

Towards new internationally comparable indicators on public funding

OECD-project

Pilot (2008-2009: finished)
Full project (starting September 2009)

Background and relevance

Why new indicators?

- ✓ It extends the indicators on public funding, describing public funding flows
- ✓ It can feed policy relevant discussions on structural features of the research system

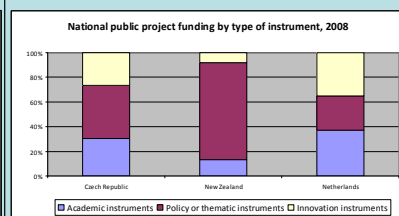
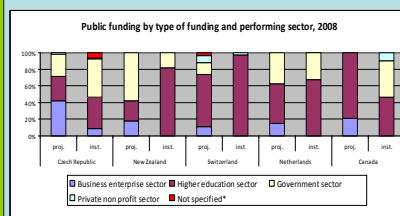
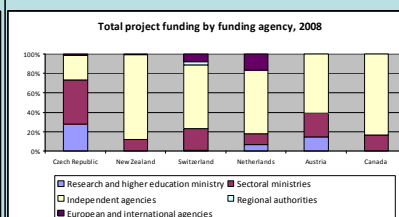
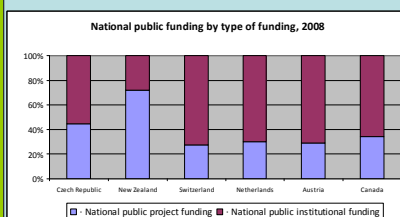
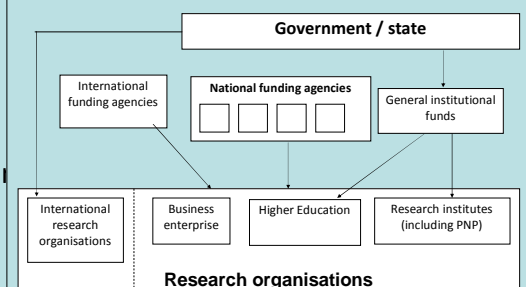
Based on work of the PRIME Network of Excellence

Main goals of the project

- To develop a methodology and methodological guidelines
- To tabulate such indicators for as much as possible countries
- Structural implementation of this methodology into OECD work

The indicators to be collected

1. Total national public funding by funding mode (project versus institutional funding)
2. Total public funding to national projects by funding agency
3. National public funding to national performers by institutional sector (enterprises, higher education, institutes, PNP)
4. National public funding to national projects by type of instruments (academic, policy, innovation)
5. Total international public funding by national institutional sector



Results of the pilot

On methodology and feasibility:

- In a limited time frame the pilot countries delivered interesting data
- Therefore: data collection on public funding indicators seems to be feasible
- The indicator "project funding by instrument type" seems problematic
 - Comparability between countries should be investigated further
 - More work on definitions and examples is needed
- There are diverse patterns of national funding modes
- It is too early to see patterns for groups of countries, more data are needed
- Descriptive data on the research systems should be added

Next steps:

- ✓ Sending out a questionnaire to OECD countries (September 2009)
 - ✓ Collecting data on the five indicators (October 2009)
 - ✓ Analysis of the data (November 2009)
- ✓ Discussions on methodological issues and results (December 2009)
 - ✓ Reporting on the first full data collection (early 2010)
- ✓ Working on methodological guidelines for full implementation