ministry of Finance, Ministry of the Environment	300,000
4.5 State of water services and structural changes	Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry	Ministry of Social Affairs and Health, Ministry of the Environment	150,000
4.6 Cost-effective ways to promote purchase of electric and gas-powered vehicles	Ministry of Transport and Communications	Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment, Ministry of the Environment	100,000
4.7 30% target in the share of transport biofuels and proposed directive for renewable energy for 2021 to 2030 (RED II): impact assessment on implementation of cost-effective biofuel path	Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment	Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Ministry of Transport and Communications, Ministry of the Environment	100,000
4.8 New instruments for streamlining the protection of biodiversity and securing of ecosystem services; Part A: Effectiveness and efficiency of nature-based solutions in responding to challenges in society - adjustment to climate change as an example; Part B: Compensation for national environmental, nature conservation and natural resources regulations and development needs in steering instruments	Ministry of the Environment	Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment	300,000
4.9 Sustainable and secure circular economy	Ministry of the Environment	Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Ministry of Economic	300,000

		Affairs and Employment, Ministry of Social Affairs and Health	
4.10 Promoting the circular economy by increasing the municipal waste recycling rate	Ministry of the Environment	Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry	150,000

STRATEGIC PRIORITY 5. DIGITALISATION, EXPERIMENTATION AND DEREGULATION

ANALYSIS/ RESEARCH TOPIC	MINISTRY IN CHARGE	OTHER MINISTRIES	COST ESTIMATE (€)
5.1 Evaluation of progress in experimental culture in Finland	Prime Minister's Office	Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment, Ministry of Social Affairs and Health, Ministry of the Environment	150,000
5.2 Artificial intelligence programmes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Overall framework in artificial intelligence and mapping of national competencies B. Artificial intelligence in public administration and requirements for changes in the information infrastructure C. Harnessing potential in block chain technology and programmable money in the taxation of earned income D. Ethics of regulation and harnessing of robotics and artificial intelligence and social acceptability 	Prime Minister's Office	Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Justice, Ministry of the Interior, Ministry of Defence, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Transport and Communications, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment, Ministry of Social Affairs and Health, Ministry of the Environment	670,000
5.3 Permit procedures in electricity distribution networks, security of supply and cost-effectiveness in the distribution of electricity	Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment	Ministry of Transport and Communications, Ministry of the Environment	75,000
5.4 International comparison on lobbying registers and how they have been	Ministry	Ministry of	50,000

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6. REFORMS

ANALYSIS/ RESEARCH TOPIC	MINISTRY IN CHARGE	OTHER MINISTRIES	COST ESTIMATE (€)
6.1 Appeal system development needs and relation to other appeal systems in local and regional government	Ministry of Finance	Ministry of the Environment	100,000
6.2 Developing digital operations and decision making in local government and specifying the savings potential afforded by digitalisation as part of the General Government Fiscal Plan (GGFP) billion	Ministry of Finance	Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment, Ministry of the Environment	200,000
6.3 Swift review needs in the health, social services and regional government reform and in the freedom of choice preparations A. Ensuring freedom of choice for clients in health and social services B. Enabling the operation of cooperatives and non-profit organisations in health and social services C. Organisational structures in the counties from the viewpoint of supporting research, development and innovation activities in health and social services D. Organisation of counties and collaborative catchment areas and preparing for management by knowledge	Ministry of Social Affairs and Health	Ministry of Education and Culture, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment, Ministry of the Environment	850,000
6.4 Information needs to be determined at a later date by the social security forum	Ministry of Social Affairs and Health	Ministry of Finance, Prime Minister's Office	250,000
6.5 Regional accounting system and measuring GNP by counties	Ministry of Finance	Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry	150,000
6.6 Regional government reform and new cooperative structures to promote education and wellbeing	Ministry of Education and Culture	Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Social Affairs and Health	100,000

