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The Information System of the Czech Science and Technology

In January 2000, the Government of the Czech Republic adopted the National Research and Development Policy of the Czech Republic. A substantial part of this strategic document represents the definition of the fundamental structure and function of the research as a research oriented at support of the national economy development and at improvement of the quality of live of the population.

This National R&D Policy was the basic idea for preparation the R&D Act, which the Government of the Czech Republic adopted in July 2002. This act fixes the most important components of background of R&D in Czech Republic:
* Research and Development Council of the Czech Republic
* Information System of the Czech Science and Technology.

The Act defines the Council as a professional and advisory body of the Government of the Czech Republic in the R&D sphere, stipulates its tasks and rules for its activity and imposes a number of executive functions on it.

The Council is responsible for the administration of R&D public accessible databases - Information System of the Czech Research and Development:
* Central Register of R&D Projects - financially supported grants by public sources
* Central Register of Research Intentions - long term intentions financially supported by different states and other public budgets
* Information Register of R&D Results
* Central Register of Public tenders for the allotment of targeted means from the state budget for R&D support.

Information about state supported R&D in the Czech Republic include searching in registers are accessed on www.vyzkum.cz.

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