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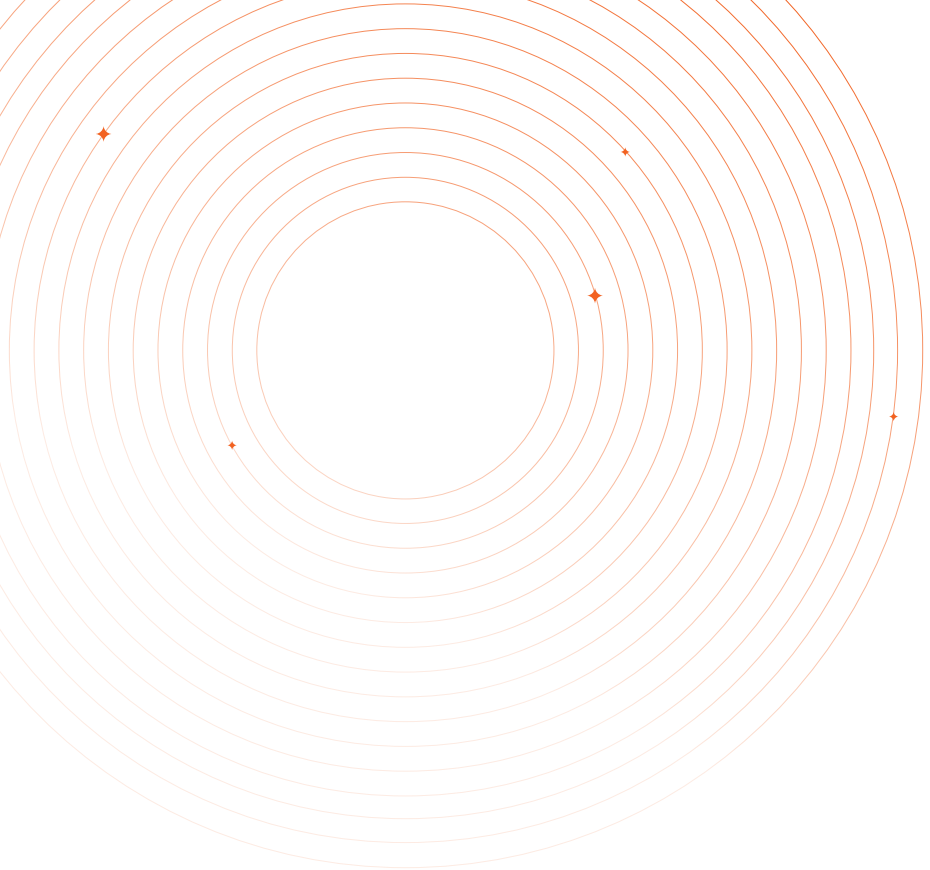
# NATIONAL THINK TANK

Part

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National Research Council for Economics,  
Humanities and Social Sciences is opening a venue  
for change and research cooperation  
for the sustainable development of the nation  
and mid/long-term advancement of national policies,  
and playing a leading role  
as the **National Think Tank**.

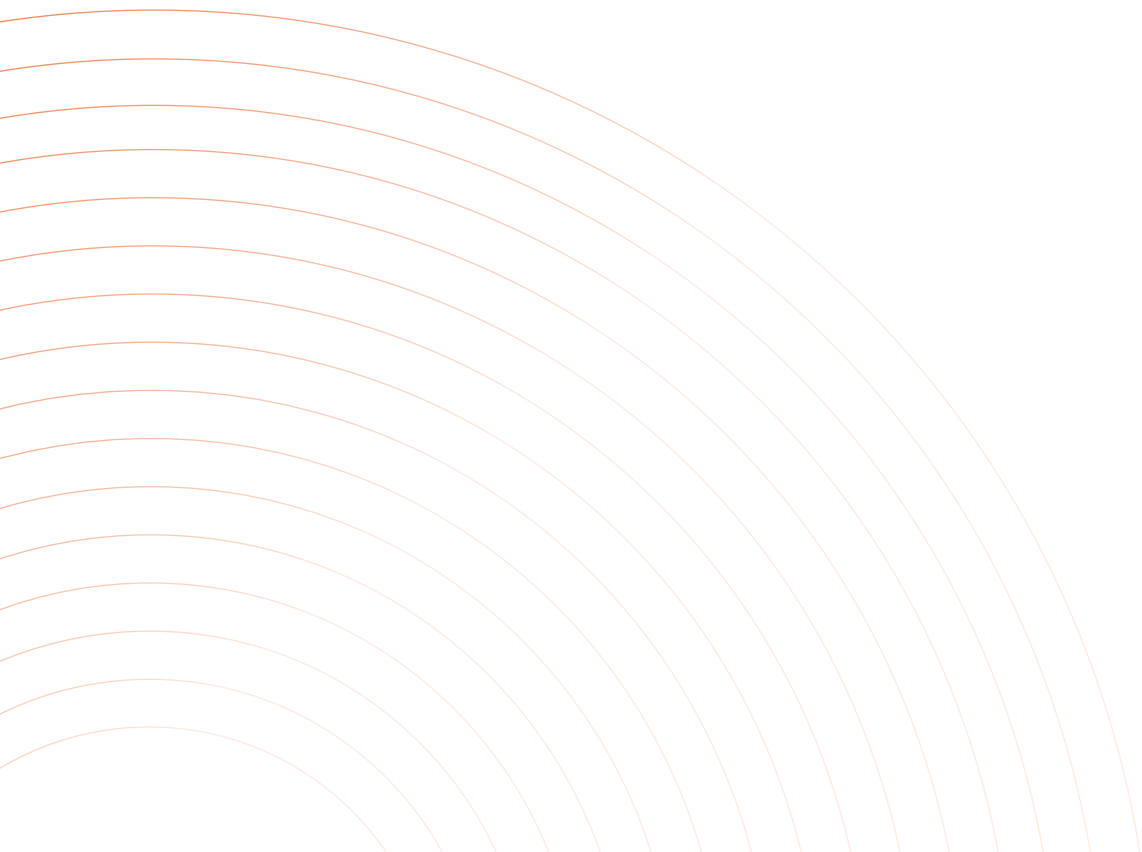
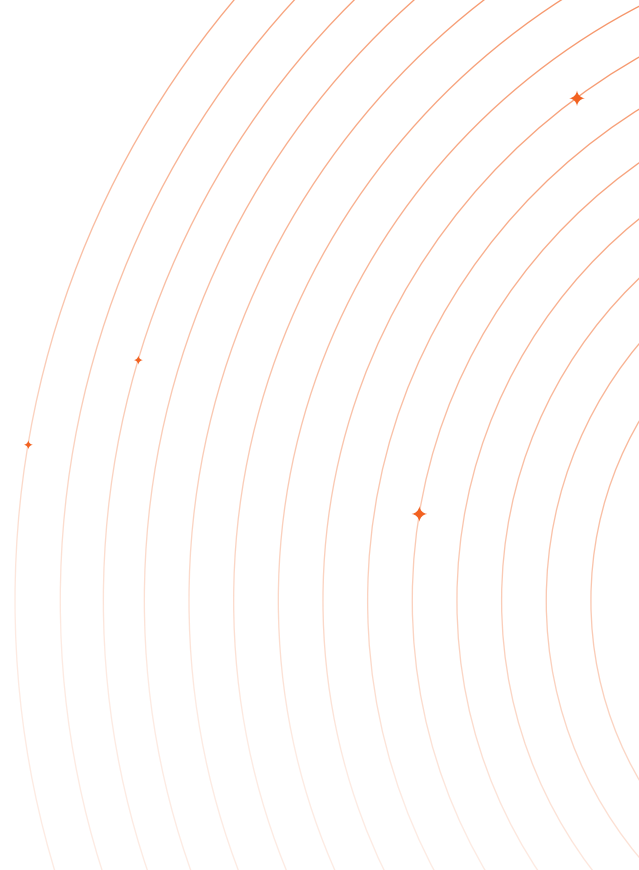




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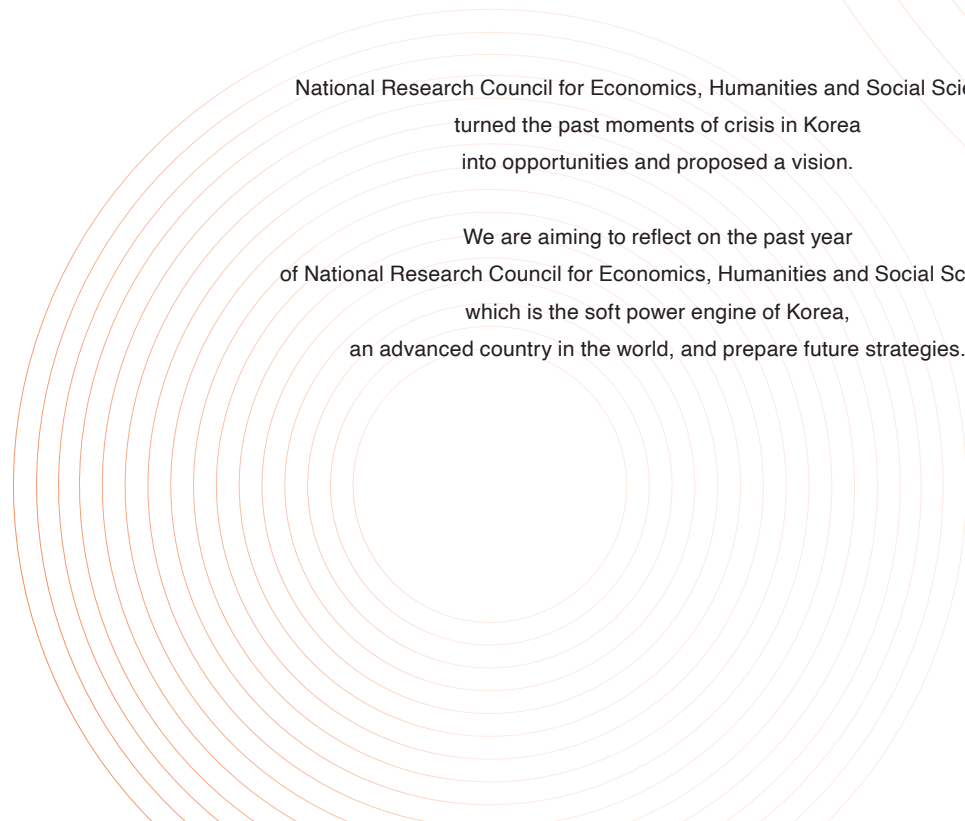


Prepare for the upcoming future



National Research Council for Economics, Humanities and Social Sciences  
turned the past moments of crisis in Korea  
into opportunities and proposed a vision.

We are aiming to reflect on the past year  
of National Research Council for Economics, Humanities and Social Sciences,  
which is the soft power engine of Korea,  
an advanced country in the world, and prepare future strategies.



