

Sistemul de Cercetare din Norvegia¹

La nivel guvernamental, Ministerul Educatiei si Cercetarii are principala responsabilitate de a coordona politica de cercetare si reprezinta sursa cea mai mare a fondurilor destinate cercetarii.

La nivel operational, sistemul de cercetare si inovare norvegian este structurat in:

- **The Research Council of Norway (RCN)** reprezinta agentia nationala strategica, executiva si de finantare a cercetarii din Norvegia, avand ca rol stabilirea si implementarea schemelor de finantare a cercetarii, acordarea de consilieri autoritatilor guvernamentale privind politica in cercetare, asigurarea legaturii dintre cercetatori, finantatori in domeniul cercetarii si utilizatori ai rezultatelor cercetarii. De asemenea RCN promoveaza inovarea in sectorul public si privat, promoveaza coerenta si interactiunea intre cercetarea fundamentala, aplicativa si inovare, asigura evaluarea activitatilor de cercetare din Norvegia, sustine caracterul inter- si multi-disciplinar al cercetarii, promoveaza colaborarea internationala in cercetare, asigura calitatea la cel mai inalt nivel al activitatilor de cercetare. RNC finanteaza, pe baza de competitie, proiecte de cercetare fundamentala, aplicativa si inovare care sunt in stransa legatura si vin in sprijinul cerintelor societatii.

RCN in cifre: In 2012, The Research Council of Norway's total budget amounts to NOK 7 433 million (€960m). The Ministry of Education and Research and the Ministry of Trade and Industry are the most important contributors to the budget of the Research Council of Norway.

- **Innovation Norway** and **The Industrial Development Corporation of Norway (SIVA)** are the main public institutions that provide support for innovation, and are as part of their portfolio also involved in industrial R&D. Innovation Norway is owned by the Ministry of Trade and Industry and provides programmes and services with the objective of promoting innovation at regional and national level, with a particular focus on small and medium sized companies. SIVA is involved in the provision of science parks, incubators and services to developing companies and venture capital to mainly start-up firms. A third institution is The Norwegian Design Council (NDC) which aim is to increase Norwegian businesses' understanding, knowledge and use of design in their innovation processes.

¹ <http://erawatch.jrc.ec.europa.eu/>;
http://www.forskingsradet.no/en/The_Research_Council/1138785832539