

Researchers are persons, directly engaged in R&D activities, i.e. persons who are devising new knowledge, products, technologies, methods and systems. These are persons with higher education and scientific training who could possibly have a scientific title and/or degree or who are post-graduates.

Technicians and personnel with equivalent functions comprise persons with higher, semi-higher and secondary education who perform scientific and technical tasks under the guidance and the control of the researchers.

Auxiliary personnel comprises skilled, semi-skilled and unskilled workers associated with the performance of R&D activities, i.e. clerical, secretarial and administrative personnel.

Full-time equivalent (FTE) is a measurement unit representing the degree of engagement in R&D activities during the work time per a whole year. Full-time employed are persons who have been engaged in R&D activities during the reported year for more than 90% of the annual fund of the time worked.

R&D organizations are represented in four institutional sectors.

Sector of the business enterprises - comprises all firms, organizations and institutions (excl. the R&D sec-

tors at Universities and Higher Schools), whose activity is directed primarily towards the production of goods and services for selling and which is financed mainly by the business enterprises, who have delegated the R&D tasks.

State sector comprises all organizations and institutions whose R&D activity is of common public interest and which are financed predominantly by the state budget (excl. higher and semi-higher schools).

Sector 'Higher Education' includes all the higher and semi-higher schools and the R&D departments at the universities and state institutional hospitals.

Sector of the non-profit organizations comprises organizations and institutions with non-profit (ideal) purposes, performing R&D activities simultaneously with their main activity - for ex. foundations, associations, etc.

The definitions of scientific research activity, the different categories of personnel, engaged in scientific research activity and the institutional sectors of the research and experimental organizations are corresponding to the definitions recommended in „FRASCATI MANUAL“ (Proposed Standard Practice for Surveys of Research and Experimental Development, OECD, Paris, 1993).