## Introduction of National Research Council for Economics, Humanities and Social Sciences

### Objective of Establishment

National Research Council for Economics, Humanities and Social Sciences is a public institute established under the Prime Minister pursuant to the 「Act on the Establishment, Operation and Fostering of Government-Funded Research Institutes」, and aims to contribute to the knowledge industry and support research business policies of the nation by supporting and fostering National Policy Research Institutes in the field of economics, humanities and social sciences research and managing them systematically.

### Key functions

National Research Council for Economics, Humanities and Social Sciences aims to construct a rational national research framework and achieve development and rationalization of management for National Policy Research Institutes, and is fostering and providing support so that National Policy Research Institutes can lead national policies in the field of economics, humanities and social sciences and secure the stature as the think tank of Korea that proactively shapes the future of the nation.

### History

On March 1999, 43 National Policy Research Institutes that used to belong in individual ministries were transferred to be directly under the Prime Minister to have the institutes belong to 5 research councils in line with the tasks and functions, and hence, a framework consisting of 5 research councils was launched.

On July 2005, two research councils for economics, humanities and social sciences were integrated into a single National Research Council for Economics, Humanities and Social Sciences to resolve issues and shortages of the management and operation system for National Policy Research Institutes and strengthen the inherent function of the research council.

On November 2020, Architecture & Urban Research Institute became an independent entity, and currently, the National Research Council for Economics, Humanities and Social Sciences consists of 26 National Policy Research Institutes in total, including 24 National Policy Research Institutes and 2 affiliated institutes.



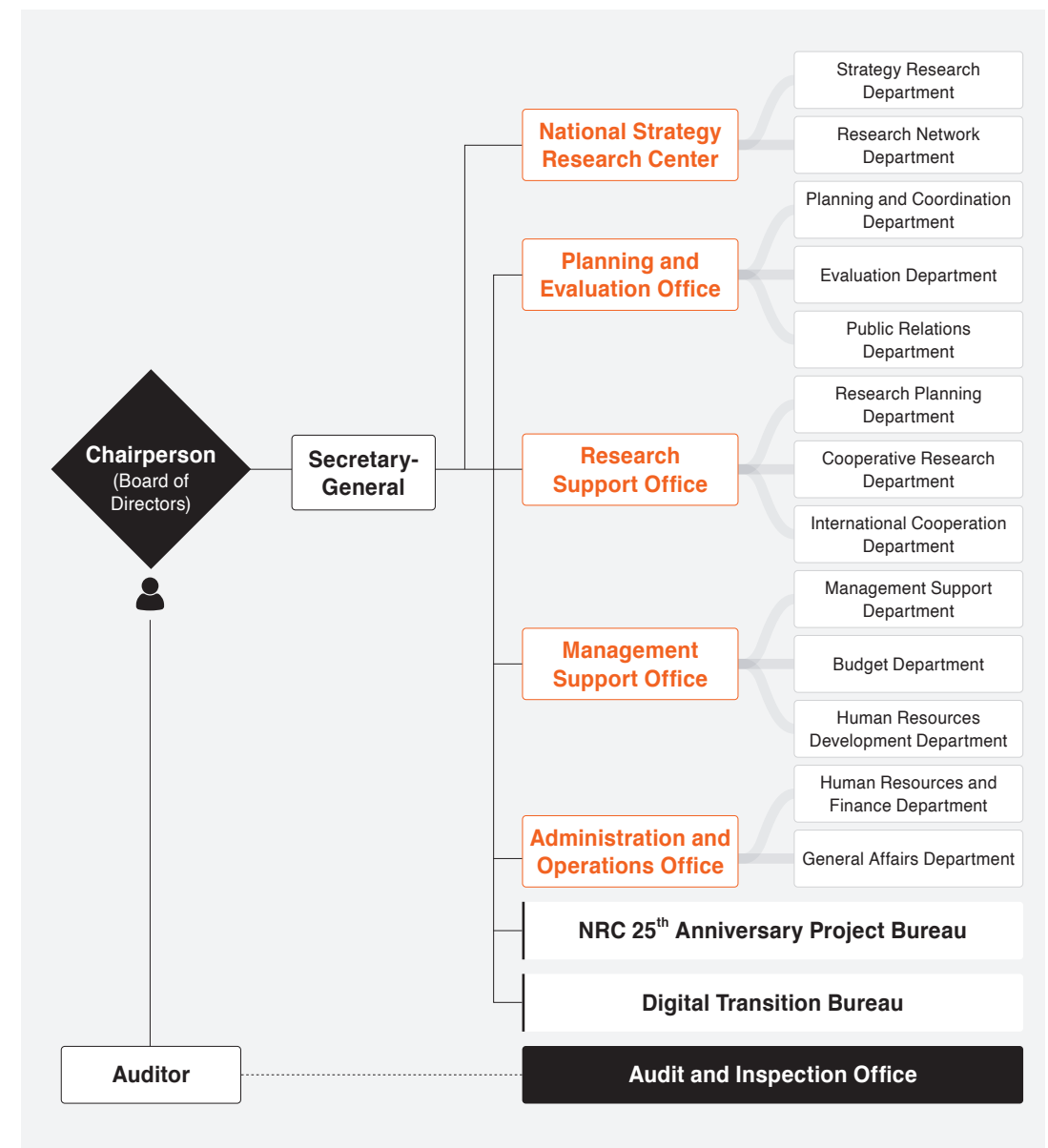
## Organizational Chart and Personnel

Directors	No.	*2
Regular worker	No.	66
Indefinite-term Contract	No.	31
Fixed-term contract	No.	16

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\* 1 executive director, 1 non-executive auditor

\*\* As of end of December 2022(Excluding part-time employees such as interns and part-time workers)



## Budget

(Unit: KRW 1,000)

### Income budget

Category	2022 Budget [A]	2023 Budget [B]	Increase△Decrease	
			[B-A]	%
Total	43,548,300	39,497,000	△4,051,300	△9.3
I. Government Funding	43,542,800	39,291,000	△4,051,800	△9.3
II. Income	205,500	206,000	500	0.2

\* As of end of December 2022 (Unit: KRW 1,000)

### Expense Budget

Category	2022 Budget [A]	2023 Budget [B]	Increase△Decrease	
			[B-A]	%
Total	43,548,300	39,497,000	△4,051,300	△9.3
1. Labor Cost	7,277,000	7,503,000	226,000	3.1
2. R&D Expense	33,717,300	2,9232,000	△4,485,300	△13.3
3. Current OperatingExpense	2,554,000	2,762,000	208,000	8.1



## Key organizations

### Board of Directors

As the top most decision-making organization of the National Research Center and National Policy Research Institutes, the Board of Directors consists of 17 people including the Chairperson and is categorized into Ex-officio Members of the Board of Directors and Appointed Members of the Board of Directors. Ex-officio Members of the Board of Directors consist of vice minister-level figures of government ministries pursuant to the legislation, and Appointed Members of the Board of Directors are appointed by the Prime Minister following recommendations from the industries, academia and research circles.

Board of Directors	Regular Session of Board of Directors (3 times/year, Mar/May/Dec)	Special Session of Board of Directors (Ad-hoc)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Settlement of the previous year and business plan and budget change for the current year</li> <li>Request for budget and business plan for the next year</li> <li>Deliberation and resolution on the budget (proposal) and plan of the implementation business</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recommendation of directors and auditors for the Research Council</li> <li>Appointment of the Chairperson and auditors of National Policy Research Institutes</li> <li>Approval of the management target by the heads of National Policy Research Institutes</li> <li>Evaluation of National Policy Research Institutes</li> <li>Deliberation and resolution on the amendments of the articles of association of National Policy Research Institutes and the Research Council</li> </ul>

### Planning and Evaluation Committee

As the review and advisory organization that evaluates the National Policy Research Institutes and long-term development direction in the field of economics, humanities and social sciences, the Planning and Evaluation Committee consists of 45 people including the Chairperson. The method of appointment is such that the Chairperson of the Research Council is appointed by gaining the consensus of the Research Council among personnel from various industries, academia, and research areas with an abundance of knowledge and experience in the field of economics, humanities, and social sciences.

Planning and Evaluation Committee	Planning and Coordination Expert Committee	Comprehensive Coordination Sub Committee	Strategic Planning Sub Committee	Project Planning and Budget Expert Committee	Economy Industry and Trade Sub Committee	Human Settlements and Environment Sub Committee	Welfare Labor and Gender Sub Committee	Future Preparations Sub Committee	Public Policy Sub Committee	International Cooperation Expert Committee
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tasks on long-term development directions of the corresponding research fields</li> <li>Tasks on coordination of functions and reorganization among National Policy Research Institutes</li> <li>Task on evaluation of National Policy Research Institutes</li> <li>Advisory tasks related to IT businesses of National Policy Research Institutes and Research Councils</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tasks on research planning in the field of economics, humanities and social sciences</li> <li>Tasks on cooperative research business planned by the Research Council</li> <li>Other items requesting for support/advices upon acknowledgement by the Chairperson</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tasks related to budget and business plan of National Policy Research Institutes</li> <li>Tasks related to budget and cooperative research business plan of National Policy Research Institutes and the Research Council</li> <li>Tasks on approval of the management target by the head of the institute</li> <li>Other items requesting for support/advices upon acknowledgement by the Chairperson</li> </ul>					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Setting the direction for long-term development and planning international cooperation</li> <li>Tasks related to pursuing joint research with overseas institutes to resolve national issues</li> <li>Reviewing the details of the internationalization tasks of National Policy Research Institutes and the Research Council</li> </ul>

### Management Council

Management Council consists of 41 people in total, including the Chairperson (1), directors (16) and the heads of National Policy Research Institutes (24), and the Chairperson leads the meeting as the commissioner of the council

Management Council (Twice a year, once each in the 1st half and the 2nd half)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Advice on the key policy decisions of the Research Council</li> <li>Key agenda of National Policy Research Institutes and common agreement items among National Policy Research Institutes</li> <li>Provide support/advices on items that are deemed to require advice and support by the Chairperson</li> </ul>

## 2022 Business Target and Main Businesses

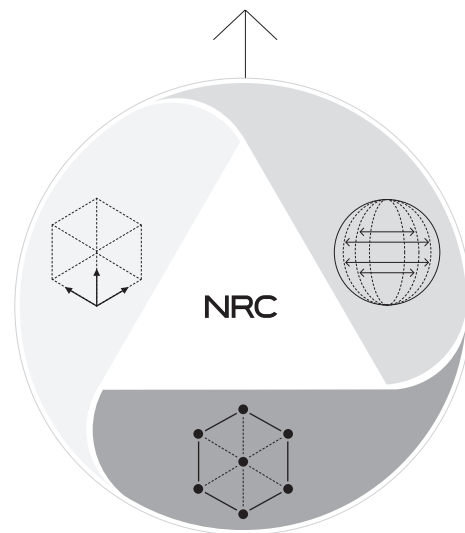


### Vision

Global think tank group that designs Korea's Future in the era of Great Transformation

