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R&D terminology

BERD	Business enterprise Expenditure on R&D (intramural)
FTE	Full Time Equivalent (on R&D)
GBARD	Government Budget Allocations for R&D
GERD	Gross Domestic Expenditure on R&D (intramural)
GOVERD	Government Expenditure on R&D (intramural)
GUF	General University Funds
HERD	Higher Education Expenditure on R&D (intramural)
NSE	Natural Sciences and Engineering
PNP	Private Non Profit Institutions
R&D	Research and Experimental Development
SSH	Social Sciences and Humanities

For further explanations of the above terms, please see the OECD Frascati Manual 2015, http://oe.cd/frascati, which includes in particular a glossary of key terms (*www.oecd.org/sti/inno/Frascati-2015-Glossary.pdf*

Other

GDP	Gross Domestic Product
ISIC	International Standard Industrial Classification
PCT	Patent Co-operation Treaty
PPP	Purchasing Power Parity

Sources and methods

Detailed methodological information: http://www.oecd.org/sti/inno/MSTI_documentation_e.pdf.

The statistical data for Israel are supplied by and under the responsibility of the relevant Israeli authorities. The use of such data by the OECD is without prejudice to the status of the Golan Heights, East Jerusalem and Israeli settlements in the West Bank under the terms of international law.

Standard footnotes

b	Time series break.
c	Confidential statistical information.
d	Definition differs.
e	Estimated value.
k	Data included in another category.
l	Overestimated or based on overestimated data.
m	Underestimated or based on underestimated data.
p	Provisional value.
s	Unrevised breakdown not adding to the revised total.
v	The sum of the breakdown does not add to the total.
w	Includes data from another category.

The latest data for European countries, as well as Iceland, Norway, the Russian Federation, Switzerland and Turkey, were collected by Eurostat. From 2017, Eurostat follows slightly different, but generally compatible, conventions with regard to footnotes:

- Countries only use flags 'b', 'c', 'd', 'e' and 'p'.
- Only one flag may be submitted per data item (cell).
- The flags follow a hierarchy: p > b > d > e. As an example, an estimated (e) and provisional (p) data will be annotated with a 'p'.
- Estimated (e), overestimated (l) and underestimated (m) data are all annotated with an 'e' flag.
- 'd', 'k', 's', 'v' and 'w' flags are grouped as 'd' (definition differs).

In this publication, flags for these countries are published as they were received by the OECD from Eurostat, except in the following cases:

- The single-flag rule is not applied when this would lead to supress 'b' flags indicating breaks in series.
- 's' flags are not replaced with 'd'.

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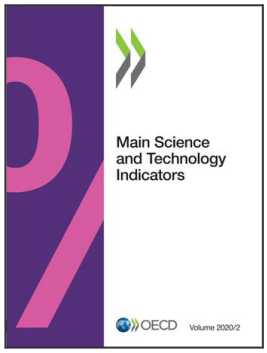

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