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KIT is the most successful German institution in acquiring European research funds

Under the 6th Research Framework Programme of the European Union, the Karlsruhe Institute of Technology acquired more than 80 million euros in research funds and was involved in 209 research projects. These figures show that it outperforms all other individual institutions in Germany, including universities, research centres and industrial companies. KIT has also had a successful start to the 7th Framework Programme.



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Between 2002 and 2006, Baden-Württemberg was granted 672 million euros under the 6th Research Framework Programme (FRP), the largest quantity of funds of all German federal states. One euro in five of all funding received in Germany went to universities, research institutions and companies in the southwest of Germany, according to a recent announcement by the Baden-Württemberg Ministry of Science, Research and the Arts. By far the largest share was allocated to KIT, which is a merger of the University of Karlsruhe and the Karlsruhe Research Centre: Together, the two merged organisations received 80.2 million euros in funding and were involved in 209 projects. In comparison, the University of Stuttgart, which ranks second in the acquisition of funds in Germany, was granted 54 million euros.

KIT's success is confirmed by the current 7th Research Framework Programme. In 2009 alone, KIT scientists acquired European funds totalling more than 22 million euros for 63 new projects. In recent years, European research funding has been growing in importance and is becoming more and more significant. KIT's success in the research framework programmes is evidence of its strength in the field of research.

KIT also occupies a leading position on an international level in areas outside the scope of the research framework programmes. Following its victory in the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT) competition, KIT is to set up and coordinate one of only three European Knowledge and Innovation Communities (KICs). The "InnoEnergy" KIC to be run by KIT is aimed at creating a sustainable energy system for Europe up to 2050.

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