### Target

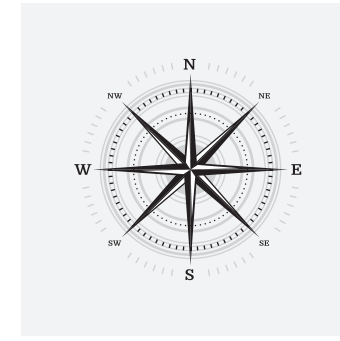
Enhance the responsiveness of National Policy Research Institutes in the era of Great Transformation



Establish a policy research ecosystem to strengthen national competence

Create an organizational culture where employees and the organization grow together

## Main Businesses



no. 01

### Propose the national vision by pursuing research on national strategy

- Construct and operate a research platform for each of the top 10 national strategy tasks
- Draft strategy report, carry out cooperative research on national strategy, carry out strategy research on external strategy council, host seminars and academic conferences, and so forth



no. 02

### Timely policy support through national policy research

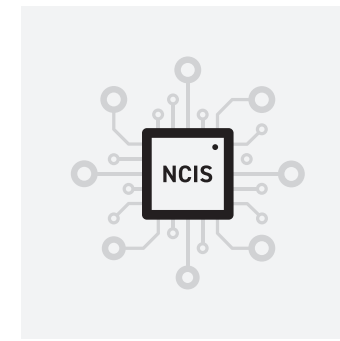
- Strengthen the foundation for research planning based on the national survey on demand for policy research
- Plan cooperative research on national policy by conducting a survey on demand for tasks for the government to provide policy support



no. 03

### Innovation of the policy research environment and vitalization of the convergence network

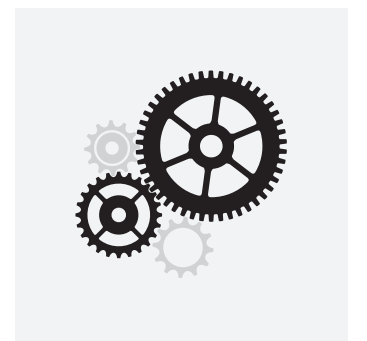
- Prepare the foundation for joint development among the private sector/public sector/research circle/industry/academia by creating and supporting the knowledge ecosystem for policy research
- Drive the diffusion of the outcomes of National Policy Research Institutes from an integrated perspective through the construction of the Smart Promotion Platform



no. 04

### Innovation of the policy research environment through digital transformation

- Newly established a dedicated department to pursue joint digital transformation across National Policy Research Institutes (Feb 2022)
- Constructed the cooperative system in the cloud environment
- Drove vitalization of the Smart Research Platform for National Policy Research Institutes (NCIS)



no. 05

### Secured competitiveness of National Policy Research Institutes by forming a research immersion environment

- Broke down the educational curriculum by considering the position and life cycle of the employee of National Policy Research Institutes and developed the career development program that is in line with the required capability in each phase
- Pursued project to raise the efficiency in the areas of research and administration for National Policy Research Institutes

# Achieved

Part  
2

Various channels were prepared to ensure communication and to diversify utilization so that the research outcomes accomplished by the National Research Council for Economics, Humanities and Social Sciences and 26 National Policy Research Institutes can be returned to the government and the citizens.



# Research Planning & Domestic/Overseas Exchange and Cooperation

As the main pillar of the national think tank, National Research Council for Economics, Humanities and Social Sciences plans national strategies, conducts research at a global level and makes full effort to construct exchange and cooperation network amidst various shifts in the internal and external policy environment such as change in demographics, digital transformation, climate change, aggravation of US-China competition and response to Covid-19 pandemic.

Cooperative research on national strategy

Cooperative research on national policies and implementation system

Research project on humanities policy

Construction and promotion of data-based future prediction and policy support system

Business on international cooperation

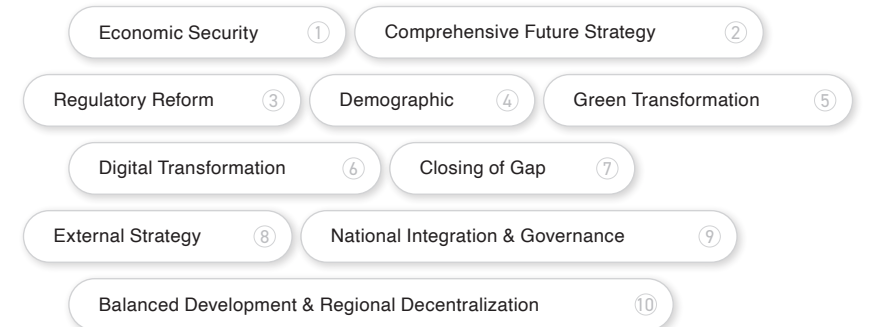
## Cooperative research on national strategy

### Restructuring of the implementation system for cooperative research

Research Council categorized the cooperative research implementation system previously planned by the Research Council into cooperative research on national strategy and cooperative research on national policy. Cooperative research on national strategy aims to plan and conduct research to pre-emptively discover national strategy agenda amidst the complex internal and external changes in the policy environment and support the establishment of mid/long-term national strategy. Cooperative research on national policy aims to develop and propose policy measures and support core national policies through interdisciplinary convergence research on topics such as nation-wide policy tasks, mid/long-term national development strategy and future strategy.











### Construction and operation of the model to pursue national strategy research platform in 2022

The Research Council selected 10 national strategy tasks\* that reflect the 「120 National Tasks of the Yoon Suk-yeol Administration」 and is in the process of constructing and operating the national strategy research platform (TF, Research Group, and etc.) and the NRC National Strategy Research Committee.



### Achievement of cooperative research on national strategy in 2022

Research Council aimed to resolve complex tasks in the field of economics, humanities and social sciences by applying the Total Research Management (TRM) that covers the entire cycle and conducted 13 cooperative research on national strategy.

Top 10 National Strategy Tasks	Name of task	Hosted by
1. Economic Security 	• Strategy to strengthen the stability of the national logistics network to secure Korean-specific economic security	KOTI
	• Research on scenario-based economic security response strategy	KLRI
2. Comprehensive Future Strategy 	• Research on the strategy to strengthen the systemic nature of the mid/long-term national plan	KDISCHOOL
3. Regulatory Reform 	• Plan to adopt the post regulatory impact evaluation system	KDI
	• Research on the establishment of the basic plan to construct the data platform for smart regulation	KIPA
	• Plan to strengthen the competitiveness of the Regulation-free Special Zone	KIET
4. Demographics 	• Research on the life environment indicator that integrates all ages in the local society for the adaptation to the change in the demographics	AURI
5. Green Transformation 	• Research conducted on national balanced development strategy through the construction of the carbon neutral megacity	KEI
	• Policy research on carbon neutralityII	KEI
6. Digital Transformation 	• Research on the social/economic innovation strategy through digital transformation	KISDI
7. Closing the Gap 	• Innovation of income-based social insurance • Research on response strategy and diagnosis of phenomenon of division in the Korean society	KLI KIHASA
8. External Strategy 	• Research on national strategy to establish the peaceful unification system in the Korean peninsula	KINU
9. National integration and Governance 	• Discovery of new demand (expected) (Reference) Proposal on "Current agenda on social conflicts and agenda on future conflicts" (2022.10)	
10. Regional decentralization and balanced development 	• Discovery of new demand (expected) (Reference) Proposal on "Issue on regional decentralization of central authority" (2022.11)	

### External strategy research planning

Research Council established and operated an open strategy research platform to provide comprehensive information on major political issues across the world and response to current issues of each field to the policy decision-makers based on the need to strengthen regional diplomacy in areas such as India, Pacific and Central Asia including 4 countries that surround Korea.

<b>NRC Global Strategy Research</b>	Pursued Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity (IPEF) research that embodies the proposition and analysis on the status of key nations in the Indo-Pacific region for each key issue
<b>NRC Japan Research Council</b>	Published 8 strategy reports and a comprehensive report 2022. 2. through discussions on key agenda encompassing the reconstruction of the Korea-Japan relationship and the operation of the Research Council on Japan
<b>Korea-China Future Vision Forum</b>	Hosted the 「Achievement for the past 30 years on Korea-China diplomatic relations and research on future vision」 seminar 2022. 3., published a report 2022. 4. and provided the report to 'Korea-China Relations Future Development Committee' in addition to the reference materials for the policy
<b>Investigation on the Status of Global Think Tank</b>	Published the report to review competitiveness factors and the role and status of think tanks of major global nations 「Status and Implications of Global Think Tank to Lead National Policies of the Future」 2022. 4.
<b>Global Issue Brief (GIB)</b>	Provided strategy and perspective of Korea on the global agenda in the era of Great Transformation in a timely manner, published the global issue brief, a digital monthly, 6 times to support decision-making by the government 2022. 7. ~ 2022. 12. and hosted a global issue workshop 2022. 12.

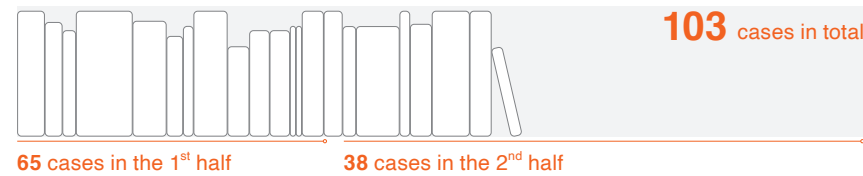


## Cooperative research on national policies and implementation system

### Planning/pursuing cooperative research on integrated/converged national policy

In 2022, the cooperative research project planned by the Research Council was pursued as research to respond to ad-hoc emergency issues, cooperative research that reflects the result of demand survey of organizations such as joint research group, National Policy Research Institutes and committees, cooperative research on national policy to establish the mid/long-term development direction and future development and cooperative research that reflects the result of demand survey on government ministries, the National Assembly and so forth, and the Research Council reinforced the members in the Review Deliberation Committee in the planning meeting upon kick-off reporting session to strengthen the planning function in pursuing the tasks of cooperative research.

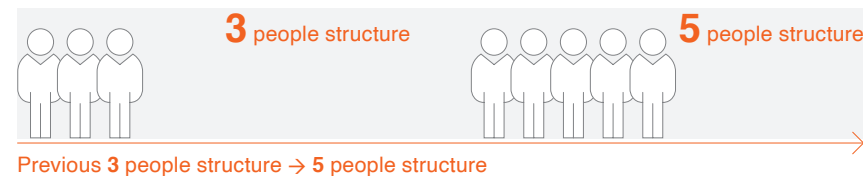
☞ — Number of tasks proposed in 2022



☞ — Number of tasks planned and proposed as cooperative research on national policy



☞ — Reinforcement of members in the Review Deliberation Committee



In addition, due to the nature of cooperative research tasks, there are cases where the research period does not end within the year, and thus, cooperative research that were planned and pursued in 2021 were also continuously managed. Specifically, 69 kick-off/interim/final reporting sessions were held for 69 tasks of 2021 for continuous management.

