
Abbreviations and acronyms

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| £ | British pound (GBP) |
| € | euro |
| ANVAR | French innovation agency (now incorporated into OSEO) |
| BERD | business expenditure on research and development |
| BERR | Department for Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform (UK) (now replaced by BIS) |
| BIS | Department for Business, Innovation and Skills (UK) |
| C\$ | Canadian dollar (CAD) |
| CIR | French research tax credit |
| DKK | Danish krone |
| DoD | Department of Defense (US) |
| ESA | European Space Agency |
| EU | European Union |
| EUREKA | intergovernmental organisation for pan-European R&D funding |
| GDP | gross domestic product |
| GERD | gross expenditure on research and development |
| GVA | gross value added |
| HRST | human resources in science and technology |
| IFRS | International Financial Reporting Standards |
| ISO | International Organization for Standardization |
| IT | information technology |
| KIBS | knowledge-intensive business services |
| NASA | National Aeronautics and Space Administration (US) |
| NOK | Norwegian krone |
| NTBF | new technology-based firms |
| OECD | Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development |
| OSEO | French organisation for growth and innovation in SMEs |
| R&D | research and development |
| RDA | Regional Development Agency (UK) (abolished 2012) |
| RDI | research, development and innovation |
| SBDC | Small Business Development Center (US) |
| SBIR | Small Business Innovation Research (US) |
| SME | small and medium-sized enterprise |
| STI | science, technology and innovation |
| Tekes | Finnish Funding Agency for Innovation |
| TRL | technology readiness level |
| UI | university–industry |
| US\$ | United States dollar (USD) |