This is a translation of the survey on the implementation of the national strategic choices for RDI policy and activities organized by the Finnish Research and Innovation Council in March–April 2026.

Survey: National strategic choices for RDI policy and activities and their implementation – Research and Innovation Council 2026

The national strategic choices for RDI policy and activities aim to boost sustainable growth, promote renewal and strengthen comprehensive security. The strategic choices published by the Research and Innovation Council in January 2026 are:

- data and data-based value creation
- disruptive technologies
- health and wellbeing
- climate, environment and the Arctic dimension, and
- security, resilience and defence.

Two spearheads were defined for developing the RDI system to support the implementation of the strategic choices: increasing risk-taking capacity in RDI and attracting RDI investments to Finland.

The national strategic choices will have an impact through three broader pathways: directing resources to the choices; increasing national cooperation and collaboration between RDI actors and branches of government; and strengthening international cooperation and influence. The choices are of differing types, so their implementation will also vary.

Inter-ministerial groups, cooperation arrangements, funding packages, strategies and other national guidance documents already exist for nearly all areas covered by the choices. The starting point for the implementation is therefore to make full use of the existing structures and ongoing work. However, achieving the objectives set for the strategic choices may also require new methods of implementation.

The survey below explores ways and opportunities to deepen the national RDI choices and make them more concrete. The responses will be used to support the implementation and monitoring of the strategic choices by the Council and the relevant branches of government. The survey data will be available to the public and will support closer RDI collaboration in the areas covered by the strategic choices.

The target group for the survey consists of key organisations for implementing the choices and putting them to use, including public and private RDI funding organisations, research organisations, businesses and branches of government, regional actors and other stakeholders. We hope to receive responses from a variety of organisations.

Please share your views on the implementation of the attached strategic RDI choices and the need for further specification by responding to the questions below (material: click here). The survey has three sections: I) background information, II) making the choices more concrete and setting targets, and III) spearheads for RDI policy development.

There are 16 questions in total. **You do not need to answer all questions; it is enough to answer the questions that are relevant from your viewpoint.**

The survey will be open until **Wednesday 29 April 2026**.

Thank you for your responses!

The responses to the survey will be used by the Research and Innovation Council and the Government's RDI policy network, among others. A summary of the survey will be published on the Research and Innovation Council's project page, and the responses will be made available to the public in the Otakantaa.fi service.

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I. Background information

1. Name*

2. I am responding*

   (*please select one option*)

   on my own behalf
   on behalf of my organisation

3. Organisation

4. Type of organisation

   (*please select one option*)

   Ministry
   Funding organisation
   Research institute
   Other government agency
   Wellbeing services county or Hospital District of Helsinki and Uusimaa (HUS)
   Regional council
   Municipality or city
   Regional development company
   Other regional actor
   University
   University of applied sciences
   Company (more than 250 persons)
   Company (50–249 persons)
   Company (1–49 persons)
   Advocacy organisation
   Association
   Other

II. Deepening the RDI choices, making them more concrete and monitoring their implementation

5. **Which RDI choice or choices do your responses apply to?***

   (choose all that apply)

   Data and data-based value creation
   Disruptive technologies
   Health and wellbeing
   Climate, environment and the Arctic dimension
   Security, resilience and defence

6. **How do the choices relate to your organisation's priorities and the strategies guiding your organisation's activities?**

   (open answer)

7. **How can the strategic choice or choices be deepened and made more concrete and which actors should do so?**

   When making the RDI choices, the Research and Innovation Council outlined that the strategic choices will be deepened and made more concrete in cooperation between the various actors, taking into account human capital, growth and productivity aspects (chapter 6 of the report). The quality of implementation will determine what kind of growth and impact the choices will yield. The report on the choices describes their content.

   (open answer)

8. **From your organisation's perspective, what is the current state of RDI cooperation in the areas covered by the choice(s)?**

   (scale excellent (5)–poor (1), don't know/not applicable)

   8b. If you like, you can elaborate on your answer below

   (open answer)

9. **Examples of internationally or nationally significant networks related to the choice(s) in which you are leading.**

   (open answer)

10. **How can new actors become involved in RDI activities carried out in the areas covered by the choices?**

    (open answer)

11. **In which areas do you think RDI cooperation should be strengthened with regard to the strategic choice(s)?**

    (multiple choice)

    Shared ecosystems for research organisations and companies
    Competence and experts
    Research and technology infrastructures
    Innovation and experimentation environments
    Internationalisation
    Commercialisation of research
    Industrial scaling
    Other

    11b. If you like, you can elaborate on your answer below

    (open answer)

12. **Which of the following are barriers to strengthening RDI cooperation?**

    (multiple choice)

    Regulation
    Financing
    Lack of networks
    Lack of guidance and incentives
    Lack of support
    Insufficient use of public procurement
    Insufficient research and technology infrastructures and development and testing environments
    Lack of information on what others are doing
    Other

    12b. If you like, you can elaborate on your answer below

    (open answer)

13. **What new operating practices, models and roles could support the effective implementation of the strategic choices?**

    (open answer)

14. **If national qualitative or quantitative targets are set for the RDI choices for 2030, what should they be like?**

    (open answer)

III. National spearheads for RDI policy development

15. **How should risk-taking capacity in RDI activities be strengthened in concrete terms?**

    (multiple choice)

    By developing funding
    By developing guidance
    By developing regulation
    By promoting cultural change
    By increasing public debate on the matter
    By other means

    15b. If you like, you can elaborate on your answer below

    For example, describe how can actors strengthen their risk-taking capacity and which actors should do so

    (open answer)

16. **In your opinion, what are the most effective ways to attract RDI investments to Finland?**

    (open answer)