Items that were pointed out in the previous National Assembly were reflected and demand survey on tasks was conducted on December 2022 (N-1 year) to carry out the tasks in the 1st half of 2023, and the targets of demand survey was expanded to include not only the National Assembly but also municipal government-funded research institutes, and the survey was conducted from December 6th, 2022 to December 30th, 2022 to strengthen cooperative research on balanced development and local extinction.

Category	No. of tasks (Cases)	No. of proposals (Cases)			
<b>Total</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>103</b>			
Cooperative Research on National Strategy	13	-			
Cooperative research on national policy	Demand survey	1st half	Government ministries, and etc.	9	24
		Corresponding National Policy Research Institutes, and etc.	6	41	
	2nd half	Government ministries, National Assembly, and etc.	3	6	
		Corresponding National Policy Research Institutes, and etc.	11	32	
Self-Planning	3	-			
Ad-hoc Request	5	-			

### Use/diffusion of outcome on cooperative research

The Research Council provided support to host the seminar on diffusion of outcomes of the tasks that were completed and tasks that were under progress in 2022, and published a cooperative research report on 50 tasks that were completed in 2022. In addition, NRC Policy Brief was drafted and sent in the form of NRC Newsletter, and outcomes were diffused through the main website of the Research Council and the portal for national policy research (www.nkis.re.kr). Through this, efforts were made to enhance the policy contribution level and promotion on citizens through various management, sharing and diffusion of the outcomes of cooperative research in 2022.

### Support for cooperative research among industry, academia and research circles

The Research Council led the international joint academic conference for Korean Association for Public Administration in the summer of 2022 and announced the report related to cooperative research that was planned by the Research Council. In addition, a colloquium was jointly hosted as a follow-up measure on the conclusion of MOU between the Research Council and the Korean Social Science Research Council. Discussion on the cooperation plan between the private and the public sector on the development of social sciences in Korea was carried out among heads of the associations belonging to the Korean Social Science Research Council and the heads of National Policy Research Institutes corresponding to the Research Council, and on top of this, comprehensive debates and discussions on social phenomenon (ESG) were facilitated among policy researchers and rising researchers in the private sector.



### Domestic conferences and joint academic events held in 2022

Category	Date	Hosted by	Topic
1	01.06./01.13./01.20. (3 days in total)	Korean Association for Public Administration, Korean Association for Policy Studies	Era of Great Transformation, How will Korea change?
2	02.05.	Korean Regional Development Association	Zero Carbon 2050 and balanced regional development using big data which converges location, geography and statistics
3	02.10.	Critical Sociological Association of Korea	Role of the nation in securing public interest and innovating higher education
4	02.17.-02.18.	Korean Association for Local Government Studies	Construction of the ecosystem for balanced development and sustainable autonomy and decentralization
5	03.31.	Korean Academic Society of Business Administration, Korean Economic Association, Korean Sociological Association, Korean Political Science Association	Tasks of the new government for sustainable development of Korea
6	04.06.	Korean Association of NGO Studies	Analysis of the result of the 20 <sup>th</sup> presidential election and the change in the political society of Korea
7	04.15.	Korean Association for Political Economy	Economic circumstances of Korea and the role of monetary and tax policy
8	04.22.	EUSA-Korea	Economic integration in the era of transformation between Korea-EU and strategic lookout for peace and cooperation
9	05.27.-05.28.	Korean Regional Development Association	National direction taken by the new administration on Great Transformation for the happiness of citizens
10	05.28.	Korean Association for Survey Research	Theoretical review on items such as analysis cases and online investigation based on probability sampling
11	06.08./07.20./08.17./09.21./10.19./11.09. (6 times in total)	Korean Sociological Association	Life and policy of youths, youths/women and safety, jobs for the youths, Men in their 20s VS Women in their 20s, Is platform a disaster or a blessing for the youths? Rags to riches? Debate on social mobility of the younger generation
12	06.22.-06.24.	Korean Association for Public Administration	Digital, Green and Covid-19: Contemplating on administration in the era of Great Transformation
13	06.23.	Governance Center	Yoon Suk-yeol administration and regional innovation
14	06.30.	Korean-Chinese Association of Social Science Studies	30 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of diplomatic relations between Korea-China, and the future of Korea-China relationship
15	06.28.-06.30.	Korean Association of International Studies	Theory of state in the era of Great Transformation: International politics on overcoming crisis
16	08.26.	Association of Korean Economics Studies	Tasks and countermeasures of the post-Covid Korean and global economy
17	09.23.	Korean Association for Policy Studies	Era of Great Transformation Reshaping the policy: Going beyond recovery to transform into future-innovation
18	10.21.	Korea Research Association of Global Trade & Management	Economic security and global supply chain management
19	10.22.	Korean Criminal Law Association	Modern tasks on the principle of legality (nulla poena[nullum crimen] sine lege)
20	10.22.	Korean Academy of International Business Management	Value creation and management consulting in the global ESG ecosystem
21	11.04.-11.05.	Korean Society for Social Theory	Future of society and digital/green transformation of 21 <sup>st</sup> century capitalism
22	11.04.	Korea Productivity Association	Change and convergence of the productivity paradigm
23	12.03.	Korean Family Studies Association	Expansion of family diversity and new family perceptions
24	12.16.	Korean Association for Policy Sciences	Policy science and the socially marginalized in the Era of Great Transformation
25	11.15.	Korean Academic Society of Business Administration, Korean Economic Association, Korean Sociological Association, Korean Political Science Association	Path that Korea should take in the era of crisis and transformation
26	11.18.	Korean Association of Social Policy	Age of fracture: Another challenge of social policy
27	12.02.-12.05.	East Asia Administrative Law Association	Status and tasks on the police administrative law, and administrative control on public corporations

## Construction and promotion of data-based future prediction and policy support system

### Data-based future prediction/policy support model research II project

The Research Council developed and enhanced of the future prediction/policy support model related to national challenges and the field of economics, humanities and social sciences to vitalize the data-based policy research of corresponding National Policy Research Institutes and the Research Council, and prepared the policy research foundation required for timely and efficient response and management of national challenges by completing the data-based future prediction/policy support model research II project from December 2021 to August 2022.

### NRC data information system enhancement (Year 2) project

The Research Council enhanced the system through the 2nd year project of the NRC Data Information System (NDIS) from December 2021 to August 2022. The objective of the NRC Data Information System project was to ensure timely and efficient response of evidence-based policy research on current affairs of the state and to vitalize data-based policy research of corresponding National Policy Research Institutes and the Research Council. Researchers can use NRC Data Information System to analyze data in various forms and conduct data-based policy research efficiently through this.

### MOU signed between the National Assembly-Research Council



The Research Council signed an MOU with the National Assembly on November 21st, 2022, and secured an opportunity to vitalize data cooperation-based policy research to construct and use the national strategy/policy big data platform.

## Research project on humanities policy

### Planning and driving policy research on humanities

In 2022, the Research Council selected 9 topics for policy research on humanities and carried out 10 research tasks in total through 3 public recruitment processes and the procedure to select designated tasks.

List of materials on humanities policy research in 2022

2022 - 01	The direction of culture and art policy after the Covid-19 pandemic: a study on community solidarity and social cohesion through a comparative study of major EU countries (France and Germany)
2022 - 02	Senior-centered humanities: a project for the reinvigoration, survival and future of a local university
2022 - 03	Seeking alternative research paradigm and new knowledge production structure of Korean regional studies
2022 - 04	Survey and analysis to develop research capacity of doctoral students in humanities and social sciences
2022 - 05	A study on globalizing Korean historical contents and producing demonstration through gamification
2022 - 06	A study on the actual condition of young women researchers in the fields of humanities and social sciences
2022 - 07	What democracy can do against 'Antagonism in politics'
2022 - 08	Developing and promoting a novel educational program of digital humanities and computational social sciences
2022 - 09	A study on the conflict cases between IRB and humanities & social sciences researchers: with a special focus on how to improve IRB governance
2022 - 10	Research on the perception on multicultural society in the population-declining era

### Hosted the Special Lecture Series on Intuitive Insight into Humanities and other special lectures

The Research Council hosted the Special Lecture Series on Intuitive Insight into Humanities to refine the knowledge on humanities for the Korean citizens, leaders in the public office, policy makers and policy researchers, as well as to enhance the social and policy use cases of humanities. In addition, the Research Council hosted special lectures and seminars to gather various opinions on major policy issues while deliberating on the recent social issues such as the mutual perception of the generation MZ in Korea and China, cultural diversity, Russia-Ukraine War, and crisis faced by universities as a result of local extinction, from the perspective of humanities.

### Construction of domestic/overseas cooperation network

The Research Council actively constructed a network of exchange/cooperation to vitalize the policy knowledge ecosystem in the field of humanities and to diffuse the outcome of the policy research on humanities

#### Korea

<1st Outcome Sharing Academic Conference jointly hosted by Korea Humanities and Sociology Institute and National Research Council for Economics, Humanities and Social Sciences>	MOU signed with Korea Humanities and Sociology Institute. Sought to diffuse the outcomes of tasks on humanities policy research
<NRC-KAIST Joint Symposium> hosted twice	MOU signed with KAIST. Aimed to identify the policy support plan that goes beyond the boundaries of academic areas while strengthening cooperation from an interdisciplinary perspective to resolve various complex social issues in the era of Great Transformation
Hosted the policy discussion session	Formed a consensus and expanded the mega project across the field of humanities and social sciences by hosting the policy discussion session in the National Assembly under the topic of <Need and Possibility of 'Mega Project' in the Field of Humanities and Social Sciences>

#### Overseas

MOU signed with Thai Nguyen University	MOU signed with Thai Nguyen University that focuses on providing education on Korean Studies and interdisciplinary education to vitalize research exchange and cooperation with Vietnam that is the most active in economic and human interactions among ASEAN countries
Hosted the <1st Korea-Vietnam International Conference on Humanities>	Held a conference with Vietnam Academy of Social Sciences under the topics of "Culture and historical cooperation", "Educational cooperation", and "Marriage migration" to enhance mutual understanding on humanities between the two countries and to celebrate the 30th anniversary of diplomatic relations between Korea and Vietnam
Hosted the <15th Korea-China Humanities Exchange Policy Forum (Korea-China Think Tank Dialogue)>	Hosted a policy forum with the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, the representative think tank of China, with the topic of "Promoting Mutual Awareness and Global Awareness among MZ Generations in Korea and China"



## Business on international cooperation

### Playing the role of an institute that is leading in the international development and cooperation business

In 2022, the Research Council strengthened the win-win cooperation relationship among nations by pursuing a business on international development and cooperation with Indonesia and Cambodia, priority cooperation countries in the ASEAN region. Upon carrying out the ODA project on Indonesia (Korea-Indonesia Industrial Innovation Research Cooperation Project), ODA packaging (Construction of the green mobility system) strategy would be established and the policy support provided for the packaging of the ODA project would be comprehensively managed to allow the outcomes to be acknowledged by the government. In the future, such strategic project models and implementation cases will not only be applied and diffused to other projects including the currently ongoing Cambodia ODA project (Cambodia National Policy Research Capability Building Project), but the Research Council will also establish international and development cooperation strategy that is specialized for National Policy Research Institutes as the leading institute in international and development cooperation business while also seeking out means for Korean National Policy Research Institutes to contribute to the international society.

