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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 priority areas selected by the Government based on their relevance to the work of the Government and its ministries.

The aim of the plan is to create a basis for systematic and broad-based use of research-based knowledge 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 research topics are clearly linked to the knowledge 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 covers 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 9 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 million for the immediate knowledge needs identified for decision-making in 2022.

### 1. Finland as a sustainable economy

analysis/research topic	ministry in charge	other ministries	cost estimate (€)
1.1. Combating climate change, structural change in the economy and competitiveness	Ministry of Finance	Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment, Ministry of the Environment	200,000
1.2. Impacts of multi-locality on local government finances	Ministry of Finance	Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Ministry of	150,000

<b>analysis/research topic</b>	<b>ministry in charge</b>	<b>other ministries</b>	<b>cost estimate (€)</b>
		Economic Affairs and Employment, Ministry of the Environment	
1.3. Cost-effectiveness of joint procurement	Ministry of Finance	Ministry of the Interior, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment	200,000
<b>Total</b>			<b>550,000</b>

## 2. Carbon neutral Finland that protects biodiversity; housing policy

<b>analysis/research topic</b>	<b>ministry in charge</b>	<b>other ministries</b>	<b>cost estimate (€)</b>
2.1. Assessing the implementation of the 2030 Agenda in Finland	Prime Minister's Office	Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Education and Culture, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Ministry of Transport and Communications, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment, Ministry of Social Affairs and Health, Ministry of the Environment	130,000
2.2. Current condition of school buildings and indoor climate	Prime Minister's Office	Ministry of Education and Culture, Ministry of Social Affairs	275,000

analysis/research topic	ministry in charge	other ministries	cost estimate (€)
2.3. Legislation on the use of seabed minerals and possibilities for development	Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment	and Health, Ministry of the Environment Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Defence, Ministry of the Environment	200,000
2.4. Reform of the distribution obligation system for renewable transport fuels (RED III)	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
2.5. Utilisation, storage and removal solutions for recovered carbon dioxide	Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment	Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Ministry of the Environment	150,000
2.6. Resilience of building ventilation systems against heat waves and respiratory infections	Ministry of the Environment	Prime Minister's Office, Ministry of Education and Culture, Ministry of Social Affairs and Health	270,000
2.7. Nutrient input ceilings in coastal waters and burden sharing in reducing nutrient load	Ministry of the Environment	Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Ministry of Transport and Communications, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment	260,000

<b>analysis/research topic</b>	<b>ministry in charge</b>	<b>other ministries</b>	<b>cost estimate (€)</b>
2.8. Conditions for the green transition in economic sectors and regions	Ministry of the Environment	Prime Minister's Office, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Ministry of Transport and Communications, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment	270,000
2.9. Sustainable consumption and steering instruments	Ministry of the Environment	Prime Minister's Office, Ministry of Education and Culture, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment, Ministry of Social Affairs and Health	290,000
2.10. Activities of municipalities and wellbeing services counties in housing and residential services for older people	Ministry of the Environment	Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Social Affairs and Health	200,000
<b>Total</b>			<b>2,145,000</b>

### 3. Globally influential Finland

<b>analysis/research topic</b>	<b>ministry in charge</b>	<b>other ministries</b>	<b>cost estimate (€)</b>
3.1. Impact of Finland's comprehensive crisis management measures targeted at Afghanistan in 2002–2021	Ministry for Foreign Affairs	Ministry of the Interior, Ministry of Defence	240,000

<b>analysis/research topic</b>	<b>ministry in charge</b>	<b>other ministries</b>	<b>cost estimate (€)</b>
3.2. Trade barriers faced by Finnish businesses	Ministry for Foreign Affairs	Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment	100,000
3.3. Changes in multilateral cooperation from Finland's perspective	Ministry for Foreign Affairs	Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Defence, Ministry of the Environment	120,000
<b>Total</b>			<b>460,000</b>

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

<b>analysis/research topic</b>	<b>ministry in charge</b>	<b>other ministries</b>	<b>cost estimate (€)</b>
4.1. Authorities' initiative in exchanging information	Ministry of Justice	Ministry of the Interior, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Social Affairs and Health, Ministry of the Environment	150,000
4.2. Digital violence against women	Ministry of Justice	Ministry of the Interior	100,000
4.3. Legislative challenges faced by diverse families and models for solving them	Ministry of Justice	Ministry of Social Affairs and Health	200,000
4.4. Using social media to support the management of major accidents and enhance national leadership	Ministry of the Interior	Prime Minister's Office, Ministry of Social Affairs and Health.	100,000
4.5. Exploring the connections between social exclusion, vulnerability and safety	Ministry of the Interior	Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Social Affairs and Health	130,000
4.6. Development needs in the system of civil emergency preparedness	Ministry of the Interior	Prime Minister's Office, Ministry	150,000