7. LINCHPIN PROJECTS OF THE GOVERNMENT

ANALYSIS/ RESEARCH TOPIC	MINISTRY IN CHARGE	OTHER MINISTRIES	COST ESTIMATE (€)
7.1 Assessing the impact of changes in state ownership steering	Prime Minister's Office	Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment	150,000
7.2 Strategic deterrence, nuclear weapons and Europe: greater tension, harsher rhetoric and developing capacities	Ministry for Foreign Affairs	Ministry of Defence, Ministry of the Interior,	200,000

		Ministry of Social Affairs and Health	
7.3 Current state and development trends of the international human rights system	Ministry for Foreign Affairs	Prime Minister's Office, Ministry of Justice, Ministry of the Interior, Ministry of Defence, Ministry of Social Affairs and Health	150,000
7.4 Availability and quality of legal aid services for citizens and asylum seekers	Ministry of Justice	Ministry of the Interior, Ministry of the Environment	200,000
7.5 Quality of neighbouring areas when increasing the sense of safety and security and preventing crimes	Ministry of Justice	Ministry of the Interior, Ministry of the Environment	150,000
7.6 Efficiency of services for young people who act out by means of criminal activities	Ministry of Justice	Ministry of the Interior, Ministry of Education and Culture, Ministry of Social Affairs and Health	150,000
7.7 EU as a security community - foundation for values and attitudes	Ministry of Defence	Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Justice, Ministry of the Interior	150,000
7.8 United States - China - Russia and the changing world order - repercussions on Europe and Finland	Ministry of Defence	Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment	150,000
7.9 Functional capacity of individuals, resilience and comprehensive security	Ministry of Defence	Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Justice, Ministry of the Interior, Ministry of Education and Culture, Ministry of the Environment	300,000
7.10 Innovations in sustainable development to support the 2030 Agenda	Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment	Prime Minister's Office, Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Ministry of	150,000

		Agriculture and Forestry, Ministry of Social Affairs and Health, Ministry of the Environment	
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8. OTHER

ANALYSIS/ RESEARCH TOPIC	MINISTRY IN CHARGE	OTHER MINISTRIES	COST ESTIMATE (€)
8.1 Harnessing research data in law drafting and related decision making	Ministry of Justice	Prime Minister's Office, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment, Ministry of the Environment	150,000
8.2 Environmental taxes A. Tax treatment of different packaging materials in the taxation of beverages B. Impact assessment of the diesel fuel tax relief C. Assessment of the electricity tax subsidy for data centres	Ministry of Finance	Ministry of the Environment	280,000
8.3 Medium-term growth potential in the national economy	Ministry of Finance	Prime Minister's Office, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment	120,000
8.4 Changing role in society of reference laboratory activities in environmental measurements	Ministry of the Environment	Ministry of Transport and Communications, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment	80,000
8.5 Assessment of the launch of the work of the Finnish Council of Regulatory Impact Analysis	Prime Minister's Office	Ministry of the Environment, Ministry of Justice	125,000
8.6 Information needs to be specified by the Economic Council at a later date	Prime Minister's Office		250,000
8.7 Analysis, assessment and research needs to be specified at a later date	Coordinated by the Prime Minister's Office		600,000
			€10.500,000 in total

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 shall pay the costs of the contract notice in newspapers and magazines to be selected at a later date as well as the costs of translation and the publication of the notice in the Government web service. Additionally, the contract notices are published in the Hilma electronic notification system and the websites of the responsible ministries concerned.

The designated ministries will be responsible for assessing the content of the applications and will propose to the Prime Minister's Office which applications could be selected for the analysis, assessment and research activities. The selection criteria that will be applied to the projects are relevance, impact, applicability, quality and feasibility.

The Prime Minister's Office will make the decisions on the procurement of studies and research activities and sign 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 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 shall report to the ministerial groups of each strategic priority and the respective analysis, assessment and research Working Group members of the ministries, which are in charge of the overall monitoring of the Government analysis, assessment and research plan, on the progress of each project on a regular basis and shall 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 the promotion of the application of 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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