### Strengthening the network of international cooperation of Research Council -National Policy Research Institutes

The Research Council restructured the previous International Cooperation Committee to International Working Committee to enhance communication between corresponding National Policy Research Institutes and the department in charge of international cooperation and to construct a cooperative relationship. Through this, directions for the overall international cooperation including the ODA of National Policy Research Institutes were mutually shared and communication, and in the future, cooperation will be strengthened by preparing a guideline for carrying out ODA projects of National Policy Research Institutes to develop an international cooperation strategy of National Policy Research Institutes.

### Driving to provide policy support in the area of international development and cooperation

From November 21st to 25th of 2022, the Research Council hosted the 2022 Global Korea Forum (GKF) in connection with the Development and Cooperation Week of the Office for Government Policy Coordination. Through this, a venue was provided to carry out discussions on the role and responsibility of Korea as a major global nation together with ambassadors of 10 ASEAN countries and the heads of the Korean office of international agencies. An international seminar, "Korea-Indonesia Industrial Cooperation after the G20", was held jointly with the Indonesian Ministry of Industry based on the outcomes and implications that were identified through the G20 Summit held in Indonesia in 2022, and efforts were made to actively respond to the current issues of the international society. Furthermore, alternatives to each region and each field on diplomatic policies of the government were proposed and joint research was conducted on ASEAN, Indo-Pacific and European region.

Shortcut to NRC YouTube [National Policy TV](#) >  
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## Development Direction Planning & Budget

As the largest policy research group in Korea, the National Research Council for Economics, Humanities and Social Sciences and corresponding 26 National Policy Research Institutes are taking the lead to establish the development strategy to elevate the stature, the sense of responsibility and roles of National Policy Research Institutes and to help National Policy Research Institutes set the business plan in line with the principle of selection and concentration.

1 Planning the development direction of National Policy Research Institutes

2 Capability development through education

3 Project to raise the efficiency of research and administration of National Policy Research Institutes

4 Budget allocation process and status of National Policy Research Institutes

5 Settlement process and status of National Policy Research Institutes

## Planning the development direction of National Policy Research Institutes

### Establishment of the development direction for the national research system

The Research Council investigated on and researched the basic materials for '(Tentative) Establishment of the Development Direction for the National Research System' with a critical mind that a 'developmental national research system' should be established first for the development strategy of National Policy Research Institutes that was finalized in 2022. The Research Council identified major keywords and explored future implementation directions through text mining analysis on previously implemented items and internal/external feedback, and will devise the development direction for the national research system through the formation and operation of TF and investigation on the perception about the national research system in 2023 based on the result of analysis.

### Setting the plan to review the appropriateness in establishing the Youth Policy Institute

As youth-related issues are continuously being raised, the Research Council established the '(Tentative) Plan to review the appropriateness in establishing the Youth Policy Institute (Proposal)'. This was executed upon request by the Office for Youth Policy Coordination of the Office for Government Policy Coordination to support the establishment of the national youth strategy and strengthen the research capability related to the youth issues in overall, and continuous discussions will also be carried out with relevant departments. Afterwards, discussions on the enactment and the amendments to the relevant regulations and collaboration with specialized research institutes will be maintained to establish detailed procedures on the establishment of National Policy Research Institutes belonging to the Research Council. Moreover, efforts will be made to establish clear procedures on similar cases such as the establishment of National Policy Research Institutes in the future.

### Construction of the system to manage legislation, articles of association and regulation

The Research Council constructed a system to manage legislation, articles of association and regulation so that the Research Council and National Policy Research Institutes can continuously check historical records of amending the articles of association, and mutually confirm and adjust key functions to lead in systemizing and improving conformity to individual articles of association of institutes. Through this, rapidly changing internal and external environments were reflected and smooth and stable management of National Policy Research Institutes were supported. The Research Council is establishing the annual business plan by going through the review and deliberation of the Planning and Evaluation Committee, the sub committees of the Board of Directors and the decision-making process of the Board of Directors to diligently carry out the statutory purpose businesses based on the articles of associations of the Research Council and National Policy Research Institutes that are adjusted and managed as such.

## Capability development through education

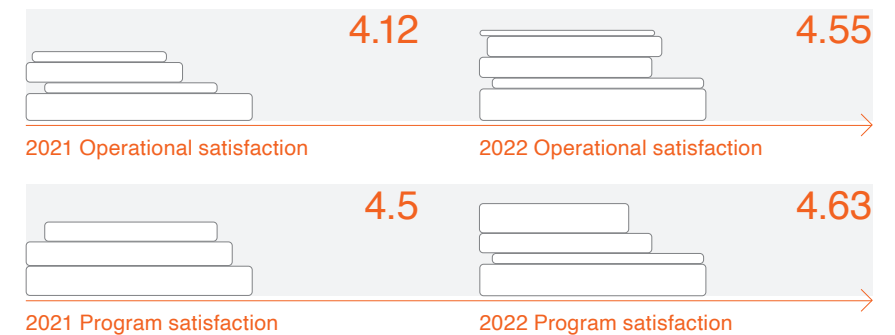
### Performance of the educational program of National Policy Research Institutes in 2022

In 2022, the Research Council established 33 educational programs in 4 areas such as Basics education, Leadership education, Work education and Special education centering on education that is difficult to be responded to by institutes, and carried out the programs 80 times for 4,132 people. This year, educational program on social change and excellent research was created in the Special education category to expand convergence/integrative mindset and to create a venue of sharing for the conversion into site-centric policies.

(Unit: No. of objects, count, people)

Category	Educational operation		Education satisfaction level	Number of students
	Programs	No.		
Sum	33	80	4.57	4,132
Basics education	4	6	4.45	232
Leadership education	4	4	4.50	93
Work education	19	48	4.59	2,066
Special education	6	2	4.53	1,741

Efforts were made to improve the impact of education by conducting a satisfaction survey after completing every program and actively reflecting the results in the follow-up programs. Education satisfaction level was continuously maintained at a high level with the stabilization of the non-face-to-face remote education system that was pursued since 2020. In particular, with the mitigation of the Covid-19 disease control environment, face-to-face education was expanded and prominent speakers in Korea were recruited as instructors, and as a result, the operational satisfaction scored 4.55, and program satisfaction scored 4.63 in 2022.



Top 5 programs with the highest satisfaction level in 2022

(Unit : points)

Category	Name of program	Satisfaction level
1	English letter basics and advanced program	4.9
2	STATA utilization basics and advanced program	4.8
3	Special lecture with academia from home and abroad	4.8
4	Series on the frontline of policy research	4.7
5	Special course for work-life balance	4.7

'2023 National Policy Research Institutes education program (proposal)' was established by operating the 'National Policy Research Institutes Education Planning and Operation Committee' and conducting a '2023 survey on educational demand of National Policy Research Institutes' for custom planning and development of educational program that reflects the educational demand of employees and executives of National Policy Research Institutes.

Construction of a flexible educational environment and system in line with the circumstances

On one side, the Research Council converted the face-to-face education that used to be provided prior to Covid-19 in a hybrid learning format that provides face-to-face programs and online programs in parallel to improve the accessibility and convenience of education, and the Research Council will make efforts to operate the educational programs by continuously managing and improving the 'Educational system of National Policy Research Institutes' and 'National Research Council for Economics, Humanities and Social Sciences Media Center' to flexibly respond to policy on disease control of infectious disease.

Project on raising the research/administrative efficiency of National Policy Research Institutes

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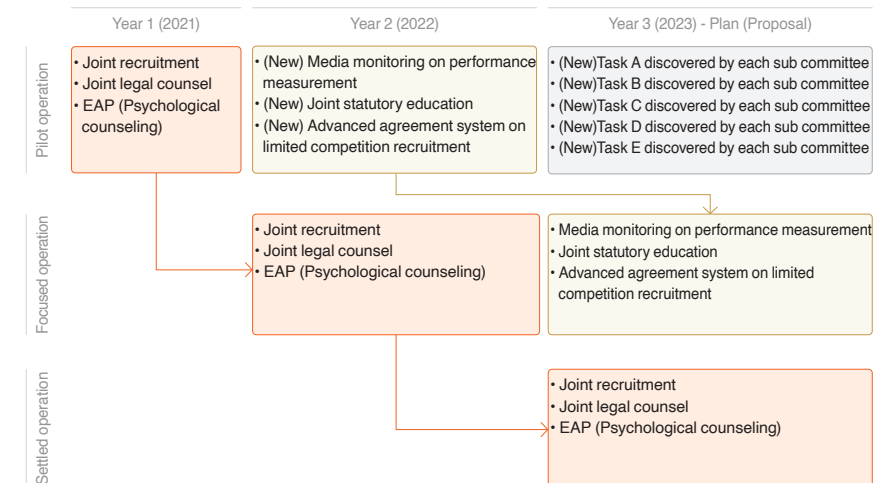
The Research Council strived to improve the inefficiencies and administrative procedures that are excessively fragmented with many overlaps by institute. It also formed a research immersive environment and resolved non-research work burden of individual researched through a project on raising the research/administrative efficiency of National Policy Research Institutes. Consequently, '1st Project Bureau on Enhancing Research and Administrative Efficiency' consisting of 6 individual sub committees (HR, General Affairs, Budget Allocation and Settlement, Performance Promotion, Research Management Sub Committee) was formed and operated for 2 years to discover and select tasks that are actually required in research sites.

1st Project Bureau on Enhancing Research and Administrative Efficiency (2021. 3. ~2022. 12.)



Tasks related to joint recruitment and joint legal counsel of National Policy Research Institutes that were operated as pilot tasks in 2021 were substantialized in 2022, the second year, for focused operation, and efforts were made to form research immersive environments and to raise the efficiency of the Research Council and National Policy Research Institutes through the construction and operation of the advanced agreement system on limited competition recruitment of National Policy Research Institutes, joint operation of media monitoring to measure the performance of National Policy Research Institutes, and joint statutory education discovered as new tasks in 2022. Discovered tasks will be continuously managed and operated in the order of pilot operation, focused operation and settlement operation in consideration of the efficacy, and support will be provided so that the projects can gradually expand to be settled in to raise the efficiency of tasks of National Policy Research Institutes.

