

Expenditure in R&D in the Basque Country in relation to GDP exceeds the average of the EU-27 countries

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Expenditure in R&D in the Basque Country in relation to GDP, has risen above the average expenditure in the EU-27 countries. Specifically, is represented 2.08% of the Basque GDP, compared to 2.0% in the EU-27 and 1.39% in Spain.

Expenditure in R&D (% of GDP)	2000	2005	2010
EU-27	1,9	1,8	2,0
Finland	3,4	3,5	3,9
Sweden	:	3,6	3,4
Denmark	2,2	2,5	3,1
Germany	2,5	2,5	2,8
Austria	1,9	2,5	2,8
France	2,2	2,1	2,3
Slovenia	1,4	1,4	2,1
Belgium	2,0	1,8	2,0
Holland	1,9	1,9	1,8
Ireland	1,1	1,2	1,8
United Kingdom	1,8	1,7	1,8
Luxembourg	1,7	1,6	1,6
Estonia	0,6	0,9	1,6
Portugal	0,7	0,8	1,6
Czech Republic	1,2	1,4	1,6
Spain	0,9	1,1	1,4
Italy	1,0	1,1	1,3
Hungary	0,8	0,9	1,2
Lithuania	0,6	0,8	0,8
Poland	0,6	0,6	0,7
Slovakia	0,7	0,5	0,6
Malta	:	0,6	0,6
Latvia	0,5	0,6	0,6
Bulgaria	0,5	0,5	0,6
Cyprus	0,3	0,4	0,5
Romania	0,4	0,4	0,5
Greece	:	0,6	:
Basque Country	1,4	1,4	2,1

Source: EUSTAT and EUROSTAT. The Basque Country within the EU-27

The data show that the evolution of R&D in the Basque Country has been extremely positive in recent years. This is evident in the fact that expenditure in research and development rose from 1.43% of the GDP in 2000 to 1.44% in 2005, to 2.08% in 2010. The averages for the EU-27 as a whole in the same years were 1.86%, 1.83% and

2.00%, respectively. In the case of Spain, expenditure rose from 0.91% in 2000, to 1.12% in 2005 to 1.39% in 2010.

However, a number of countries within the EU-27 report figures for 2010 that are considerably higher than the figures of the Basque Country: Finland spent 3.87% of its GDP in R&D, Sweden, 3.42%, Denmark, 3.06%, Germany, 2.82%, Austria, 2.76%, France 2.26% and Slovenia, 2.11%.

Conversely, Romania, with expenditure of 0.47%, Cyprus, with expenditure of 0.50% and Bulgaria and Latvia, each with expenditure of 0.60%, are the EU-27 countries with the lowest expenditure in R&D in terms of their GDP.

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