

Conventional signs and abbreviations

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R&D terminology

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| 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

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| 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.

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Standard footnotes

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| 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 suppress 'b' flags indicating breaks in series.
- 's' flags are not replaced with 'd'.

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