

The Finnish health system is currently governed at the national and local levels. A Coronavirus Coordination Group, comprised of representatives from various ministries, the Finnish Institute for Health and Welfare and the Prime Minister's Office, was appointed in February 2020 to plan, manage and coordinate measures in health care and social welfare. The regional state administrative agencies and municipal-level agencies for prevention of communicable diseases played a key role in implementation. (from State of Health in the EU - Finland - Country Health Profile 2021 see https://health.ec.europa.eu/system/files/2021-12/2021_chp_fi_english.pdf)

In terms of R&D funding mobilisation amidst crisis - during COVID the government released extrabudgetary research funding. Hence - at government and also at institutional level decisions to add funding or re-focus available may be taken on a case-by-case basis

R&I Policies and Strategies

Country has a dedicated strategy for research and innovation related to pandemic threat? **Yes**

R&I strategy URL <https://www.aka.fi/en/strategic-research/strategic-research/strategic-research-in-a-nutshell/programmes-and-projects/pandemics/>

Country has an open science portal with information on publicly financed scientific research? **Yes**

R&I portal <https://research.fi/en/>
<https://www.aka.fi/en/strategic-research/strategic-research/strategic-research-in-a-nutshell/programmes-and-projects/>
<https://ratkaisujatieteesta.fi/>

Country has R&I webpage on COVID-19

Website open science/ open data initiative with respect to pandemic threats, such as COVID-19 open

Name	URL	Short Description
BY COVID	https://by-covid.org/	The BeYond-COVID project aims to make COVID-19 data accessible to scientists in laboratories but also to anyone who can use it, such as medical staff in hospitals or government officials. Going beyond SARS-CoV-2 data, the project will provide a framework for making data from other infectious diseases open & accessible to everyone.
Coronavirus cases, hospital treatment situation and deaths	https://www.thl.fi/episeuranta/tautitapaukset/coronamap.html	Open data on covid-19 is provided by the Finnish Institute for Health and Welfare
COVID	https://thl.fi/en/web/infectious-diseases-and-vaccinations/what-s-new/coronavirus-covid-19-latest-updates	
PHIRI - the Population Health Information Research Infrastructure	https://www.phiri.eu/	PHIRI is the roll-out of the research infrastructure on population health information that aims to facilitate and generate the best available evidence for research on health and well-being of populations as impacted by COVID-19. PHIRI allows for better coordinated European efforts across national and European stakeholders to generate the best COVID-19 population health knowledge.
Statistics Finland's free-of-charge statistical databases	https://statfin.stat.fi/PxWeb/pxweb/en/StatFin/	Statistics Finland's free-of-charge statistical databases include some indicators for health and welfare such as causes of death, deaths

Country has coordinating structures to link public health needs and research needs? **Yes**

Coordinating structures URL <https://www.aka.fi/en/strategic-research/strategic-research/strategic-research-in-a-nutshell/>

R&I Infrastructures

Country has the following research infrastructure for infectious diseases and outbreaks available, or under construction
BSL 3; Emergency intervention units; High level isolation units; High level isolation transport; Reference centres of excellence

Country supporting the participation to the following ESFRI initiatives BBMRI; EATRIS, Other (ELIXIR, EU-OPENSOURCE) relevant for infectious diseases

Website network of clinical trials (e.g. to facilitate the access to clinical trials) the country is involved in

<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/global-research-on-novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov/solidarity-clinical-trial-for-covid-19-treatments>

Budget mobilisation mechanisms and funding sources

Basic Research

url <https://www.aka.fi/en/> (also in case of emergency flexible funding)

funding for basic research accessible for industry?

source of funding Public (research) agencies

Applied Research

url www.businessfinland.fi (also in case of emergency flexible funding)

funding for basic research accessible for industry?

source of funding Public (research) agencies

Translational Research

url

funding accessible for industry?

source of funding Public (research) agencies

Clinical Research (in general)

url

funding accessible for industry?

source of funding Public (research) agencies

phase funded? Phase 1; Phase 2

Clinical Research (in pandemic phase)

url

accessible for industry?

source of funding Public (research) agencies

phase funded ?

Innovation Projects

url www.businessfinland.fi

funding for innovation projects accessible for industry?

Source of funding Public (research) agencies

R&I actors, authorities and activated processes that are activated in case of a health threat

R&I actors, authorities

ministries involved in case of an outbreak; (existing) national or regional structures that advise governments on R&I during emergencies; assessment of research outputs produced during a crisis; international scientific collaboration in case of an outbreak

Name	Description	url
Academy of Finland- Research Council of Finland		https://www.aka.fi/en/
Business Finland	Business Finland funds applied research and innovation companies, when the results will be available for the use of Finnish companies in their export business.	https://www.businessfinland.fi/en/for-finnish-customers/services/research-organizations/research-organizations
Ministry of Social Affairs and Health		https://stm.fi/en/frontpage
Research and Innovation Council	<p>The Research and Innovation Council is an advisory body chaired by the Prime Minister. The Council discusses key issues relating to the development of research and innovation policy that supports the wellbeing, growth and competitiveness.</p> <p>The purpose of the Research and Innovation Council is to support the government in the development and coordination of long-term research and innovation policy, to monitor the changes in the national and international operating environment, and to put forward initiatives related to the research and innovation policy.</p>	https://valtioneuvosto.fi/en/research-and-innovation-council



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