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- allocating funds for research
- identifying research areas for strategic investment in consultation with other research funding agencies
- working on analysis, assessment and strategic matters in connection with research and research funding from a national and international perspective
- making research results accessible and making sure they reach the areas of society where they can be useful, for example within education, healthcare and within trade and industry
- advising the government on research-political matters to the research community
- promoting gender perspectives in research
- having overarching responsibility for matters relating to ethical requirements in research
- working for equality between men and women in the research community
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