



Foundation for
Polish Science

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Registered in 1991 (*transformed Central Fund
for Development of Science and Technology*)

Initial endowment (1991): 24 M euros

Market value of the current assets 120 M
euros

- **self-financing**
- **non-profit**
- **public benefit organization**



Why (and for whom) do we evaluate ourselves?



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Examine & improve our programmes

Get new knowledge of the community

Prove ourselves to the general public

Comply with the top standards





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Our activities

All the fields of science

All the stages of scientific career

**Annual contributions to R&D (2007):
5,7 M euros)**

22 funding schemes





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- Limited budget
- Mission



Fellowships

trust

flexibility

no clear results





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How we evaluate our programmes?

External evaluation (flagship programmes)



Internal evaluation (each programme every 3-5 years)



Monitoring (each programme every year)





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Tools - Mixture

- programme documents and procedures
- surveys
- databases of researches
- analysis of other programmes
- **interviews** (staff, fellows, potential participants, peer-reviewers, other institutions, etc.)
- final reports
- statistics



What do we want?



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flexibility

reporting

complexity

transparency

(few) indicators

taylor- made
evaluation

simplicity

comparability

diversity

benchmarking

integrity

Can we have it all?

