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Statistics on R&D Activities

Year 2009. Preview results

Provisional main results

- **Internal expenditure on Research and Development (R&D)** registers a **decrease of 2.4%** in 2009, as compared with the previous year.
- Business expenditure on R&D decreases 8.8% with regard to 2008, whereas public expenditure registers a 5.4% increase.
- The number of persons dedicated to R&D activities, on a full-time equivalent, increases 1.7% in the business sector and 4.6% in the public sector.

Today, the INE is publishing the provisional preview results of the statistics on R&D activities. The study has been carried out considering the 199 companies with the greatest expenditure on R&D, which represented 40.6% of total business expenditure in the year 2008. It has also taken into consideration the information collected, to date, from the public sector.

According to the preview results of this study, internal expenditure on R&D registered a 2.4% decrease in 2009. Whereas business expenditure on R&D experienced a decrease of 8.8% (capital expenses dropped 40.0%, and current expenses decreased 1.5%), public expenditure on R&D grew 5.4%.

Regarding the personnel dedicated to R&D activities on a full-time equivalent, an increase of 1.7% was registered in the business sector, and an increase of 4.6% was recorded in the public sector.

This study will allow, in the future, for preview results to be available, bearing in mind the units that represent half of R&D expenditure. In addition, the results will be able to be presented in the month of June, indicating a significant advance with regard to the publication of the final results in the month of November.

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