# **R&D** classification by field of science

Full title: Classification of research and development activities by field of science

**Abbreviation:** R&D classification by field of science

Legal basis:

**Implementation date:** 1 st January 2007

# **History of the classification:**

R&D statistics have applied the classification by field of science since the surveys started. After several alterations its present form was published in 2007 according to the guidelines of the Frascati Manual. It is fully comparable with international R&D data.

Research units' data are classified by field of science once a year, when R&D data are surveyed, no revision is performed.

#### **Structure:**

The classification has a hierarchical system with numerical coding. It contains six fields of science at one-digit level, and within these the number of two-digit and three-digit rows are different.

### **Short description:**

The classification allows for the examination of research units' R&D data by field of science at one-, two- or three-digit levels.

Main statistical applications: R&D statistics.

Linked classifications: Fields of Research and Development (FORD).

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