

# Glossary: Research and development (R & D)

Statistics Explained

**Research and experimental development** , abbreviated as **R&D** , comprise the 'creative and systematic work undertaken in order to increase the stock of knowledge - including knowledge of humankind, culture and society - and to devise new applications of available knowledge' (Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/1197 of 30 July 2020, Annex IV, page 99 ).

## Related concepts

- [Innovation](#)
- [Invention](#)

## Statistical data

- [R&D expenditure](#)
- [R&D personnel](#)