Status and plan of the business on raising the efficiency of research administration efficiency for National Policy Research Institutes





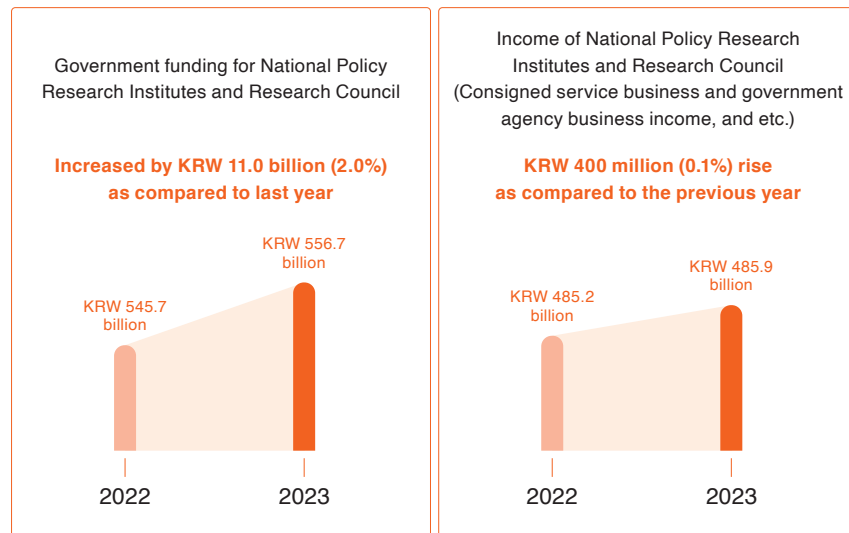
## Budget allocation process and status of National Policy Research Institutes

### 2023 business plan deliberation and budget allocation

The Research Council organized the business focusing on core businesses and tasks unique to institutes to effectively achieve the ledger management target and to realize the vision and establishment objective of National Policy Research Institutes, while selecting major research projects to be carried out by accumulating core capabilities of National Policy Research Institutes to promote the establishment of a business plan that is based on the principle of selection and concentration. In addition, various efforts were pursued to promote research cooperation between National Policy Research Institutes and the industry/academia/research circles.

### Budget allocation process and adjustment in the Research Council and National Policy Research Institutes

In 2023, KRW 1,045.3 billion was allocated for the budget of the Research Council and National Policy Research Institutes (KRW 1,032.5 in 2022). Of these, government funding was KRW 556.7 billion, which was increased by KRW 11 billion (2.0%) as compared to 2022, and the share of government funding from the total budget was 53.3%, which was increased by 0.5% as compared to 2022. On one hand, the income (consignment service business and government agency business income, and etc.) of the Research Council and National Policy Research Institutes for 2023 was set as KRW 485.9 billion, which was an increase by KRW 400 million (0.1%), as compared to KRW 485.2 billion of the previous year.

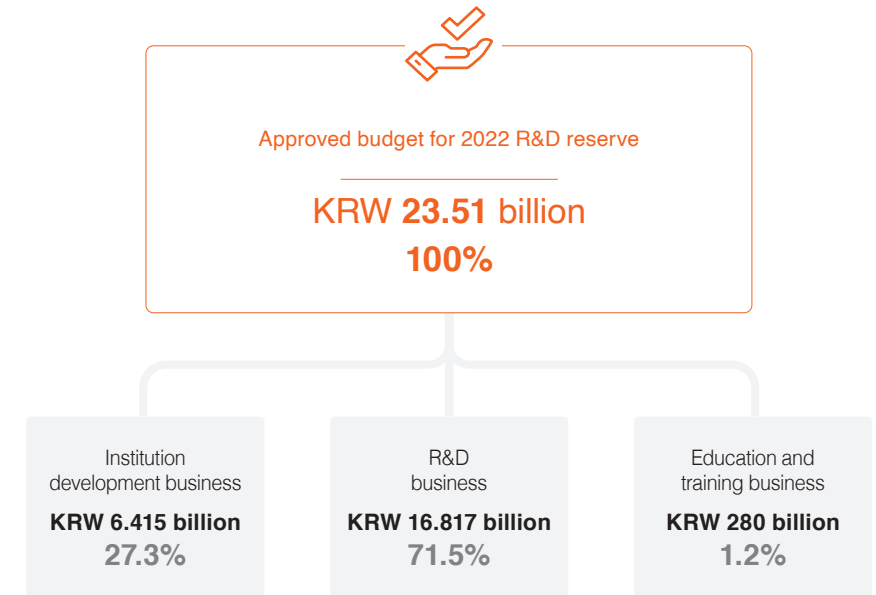


### 2022 R&D reserve business plan deliberation and budget allocation

The Research Council reviewed and deliberated on whether or not more than 60% of the R&D business was complied with within the R&D reserve budget, avoidance of using uncontrollable expense, appropriateness of the business within the infrastructure construction business to improve research efficiency, as well as the appropriateness of special consumption on the R&D reserve that is required by the institution to reflect the required budget consumption of National Policy Research Institutes and to realize the intent of the R&D reserve.

### Result of deliberation on the R&D reserves in 2022

The Research Council approved KRW 23.51 among KRW 23.52 of the total 2022 R&D reserve budget and allowed it to be used in research business. Within the R&D reserve business, the R&D budget was used the most in the R&D business areas by gaining approval for KRW 16.817 billion (71.5%), and reserve budget amounting to KRW 6.415 billion (27.3%), KRW 280 million (1.2%) was approved and used in the institution development business and the education and training business, respectively.



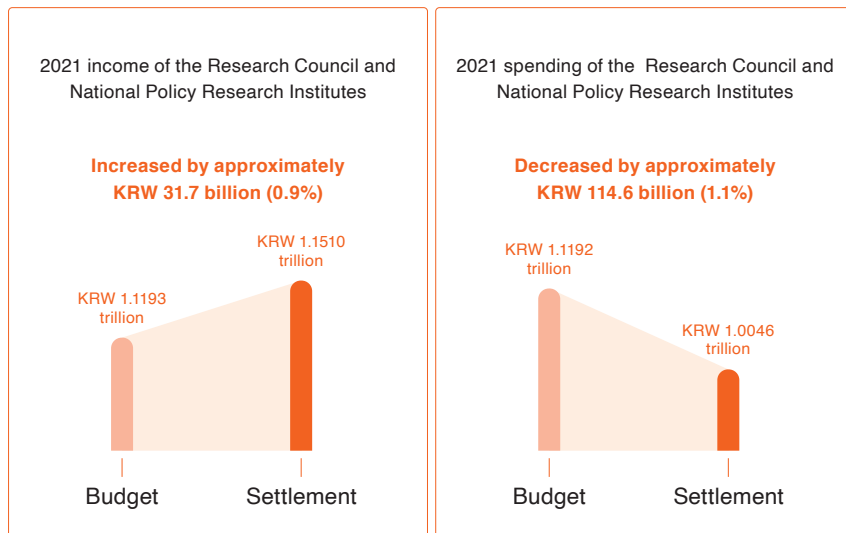
## Settlement process and status of National Policy Research Institutes

### Key review items for settlement approval in 2021

Appropriate settlement as compared to the approved budget of the Board of Directors, settlement based on government guidelines, budget allocation and implementation of the detailed guideline on the execution of the Research Council and National Policy Research Institutes, appropriateness of executing labor cost, accumulation of severance pay, and appropriateness of handling spending to respond to income and retained earnings and so forth were reviewed to systemize a transparent and valid settlement deliberation and settlement report. In addition, the execution of the follow-up measures to the findings of the National Assembly settlement and National Assembly audit, Office for Government Policy Coordination and the Board of Audit and Inspection are being reviewed.

### Settlement result of the Research Council and National Policy Research Institutes in 2021

In 2021, the income settlement amount of the Research Council and National Policy Research Institutes was KRW 1.1510 trillion, which was an increase of approximately KRW 31.7 billion (0.9%) as compared to the original budget of KRW 1.1193 trillion. In addition, the spending settlement amount was KRW 1.0046 trillion, which was KRW 114.6 billion (1.1%) less than the original budget. Of the consequent retained earnings amounting to KRW 146.4 billion, KRW 47.8 billion was executed as the retirement benefit provision, and KRW 22.5 billion was accumulated as the R&D reserve, while remaining balance of KRW 76.1 billion was carried over to the next term.



## Research Results of National Policy Research Institutes & Evaluation of Management

National Research Council for Economics, Humanities and Social Sciences determines the annual performance of 26 corresponding National Policy Research Institutes on an annual basis and reviews the process to enhance the ease of research conducted by National Policy Research Institutes and identify the result of executing work at a high level.

Evaluation of National Policy Research Institutes and diffusion/follow-up measures on the outcome

Research ethics evaluation of National Policy Research Institutes

Improvement of National Policy Research Institutes evaluation handbook



## Evaluation of National Policy Research Institutes and diffusion/follow-up measures of the outcome

### 2021 Evaluation of National Policy Research Institutes

(In the order in the article of association within the same evaluation grade)

2021 National Policy Research Institutes Evaluation Grade

Evaluation Grade (Conversion score)	National Policy Research Institutes	Remarks
<b>S</b> (95 and greater)	-	
<b>A</b> (90 and greater less than 95)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Korea Research Institute for Human Settlements</li> <li>Korea Institute for International Economic Policy</li> <li>Korea Energy Economics Institute</li> <li>Korea Information Society Development Institute</li> <li>Korea Transport Institute</li> <li>Korea Labor Institute</li> <li>Korea Rural Economic Institute</li> <li>Korea Institute for Health and Social Affairs</li> <li>Korea Maritime Institute</li> <li>Korea Environment Institute</li> <li>Architecture &amp; Urban Research Institute</li> </ul>	11 institutes (42.3%)
<b>B</b> (85 and greater less than 90)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Science &amp; Technology Policy Institute</li> <li>Korea Institute for Industrial Economics and Trade</li> <li>Korea Institute for National Unification</li> <li>Korea Development Institute</li> <li>Korean Educational Development Institute</li> <li>Korea Institute of Curriculum and Evaluation</li> <li>Korea Legislation Research Institute</li> <li>Korean Women's Development Institute</li> <li>Korea Institute of Public Finance</li> <li>Korea Research Institute for Vocational Education and Training</li> <li>National Youth Policy Institute</li> <li>Korea Institute of Public Administration</li> <li>Korean Institute of Criminology and Justice</li> <li>KDI School of Public Policy and Management</li> <li>Korea Institute of Child Care and Education</li> </ul>	15 institutes (57.7%)
<b>C</b> (80 and greater less than 85)	-	
<b>D</b> (Les than 80)	-	

Evaluation result of National Policy Research Institutes uses the grade and the comprehensive score, which is the sum of scores in the research area and the management area, and based on the evaluation result, National Policy Research Institutes belonging to the Research Council would carry out follow-up measures such as ① tiered payment of current operating expense incentives, ② tiered payment of performance-based salary for the heads of institutes ③ request for dismissal, ④ rewarding excellent National Policy Research Institutes and excellent researchers, ⑤ publication of a collection of best practices, ⑥ briefing session of a collection of best practices, ⑦ establishment of improvement plan by National Policy Research Institutes, ⑧ conversion of evaluation results from improvement activity counsel (consulting) based on evaluation results, and so forth.

