

R&D expenditure over GDP in the Basque Country has grown faster than the average for the EU-28 countries over the last 10 years

It has gone from accounting for 1.42% of GDP in 2003 to 2.12% in 2012

In 2012, R&D expenditure in relation to GDP in the Basque Country stood at above the average for the EU-28 countries. Specifically, it represented 2.12% of Basque GDP, compared to 2.07% of EU-28 GDP and 1.30% of Spanish GDP. The Basque Country grew three times faster than the EU-28 average and also almost tripled the average for Spain.

R&D Expenditure in the EU-28 (% of GDP)

	Men		Women	
	2001	2011	2001	2011
Basque Country	76,4	78,9	83,7	85,4
EU 28	:	77,4	:	83,1
EU 27	:	77,4	:	83,2
France	75,5	78,7	83,0	85,7
Spain	76,3	79,5	83,2	85,6
Italy	77,2	79,7	83,2	84,8
Austria	75,6	78,3	81,7	83,8
Finland	74,6	77,3	81,7	83,8
Portugal	73,6	77,3	80,7	83,8
Sweden	77,6	79,9	82,2	83,8
Grece	76,0	78,0	81,6	83,6
Luxenburg	75,1	78,5	80,7	83,6
Belgium	74,9	78,0	81,2	83,3
Eslovenia	72,3	76,8	80,4	83,3
Germany	75,6	78,4	81,4	83,2
Cyprus	76,6	79,3	81,4	83,1
Netherlands	75,8	79,4	80,8	83,1
Ireland	74,5	78,6	79,9	83,0
Malta	76,6	78,6	81,2	83,0
United Kingdom	75,8	79,0	80,5	83,0
Denmark	74,7	77,8	79,3	81,9
Estonia	65,2	71,4	76,5	81,3
Poland	70,0	72,6	78,4	81,1
Czech Republic	72,0	74,8	78,5	81,1
Croatia	70,9	73,8	78,1	80,4
Slovakia	69,5	72,3	77,7	79,8
Lithuania	65,9	68,1	77,4	79,3
Latvia	:	68,6	:	78,8
Hungary	68,2	71,2	76,7	78,7
Romania	67,5	71,1	74,9	78,2
Bulgary	68,6	70,7	75,4	77,8

Source: Eurostat and Eustat.

The data show that Basque R&D growth has been very positive in recent years. This is evidenced by the fact that spending on research and development went from 1.42% of GDP in the Basque Country in 2003, to 1.87% in 2008 and to 2.12% in 2012.

The average percentages for the EU-28 countries in the same years were 1.86%, 1.91% and 2.07%, respectively. For Spain, it went from 1.05% in 2003, to 1.35% in 2008 and to 1.30% in 2012.

Nevertheless, figures in 2012 in some of the EU-28 countries were greater than those in the Basque Country. Finland spent 3.55% of its GDP on R&D, Sweden 3.41%, Denmark and Germany 2.98%, Austria 2.84%, Slovenia 2.80% and France 2.29%, among others.

On the other hand, other countries recorded a lower expenditure on R&D activities compared to their GDP. These were Cyprus, with 0.46%, Romania, with 0.49%, Bulgaria, with 0.64%, and Latvia, with 0.66%.

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