<b>analysis/research topic</b>	<b>ministry in charge</b>	<b>other ministries</b>	<b>cost estimate (€)</b>
		of Transport and Communications, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment, Ministry of Social Affairs and Health	
4.7. Effectiveness of oversight of legality directed at security authorities	Ministry of the Interior	Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Defence	150,000
<b>Total</b>			<b>980,000</b>

## 5. Dynamic and thriving Finland, transport networks and agriculture

<b>analysis/research topic</b>	<b>ministry in charge</b>	<b>other ministries</b>	<b>cost estimate (€)</b>
5.1. Using domestic fish for food in a safer and more diverse way	Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry	Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment, Ministry of Social Affairs and Health, Ministry of the Environment	350,000
5.2. Finland's zoonosis situation and risks from the perspective of One Health	Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry	Ministry of Social Affairs and Health, Ministry of the Environment	100,000
5.3. Ex post assessment of the land use impacts of transport projects	Ministry of Transport and Communications	Ministry of the Environment	150,000
5.4. Estimating the total costs of measures to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from transport	Ministry of Transport and Communications	Prime Minister's Office, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of the Environment	150,000

<b>analysis/research topic</b>	<b>ministry in charge</b>	<b>other ministries</b>	<b>cost estimate (€)</b>
<b>Total</b>			<b>750,000</b>

## 6. Finland built on trust and labour market equality

<b>analysis/research topic</b>	<b>ministry in charge</b>	<b>other ministries</b>	<b>cost estimate (€)</b>
6.1. Board and management group duties in listed companies – challenges to women's career development	Ministry of Justice	Prime Minister's Office, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment, Ministry of Social Affairs and Health	150,000
6.2. Direct business subsidies granted by municipalities in Finland	Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment	Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Transport and Communications	100,000
6.3. Differences in the productivity of businesses and the forefront of productivity	Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment	Prime Minister's Office, Ministry of Finance	170,000
<b>Total</b>			<b>420,000</b>

## 7. Fair, equal and inclusive Finland

<b>analysis/research topic</b>	<b>ministry in charge</b>	<b>other ministries</b>	<b>cost estimate (€)</b>
7.1. Impact of digital services in healthcare and social welfare	Ministry of Social Affairs and Health	Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment	300,000
7.2. Ecologically sustainable development as part of steering mechanisms in healthcare and social welfare	Ministry of Social Affairs and Health	Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Economic Affairs and	250,000



<b>analysis/research topic</b>	<b>ministry in charge</b>	<b>other ministries</b>	<b>cost estimate (€)</b>
		Employment, Ministry of the Environment	
7.3. Checkpoints for sickness allowance periods: Realisation of rehabilitation and return to work	Ministry of Social Affairs and Health	Ministry of Finance	150,000
7.4. Preliminary assessment of mental health impacts	Ministry of Social Affairs and Health	Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Education and Culture, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment, Ministry of the Environment	150,000
7.5. Effectiveness of the LASTA screening model in preventing offences against children and protecting children	Ministry of Social Affairs and Health	Ministry of Justice, Ministry of the Interior	150,000
7.6. Interface between the Social Welfare Act and the Child Welfare Act in supporting children and families	Ministry of Social Affairs and Health	Ministry of Education and Culture, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment	250,000
<b>Total</b>			<b>1,250,000</b>

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

<b>analysis/research topic</b>	<b>ministry in charge</b>	<b>other ministries</b>	<b>cost estimate (€)</b>
8.1. Educational and competence needs related to the green transition	Ministry of Education and Culture	Prime Minister's Office, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment, Ministry of the Environment	300,000

<b>analysis/research topic</b>	<b>ministry in charge</b>	<b>other ministries</b>	<b>cost estimate (€)</b>
8.2. Cost-benefit effects of cultural wellbeing	Ministry of Education and Culture	Ministry of Social Affairs and Health	200,000
8.3. Selection of subjects among upper secondary students and its connection to gender equality	Ministry of Education and Culture	Ministry of Social Affairs and Health	150,000
8.4. Attainment of competence targets in democracy and human rights education and realisation of democracy in educational institutions	Ministry of Education and Culture	Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Social Affairs and Health	120,000
8.5. Social innovations of social enterprises	Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment	Ministry of Education and Culture, Ministry of Social Affairs and Health, Ministry of the Environment	200,000
8.6. Cornerstones of mission-driven innovation policy and Finland's operating model	Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment	Prime Minister's Office, Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Education and Culture, Ministry of Transport and Communications, Ministry of Social Affairs and Health, Ministry of the Environment	200,000
<b>Total</b>			<b>1,170,000</b>

## 9. Governance

No analysis/research topics

## 10. Other

analysis/research topic	ministry in charge	other ministries	cost estimate (€)
10.1. Information needs to be specified later by the Economic Council	Prime Minister's Office	to be specified later	275,000
10.2. Information needs to be specified later (reserved for additional calls for applications in 2022)	Prime Minister's Office	to be specified later	1,000,000
<b>Total</b>			<b>1,275,000</b>
<b>Total</b>			<b>9,000,000</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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