## Research ethics evaluation of National Policy Research Institutes

### Evaluation of research ethics in 2021 research report

There were 4 suspected cases in 3 research reports among 177 research reports issued by 25 institutes. Total number of suspected violation cases and suspected violation cases per report is continuously declining every year.



Trend of cases suspected of violating the evaluation criteria (2012 ~ 2021)



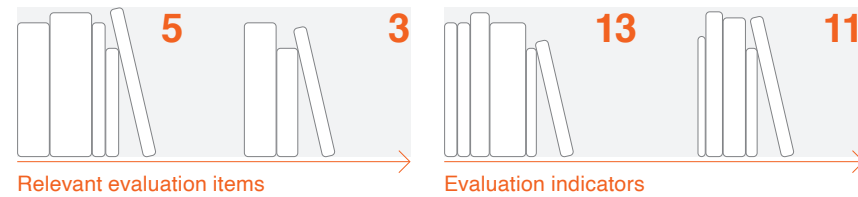
A score of 30 was reflected on the research ethics evaluation result of the research report for the 2022 National Policy Research Institutes evaluation (compliance level for research ethics in the research report), and National Policy Research Institutes established its own improvement plan on findings and went through the process of determining the presence or absence of research ethics violation in the corresponding report prior to submitting the result of the corrective measures that were taken based on the result, such as disciplinary actions on the researcher, to the Research Council. The Research Council monitors whether or not the measures taken are in line with the standard for disciplinary actions of the "Research Ethics Regulation", and carries out follow-up measures such as inspection of the implementation in line with the improvement plan of National Policy Research Institutes.

## Improvement of National Policy Research Institutes evaluation handbook

### Improvement of National Policy Research Institutes evaluation handbook in 2022

The Research Council established means to improve discrimination capability of indicators, where the upward leveling phenomenon of the evaluation results are continuing, to improve external acceptability and validity of the evaluation results, aimed to mitigate the evaluation burden of National Policy Research Institutes, such as improving the level of understanding through the elaboration of evaluation handbook, removing overlapping evaluation factors to simplify evaluation and improving of the indicator scheme to improve relevance among existing indicators, and the operation method of the evaluation group that used to be in units of individual indicators of research and management area was improved to an integrated evaluation system to enhance consistency and reliability.

- Improvement of the method of structuring evaluation items (indicators)



- Improvement of the method of structuring and operating the evaluation group



- Improvement of weights among evaluation grades (evaluation criteria)



- Reflection of the grounds for adjusting the evaluation grade of the Board of Directors in the evaluation handbook

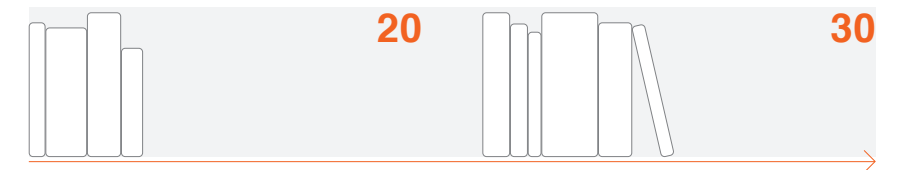
- Adoption of the evaluation outcome review meeting process and advanced evaluation

Improving the acceptability of the external institutes for evaluation outcomes by introducing 3 review meetings on the evaluation outcomes

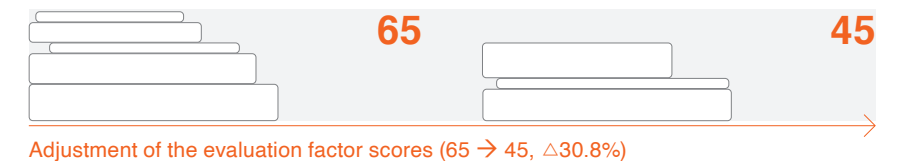
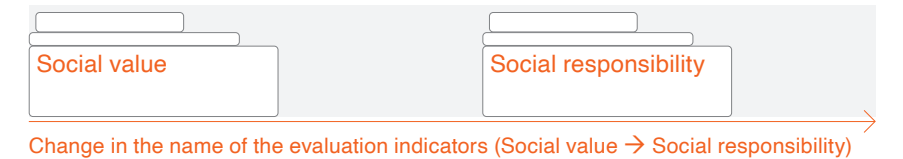
### Amendment of the evaluation handbook of National Policy Research Institutes in 2022

The basic direction of the evaluation handbook of National Policy Research Institutes of the Research Council in 2022 aimed to improve the evaluation handbook in consideration of the evaluation stability by reflecting and amending the relevant evaluation indicators while taking into account the changes in the policy environment and state affairs of the new administration as well as minimizing the confusion in the evaluation preparation process by the evaluated institute.

- Increased evaluation scores on the 'budget operation and settlement' indicators to strengthen management of financial performance



- Improved evaluation factors on the 'social value' indicators considering the state affairs of the new administration



- Changed the evaluation method of the 'appropriateness in the welfare and benefit system and operation'



Due diligence of National Policy Research Institutes → Improving the method of converting/applying the review result of main department in charge

- Newly established the evaluation indicators on the 'Implementation efforts and performance of the innovation plan' as a follow-up measure for the 'Public Institute Innovation Guideline for the New Administration'('22.7.29.)

Allocating additional score of 5 points

# Operation & Management of the Information System for the National Policy Research Institutes

National Research Council for Economics, Humanities and Social Sciences is making efforts to efficiently respond to the demand for cooperation from National Policy Research Institutes and get closer to the citizens by setting a transparent and open research and administrative platform in line with the needs of the era that is known as digital transformation.

Establishment of digital transformation vision and implementation strategy

Construction and diffusion of system

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## Establishment of digital transformation vision and implementation strategy

### Investigation on digital transformation awareness and opinion poll

The Research Council carried out an investigation on the opinion and perception of digital transformation with the members of National Policy Research Institutes on June 2022 to implement 'Digital Platform Government', and result shows that a considerable number of respondents answered that contribution can be made to vitalize the policy ecosystem, enhance work efficiency, improve system, reduce administrative cost and time, and change the way of working through digital transformation in the future.

Investigation on digital transformation awareness



### Policy research to establish the digital transformation strategy

The Research Council helped in reaching a consensus on digital transformation among executives and employees of National Policy Research Institutes by holding discussion sessions with the heads of National Policy Research Institutes and holding a seminar on digital transformation strategy on December 5th, 2022. It also carried out policy research on establishing the digital transformation strategy of National Policy Research Institutes from December 2022 to March 2023.

Through this, the Research Council is making efforts to establish the digital transformation vision and the implementation strategy of National Policy Research Institutes and analyzing the status of digital transformation in Korea and abroad. The result of research service are used as the grounds to establish the detailed implementation plan for digital transformation for each institute, and it can be used as the base material for businesses or for follow-up research such as the basic plan on informatization (ISP, and etc.) and the establishment of the master plan and detailed implementation plan of each implementation strategy based on the vision of digital transformation and implementation strategy.

## Construction and diffusion of system

### Construction of the smart research platform (NCIS) of National Policy Research Institutes

On November 2022, the Research Council constructed a Smart Research Platform of National Policy Research Institutes that secured the security system without constraints of time and space. From now on, the ease of research and administrative work is expected to be enhanced and work continuity is expected to be guaranteed as a result of the simplification of accumulation, record management and sharing of research and administrative data followed by the centralization of documents using the Smart Research Platform of National Policy Research Institutes.

### Operation and diffusion of financial information system of National Policy Research Institutes (NFIS)

The Research Council constructed and operated a standardized financial information system of National Policy Research Institutes for the Research Center and corresponding National Policy Research Institutes since 2014. In 2022, the level of the entire system could be enhanced by identifying and applying items on the enhancement of the function and receiving requests from the users on the financial information system of National Policy Research Institutes.

	Number of registrations (Cases)	Processing rate	Registration type
<b>Operation support</b>	Registered: 1,488 Completed: 1,478	99.32%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Inquiry on the use of the financial information system of National Policy Research Institutes</li> <li>Inquiry on the access to and authorization setting of the financial information system of National Policy Research Institutes</li> <li>Request on adjusting data and request for statistical data</li> <li>Inquiry on site visit, educational support, and remote meeting of the working level personnel, and so forth</li> </ul>
<b>Functional improvement</b>	Registered: 591 Completed: 485	82.06%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improvement of functions for business management, HR management, wage management, welfare management</li> <li>Improvement of functions for budget management, accounting management, asset management, and contract management</li> <li>Improvement of functions for revenue management, monitoring, EIS and ITS</li> <li>Correction of errors and various long-term improvements</li> </ul>
<b>Technology Support</b>	Registered: 433 Completed: 408	94.22%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Providing materials on the status of informatization of the financial information system of National Policy Research Institutes</li> <li>Work support for financial information system of National Policy Research Institutes (Server migration, and etc.)</li> <li>Technology support on security and privacy</li> </ul>

2,512 cases in total → Completed: 2,371 cases, Processing rate: 94.38%

Specifically, manual works were minimized through the construction of the electronic proof function, and hence, the convenience of general users and personnel in charge of the work was enhanced and support was provided to control the budget linked to the project authorization system by constructing a budget usage control function by user and by project of participating institutes and the Research Council. In addition, transparent corporate card management was ensured through the enhancement of the function to manage the corporate cards in linkage with the income account and making sure that misuses or abuses related to corporate cards are corrected. Aside from this, the financial information system of National Policy Research Institutes was scaled out to the Architecture & Urban Research Institute, and work handbook was prepared to secure work convenience for users and to enhance the usage of systems of the existing operating institutes and institutes that are newly adopting the system.

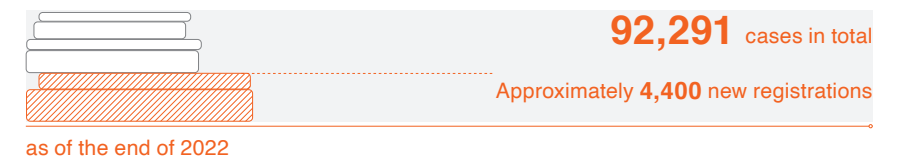
### Operation and promotion/diffusion of National Knowledge Information System (NKIS)

The Research Council sought to diffuse the outcome of National Policy Research Institutes and policy research through production and distribution of NKIS promotion materials, hosting of events and so forth. As such, NKIS is acting as the channel to spread the excellent research outcomes and provide required information to general citizens and researchers who are interested in policy research.

