

Discussion on
Governance, Operation and Funding
Instruments of A New Promotion Agency for
Research and Innovation

New agency for promotion of research

- New agency - collecting all instruments related to implementation of the national research policy and participation in international activities.
- Policy development – at higher level:
 - Council of Ministers,
 - Smart growth council,
 - Ministry of Education and Science.
- Coordination with NIF and sectorial ministries.

New agency:

Implement the National policies and activities related to research:

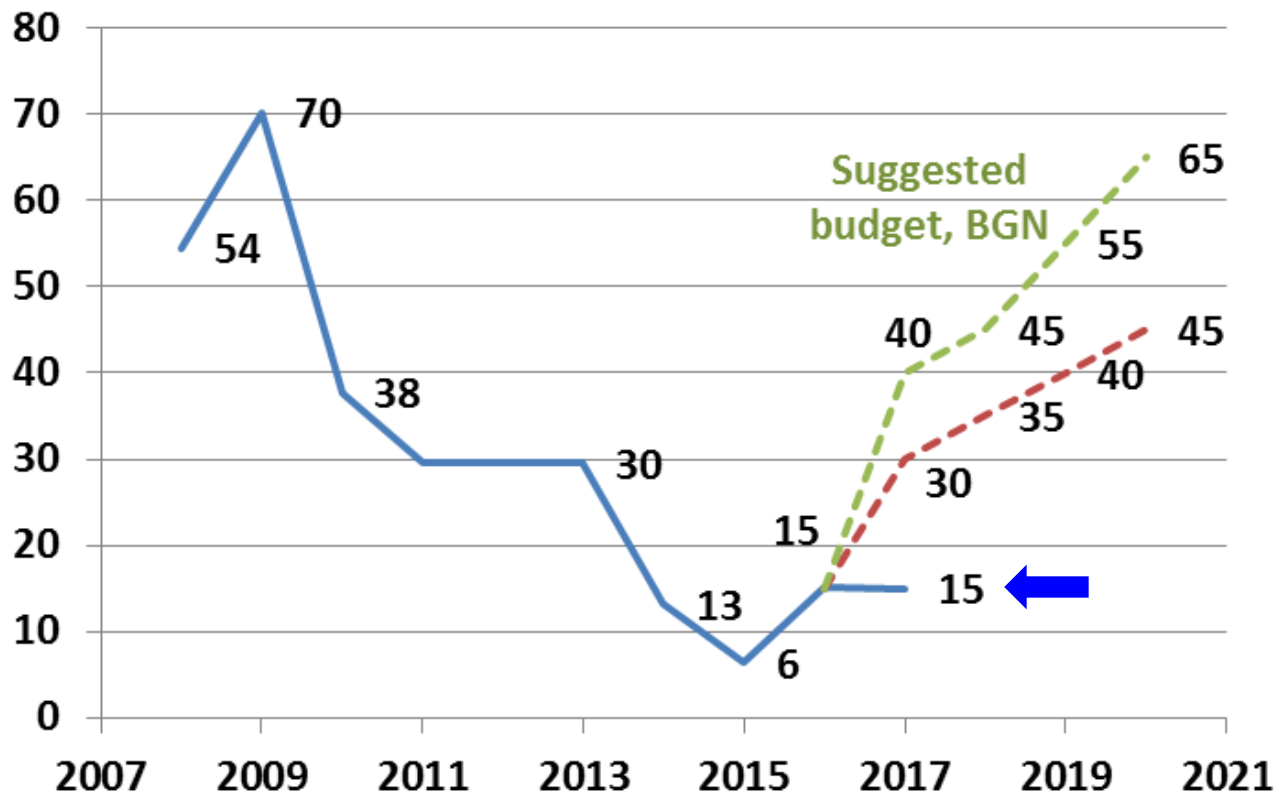
- Promotion of research through financing of scientific research projects and programs: planning, evaluation, financing, monitoring and final assessment of the results;
- Implement bilateral and multilateral cooperation via projects and programs;
- Support of development of human resources in research via programs for qualification of researchers at all stages of their career, etc.
- Monitor, evaluate and support research-performing organizations;
- Coordinate and support the development of centers of excellence/centers of competence, regional centers, high level research groups, etc.;
- Facilitate and promote active participation of Bulgarian teams and individual researchers in the framework programs of EU;

