

Key tendencies of S&T development of Ukraine and its international dimension (review of statistical indicators)

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To analyze current situation in R&D and innovation sphere, a number of different indicators were used in the paper. It is important to stress that innovation and R&D systems in Ukraine were ‘internally-oriented’, and not all internationally recognized indicators were used in the national statistics. This creates certain problems, and requires combination of different types of indicators (both internal and international) for correct reflection of the situation.

As to the qualitative evaluation, it is worth to note, that Ukrainian S&T policy has not changed substantially in recent years. Up to now, the main focus of government policy mix is on direct support of R&D in selected sectors (state-sponsored academies of sciences, some branch institutes and universities) and provision of financing to specific innovation programmes. The gap between the higher education sector and the industry remains substantial. Current legislation does not allow universities or research institutes to be founders of spin-off companies with non-state ownership in Ukraine.