#### NKIS HISTORY

2000	2011~2013	2014
<p><b>IKIS (Institute Knowledge Inventory System)</b> Launch of the National Policy Research Institutes Knowledge Information Search System</p>	<p>Project to construct a base for the National Knowledge Information System (Conversion from IKIS → NKIS and expansion of DB)</p>	<p><b>May</b> Launch of the next-generation system, National Knowledge Information System (NKIS)</p>
2015	2016	
<p><b>July</b> MOU signed with Research Information Sharing Service (RISS), Korean Studies Information Service System (KISS), Kyobo Book Center (Scholar)</p> <p><b>August</b> Pursuing the DB construction project for research outcomes gathered before 2000</p> <p><b>November</b> Posting of SDI (Mailing custom contents) for smart webzine (Monthly)</p>	<p><b>December</b> Holding a seminar to strengthen the foundation for big data research of National Policy Research Institutes</p>	
2017	2019	2020
<p><b>December</b> Linkage to Government24 (Providing NKIS research outcome data)</p>	<p><b>June</b> Launch of the citizen participation platform, Jiphyeonjeon Sarangbang</p> <p><b>September</b> Certification of the Good Content Service</p>	<p><b>March</b> Linking the materials stored in the library of 26 corresponding National Policy Research Institutes to the comprehensive list of policies in National Library of Korea in Sejong</p>
2021	2022	
<p><b>March</b> Launch of the NKIS English website</p>	<p><b>February</b> Restructuring to a big data-based integrated search system that expands the open API service scope for quality certification in terms of accessibility of information and communication</p> <p><b>September</b> MOU signed on support for digital disclosure of public works and copyright management (Korea Culture Information Service Agency)</p>	

In 2022, approximately 4,4000 cases were newly registered, and as of the end of 2022, 92,291 research deliverables were registered on NKIS in total.



### Driving development and improvement of NKIS

The Research Council is participating in the 2022 6th information system cloud conversion and integration project of administrative and public institutions of the Ministry of the Interior and Safety and National Information Society Agency (NIA) being carried out until March 2023, and is aiming for NKIS cloud conversion to actively respond to the digital transformation policy of the public sector by the government. In addition, it also formed a working group committee consisting of 25 working-level personnel of the corresponding National Policy Research Institutes and an operating committee consisting of 8 representatives of National Policy Research Institutes related to the operation of NKIS to promote development and enhancement of NKIS through discussions on the efficient operation and management of NKIS, enhancement and establishment of the promotion and diffusion plan, preparation of the operating criteria (proposal), and so forth.

### Operation of IT Council of National Policy Research Institutes

The Research Council is currently operating the IT Council of the National Policy Research Institutes, where the Research Council and corresponding National Policy Research Institutes have all been participating since 2015. Through this, the Research Council can respond systemically and actively to the changes in the ICT environment such as rapidly shifting digital transformation and the existence of IT gap by institute based on the independent IT Project carried out by each institute.

In 2022, IT councils of National Policy Research Institutes were held 3 times to exchange information among institutes on the current agenda of informatization such as digital transformation and cloud conversion through countermeasures of National Policy Research Institutes on the cloud conversion policy of the government, discussions on the operation of the Smart Research Platform of National Policy Research Institutes, items related to digital transformation of National Policy Research Institutes and proposal of direction to draft the plan for the IT project, and the stature of the council is heightening by actively responding to internal and external changes.



## Diffusing Research Outcomes for the National Policy Research Institutes & Research Council

As the central base for diffusion and promotion of outcomes that raises the contribution level on national policies and utilization of the policy users by widely sharing the excellent performance of major businesses and corresponding 26 National Policy Research Institutes, National Research Council for Economics, Humanities and Social Sciences is providing support so that citizens can reap the actual benefits of research.

### Operation and outcomes of the Smart Promotion Platform

# 1

Production of contents to diffuse the outcomes of National Policy Research Institutes and performance

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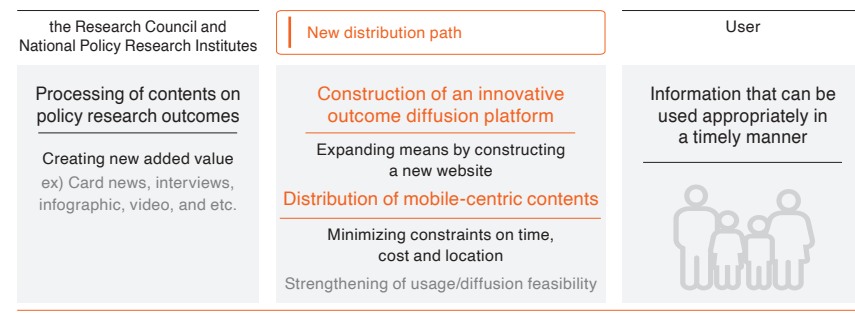
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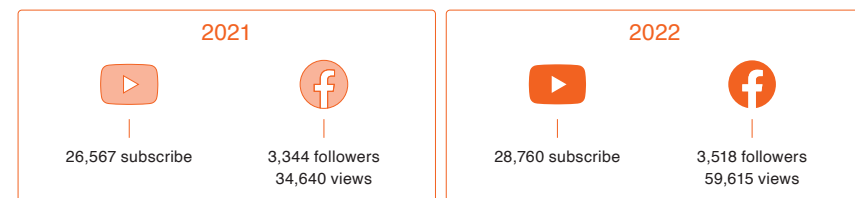
## Operation and outcomes of the Smart Promotion Platform

### Vitalization of the Smart Promotion Platform

The Research Council constructed the Smart Promotion Platform as a platform that centers on innovative diffusion of outcomes. Smart Promotion Platform is a central channel that manages the integration and diffusion of research outcomes that are spreading to various areas in individual existing institutes, and through this, the research outcomes could be provided appropriately in a timely manner to general citizens and policy users. Smart Promotion Platform started as the NRC website and expanded in scope to social media (Naver blog, YouTube, Facebook) and so forth to provide an opportunity to widen the subscriber base.



The Research Council has continuously pursued to improve the platform through activities such as improving accessibility and convenience for users and National Policy Research Institutes that use the Smart Promotion Platform and production of high-quality contents on research outcomes. Training was provided to the users of National Policy Research Institutes and promotion was executed to raise the level of utilization. System speed and download functions were improved to raise the accessibility of users, and convenience and aesthetics were enhanced by restructuring the menu configuration and design. The number of posts uploaded by National Policy Research Institutes increased as the platform came into shape, and encouraging outcomes are being shown through the continuous rise in the number of website visitors. Survey on platform user satisfaction that is being conducted every year shows that the satisfaction level is continuously rising, and communication efforts were further strengthened through system improvement by reflecting the opinions of the users as much as possible. From now on, the platform is expected to grow into one that represents the field of economics, humanities, and social sciences, and become a center to vitalize the policy knowledge ecosystem. Later on, SNS channel will be complemented to tightly structure the touchpoints with users without any omission of gender or generations.



## Production of contents to diffuse the outcomes of National Policy Research Institutes and performance

### Production and diffusion of contents of research outcomes

In 2020, the Research Council steered away from the general information conveying method that was previously used and researched and attempted a more active outcome diffusion method. (Creation of own character and production of card news) In 2021, feasibility was confirmed by driving the production of Vlog videos and webtoons in the card news, and in 2022, efforts on diffusion were made by reprocessing core businesses of the Research Council into various types of contents. The Research Council produced 16 video contents and 13 graphic contents, and all contents were produced and distributed through the cooperation of the department in charge of the business and specialized production companies.

Contents production process





### Video contents production and diffusion

The Research Council produced contents on the policy research outcomes that anyone can understand, cooperation contents to vitalize the policy knowledge ecosystem and contents to spread the research culture as video contents. Vlog is being produced for 2 consecutive years since 2021, and a day in the life of a new faculty at the KDI School of Public Policy and Management was shown to portray the characteristics of various employees unique to National Policy Research Institutes where 24 National Policy Research Institutes and 2 affiliated institutes coexist. Moreover, the Research Council could contribute to the vitalization of the policy knowledge ecosystem by producing video on Korea-Indonesia industrial cooperation training and production of humanities series through the collaboration with KAIST, which is an institute that signed an MOU. Furthermore, a special dialogue series was produced based on the topics of regional and Korean economic security and national agenda in linkage with 'Future Policy Focus', which is a publication specialized to think tank that the Research Council is publishing on a quarterly basis. This gained a lot of interest because it was produced with topics that were timely and appropriate.

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Video contents



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### Production of graphic contents

Graphic contents were produced as 6 card news, 2 webtoons and 5 infographics. These were produced with contents and types that even general citizens can easily access to build a sense of intimacy. In the future, contents that use Ddogi, a character with a high level of preference, will be produced to naturally attract interest of general citizens. As such, the Research Council will continuously develop contents that are customized to users, and is anticipating to exert synergistic effect with the Smart Promotion Platform through these, as this can lead to promotion where anyone can easily understand specialized areas that are naturally underserved in terms of services for the citizens.



Shortcut to NRC YouTube National Policy TV >



## Planning and operating the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary for the Research Council

### Special symposium held for 3 years in a row

In light of the 25th anniversary of establishment (2024. 03.), the Research Council has been planning a special symposium for 3 years in a row (2022~2024). As a part of this project, '10-year performance and development strategy in the Sejong era' was presented at the 1st symposium held on September, 2022. Active discussions were carried out based on various topics such as '10-year performance and the agenda for Sejong, future role and development direction of Sejong, future city Sejong that works together with the national think tank, and the strategy to take the next leap' in each session.

This symposium was a meaningful event in that it created a venue for the Research Council, the national think tank, National Policy Research Institutes, government departments, municipal governments and academic experts that were gathered together to reflect on the 10 year performance since the establishment of Sejong and carry out discussions on the development direction of the national future city.

In addition, policy proposals can be made and ways to actively contribute to pursue one of the national targets of the government, the policy on 'Era of the regional cities, living conveniently anywhere in Korea' can be sought out as the series of symposium focuses on balanced development among regional cities.

### Publishing of the whitepaper on the 25-year history of the Research Council

The Research Council carried out an interview of the past Chairpersons in light of the publication of the whitepaper, '25-year history of the National Research Council on Economics, Humanities and Social Sciences'. The Research Council and National Policy Research Institutes accomplished many policy support achievements for the development of the nation, but concerns are frequently and continuously being raised on the insufficient management of the overall historical materials. Historical materials are systematically being organized to resolve such issues, and interviews were carried out with past Chairpersons (8 in total).

Chairperson interview embodies the meaning of systemizing the significance of establishing the Research Council framework in 1999, past performances, and the vision and the role that should be taken by the Research Council and National Policy Research Institutes in the future.

The interviews of the past Chairpersons will be produced as separate videos as well as being serially posted for 1 year in the periodical publication, 'Future Policy Focus', and will also be included in the whitepaper, '25 Year history of the Research Council' to be issued in 2024.

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