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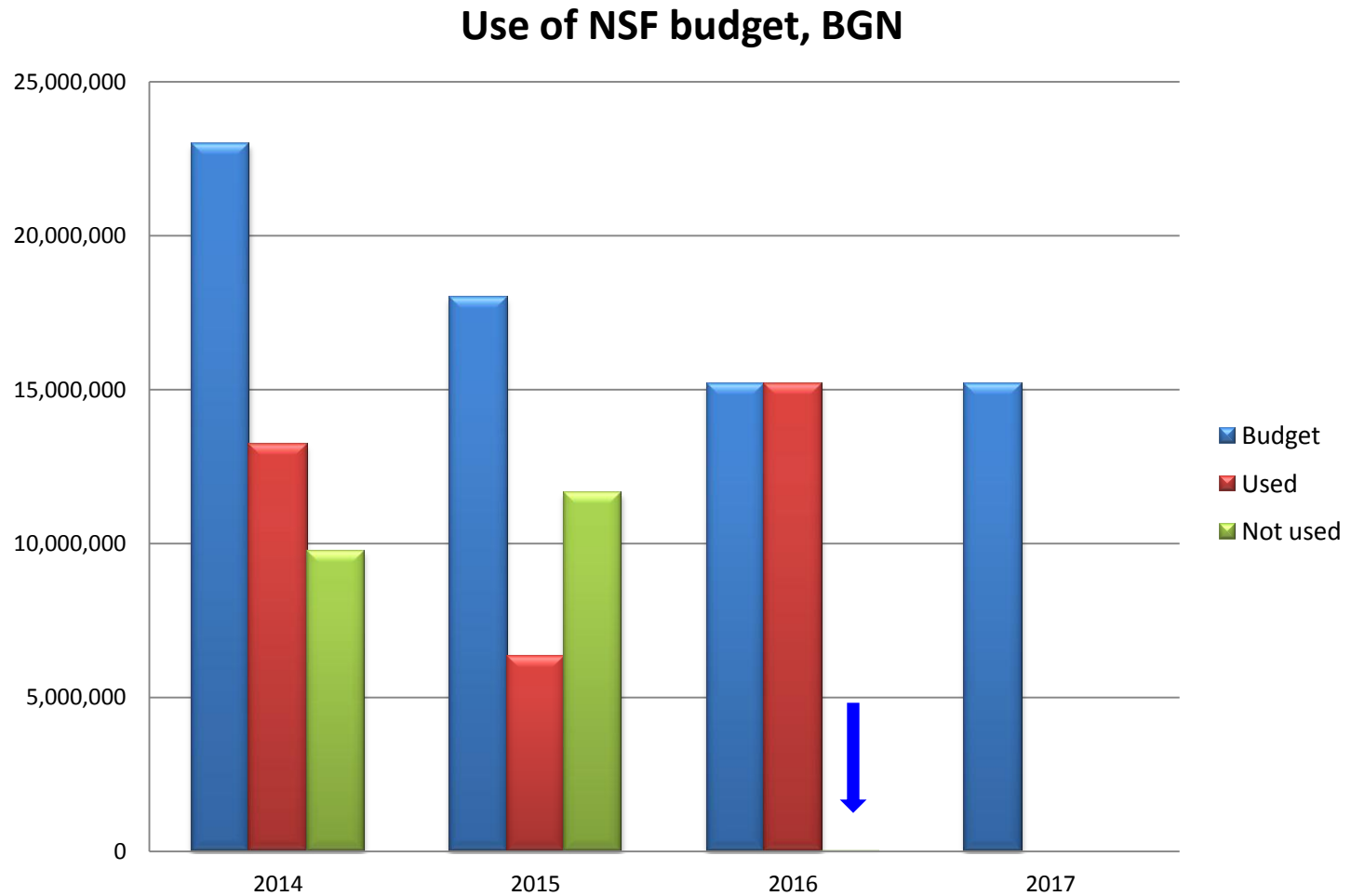
Implement the National policies and activities related to research:

- Promote effective use of scientific research output, including the transfer of knowledge to industry and society;
- Coordinate investment in the scientific infrastructure and its efficient use.
- Support of applied research within the frame of the State aid regulations of EU;
- Manage structural funds, related to research and research system, in the next program period.
- Implement activities for the cooperation with the Bulgarian scientific diaspora;
- Coordinate research-related activities with other ministries and institutions.

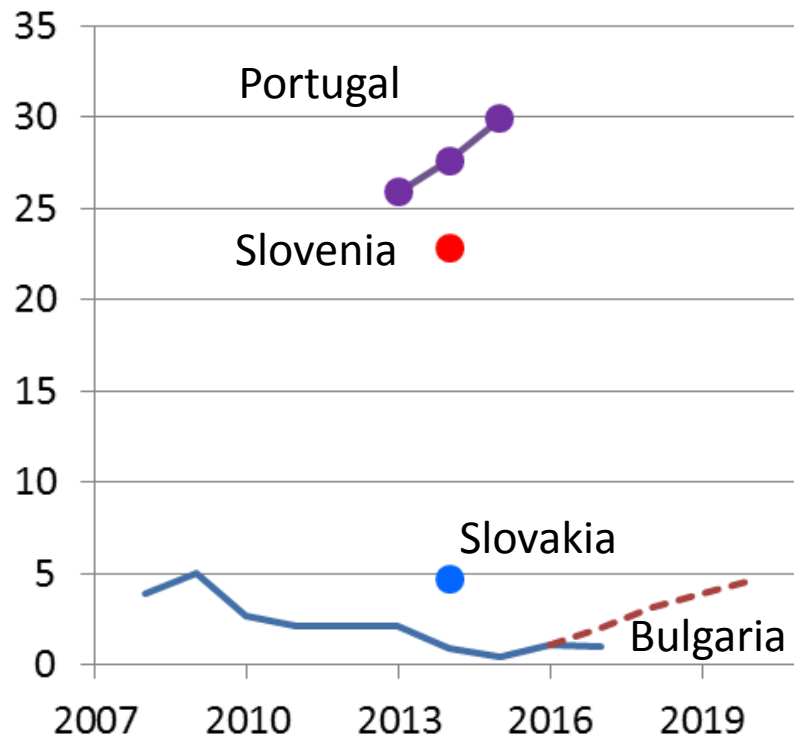
Reality – the budget



Reality – use of the budget



Comparison with some EU countries



Budget of the national research funding agency in EUR per capita.

Necessary changes

- Wide national agreement for strong and sustainable support of research
- Increase of the budget of the agency to levels comparable with other EU countries
- Increase of the number and qualification of the personnel to cover all current and new activities