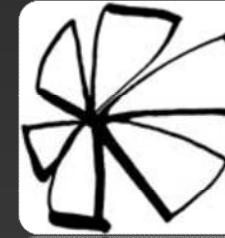


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# National level

- The MSRTCD: formulation of the national policy and strategy in the field of scientific research and technological development, and its execution in collaboration with ministries.
- The scientific research and technological innovation system is organized according to research structures : **Research Units** and **Research Laboratories** .
- 1% of GDP is allocated to R&T. About 91% of the research expenditures is funded by the Government, and the rest 9% are ensured by private sector and international cooperation

# International level

- Bilateral cooperation and specific contracted agreements are established mainly with **France** (1862 in 2007) and **Morocco** (57 in 2007) because of long traditions, academic system and language.
- **Germany** and **Tunisia** are connected by a long tradition of education and training educational migrants that dates back to the 1960s.
- Limited **formal** cooperations between German and Tunisian universities established through Memorandum of understanding in Sciences and Technologies (1998). **Informal exchanges** are the basic context for the transfer of know-how and methodology.

## Recently

- Greater efforts are planned to be made to engage the North African and Middle Eastern alumni associations of the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation in new strategies in German-Arab research cooperation and in future projects.
- The German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) and the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation are planning to provide additional exchange opportunities for study and research with Tunisia.
- The First International Conference on “Research to Applications & Markets” RAM 2011, Maghreb-Alexander von Humboldt Alumni Association, Faculties of Sciences of Sfax, Monastir and the Doctoral School of the Faculty of Sciences of Sfax and the Humboldt Kolleg sponsored by the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, Monastir, June 23 - 25, 2011

# Conclusion

- Cooperation with German institutions in Science and Technology has to be reinforced and promoted in the priority areas (Biotechnology, Water, Environment, etc.) through the development of scientific excellence networks.

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