

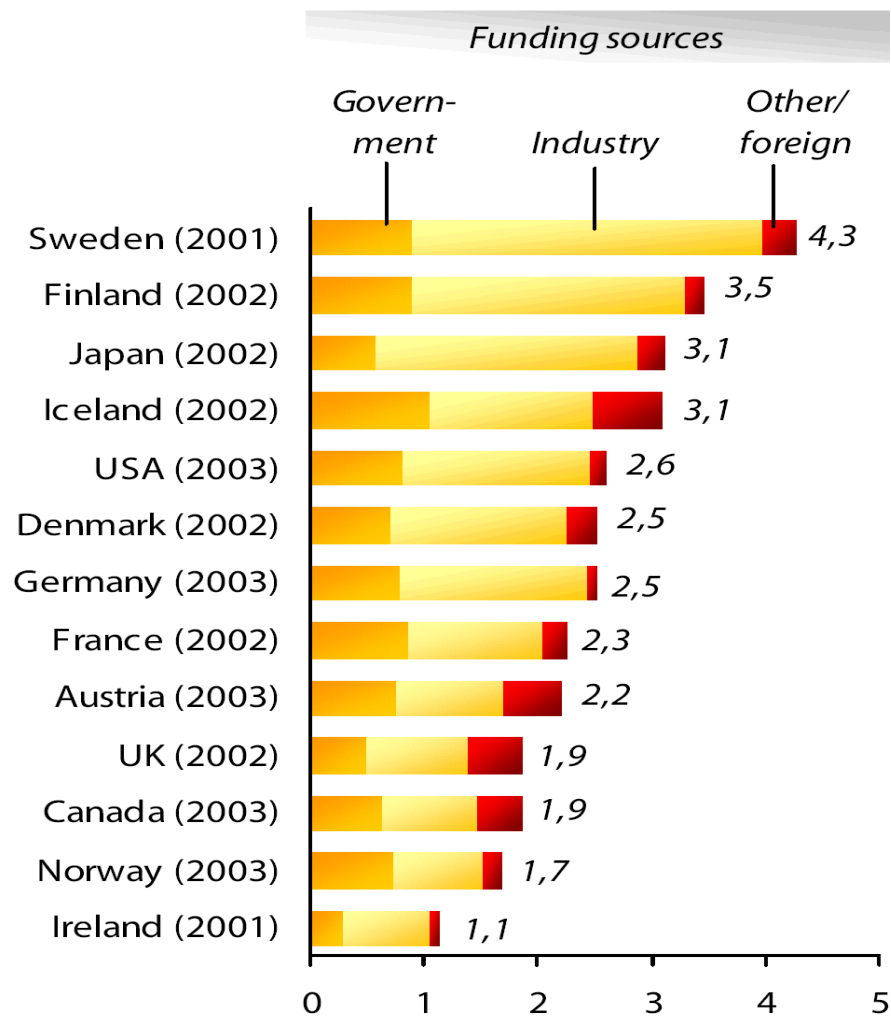


NORWEGIAN MINISTRY  
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***Norwegian initiative for matching  
funds to philanthropic finance of  
research***

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# Very little philanthropic finance of research in Norway



# "Commitment to Research"

- White paper (March 2005) adopts Lisbon targets and presents comprehensive measures for strengthening Norwegian research



## **New measure proposed: Donation Reinforcement Initiative**

- Matching government funds – 25% - for donations for fundamental research
- Adopted by Norwegian Parliament in June 2005
- Effective in National Budget of 2006

# Which donations qualify?

- Donations for long-term basic research
- Cannot fund research directly benefiting donor's business activities
- Must be at least 5 million NOK (0,6 million €)

# Who can donate?

- Enterprises (from 2006)
- Private individuals (from 2006)
- Foundations and charities (from 2007)

# Who can receive donations and donation reinforcements?

- Norwegian universities
- Norwegian university colleges that award doctorates
- The Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters
- The Research Council of Norway

# Practical arrangements

- Donor and receiving institution agree on formalities and use of donation
- Reinforcement is paid to the institution that receives a donation
- The Research Council of Norway distributes donation reinforcements
- Receiving institution must guarantee that donations qualify for reinforcement

# Present status: Promising!

Donors have announced donations for more than 600 mill NOK (~ 75 mill €). Around 400 mill NOK will go to the University of Bergen