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# Getting Started

You are the head of a government organisation that invests UK tax payers' money on academic research. You have received 12 great ideas for projects using synthetic biology, a new and exciting technology with lots of promise. The UK Government is keen to support its development. You have a budget of £6 million to distribute but time is short.



## Task one

Read all the proposed projects and then decide which to fund and how much to allocate. When deciding it may help to ask yourself:

- Is this project feasible?
- Does this project raise any ethical issues?
- What might be the outcomes (positive or negative) of the project if it is successful?



## Task two

A new government has come into power and has introduced policies that will influence what they spend on research and development. Projects that align with these policies may result in a higher research investment.

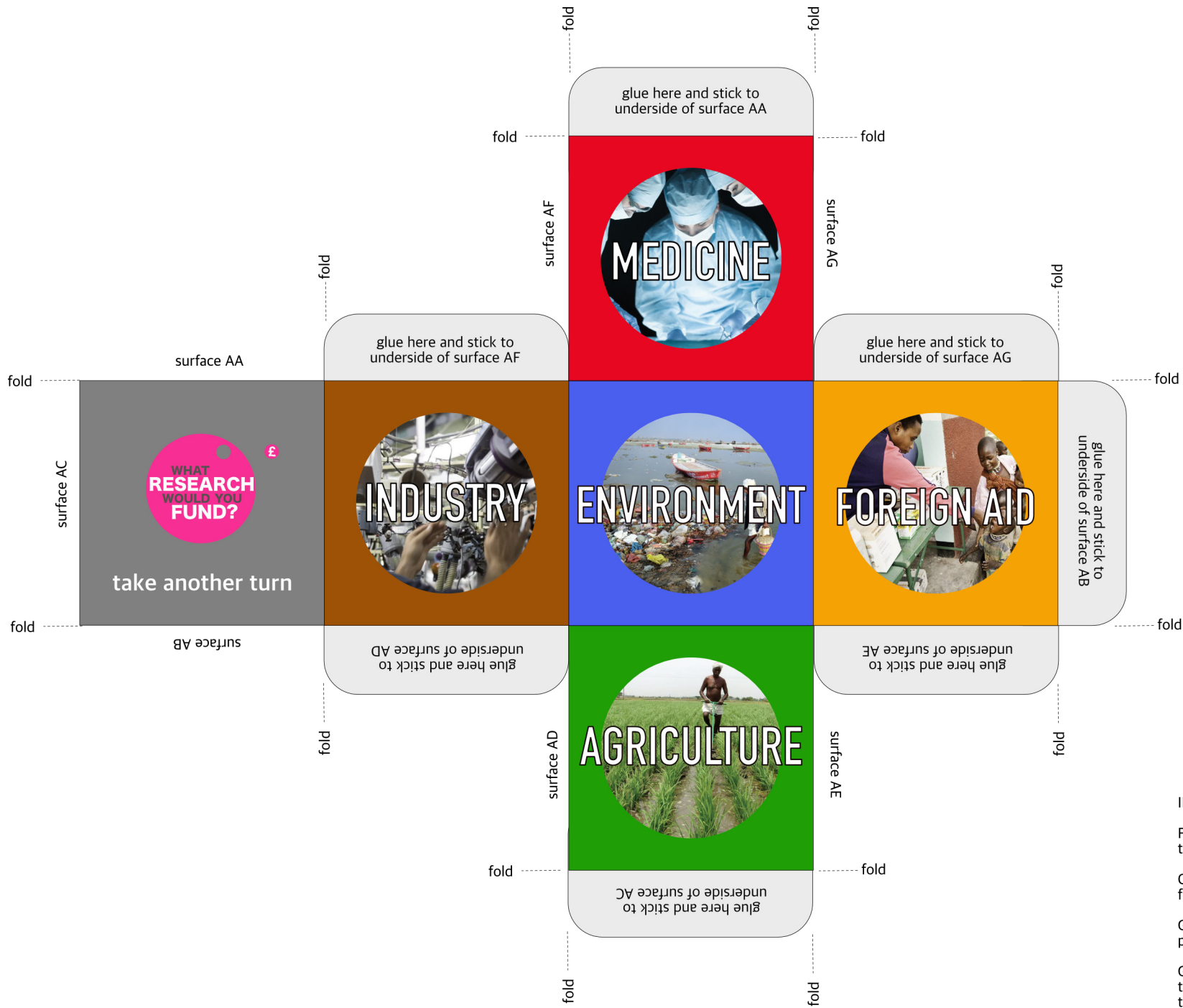
- Throw the dice to find the new policy driver.
- Does this change your budget allocations?
- Discuss the new priorities in your group.





# Worksheet

Priority	Project Title	Funding awarded	Justification for allocated funding (why did you make this decision?)	What are the potential benefits of this project?	What are the potential risks of this project?
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2					
3					
4					
5					



**INSTRUCTIONS**

First, print this page onto heavy paper or thin card.

Cut out round outside edge and fold on marked fold lines.

Glue tabs AD,AE,AF and AG first and place to rear of surface indicated.

Glue tabs AA, AB and AC and place to the rear of surface indicated to complete the cube.