

# **Regulations of the Commission of the Swiss National Science Foundation for the Temporary Backup Schemes for "Horizon 2020"**

## **(Commission for Temporary Backup Schemes; CTBS)**

**of 12 March 2014**

The National Research Council,  
based on Article 9 letter d of the Organisational Regulations of the National Research Council  
issues the following Regulations:

### **Article 1            Scope**

<sup>1</sup> Under the name of Commission for Temporary Backup Schemes of the Swiss National Science Foundation, a Commission has been appointed by the Presiding Board of the National Research Council pursuant to Article 9 letter d of the Organisational Regulations of the National Research Council.

<sup>2</sup> These Regulations regulate the organisation, responsibility and competencies of the Commission for Temporary Backup Schemes, hereinafter CTBS. The Organisational Regulations of the National Research Council apply subject to any specific provisions of these Regulations.

### **Article 2            Objectives, coordination**

<sup>1</sup> The CTBS is responsible for coordinating and processing the Temporary Backup Schemes offered by the SNSF as a result of the changed status of Switzerland with regard to the European research programme "Horizon 2020".

<sup>2</sup> The CTBS coordinates its activities with the Presiding Board of the Research Council and the Administrative Offices of the SNSF.

<sup>3</sup> It coordinates its activities with the responsible federal offices within the scope of tasks assigned to the SNSF.

### **Article 3            Composition, constitution**

<sup>1</sup> The CTBS comprises:

- a. the President of the Research Council
- b. one member from the humanities and social sciences;
- c. one member from biology and medicine;
- d. one member from mathematics, natural and engineering sciences;

<sup>2</sup> The members of the Commission are elected by the Presiding Board of the Research Council, in all other respects the CTBS constitutes itself. The President of the Research Council is an advisory member without the right to vote.

<sup>3</sup> All members of the Commission have an excellent scientific reputation. They are current or former recipients of an Advanced Grant of the European Research Council and current or former members of the Research Council, or they have gained a similar degree of experience in international scientific review panels and as grantees of other research funding organisations.

<sup>4</sup> While working for the Commission, members of the CTBS may not submit any applications that fall within the sphere of responsibility of the CTBS.

### **Article 4            Meetings, administration**

<sup>1</sup> The CTBS meets as often as is necessary.

<sup>2</sup> It is supported by the Administrative Offices in administrative matters.

### **Article 5            Tasks and responsibilities**

The CTBS is responsible for:

1. The entire coordination and handling of the Temporary Backup Schemes for "Horizon 2020" of the SNSF and the tasks assigned to the SNSF by the Confederation in this context
2. The recommendations submitted to the Presiding Board of the Research Council in connection with the calls issued by the SNSF within the scope of Temporary Backup Schemes
3. Appointing and supporting the evaluation panels, selecting the chairpersons of the panels and, in particular, ensuring that there are no conflicts of interests
4. Verifying whether the recommendations of the panel at the first stage of evaluation comply with the procedural rules and deciding which proposals are to be admitted to the second stage of evaluation or definitively rejecting proposals
5. Verifying whether the provisional decisions of the panel at the second stage of evaluation comply with the procedural rules as well as forwarding the verified decisions to the Presiding Board of the Research Council for endorsement
6. Delegating observers from the Research Council to sit on the panels if necessary
7. Allocating funds to the panels for the individual calls within the scope of the Confederation's requirements for the Temporary Backup Schemes "Horizon 2020".

## **Article 6           Panels**

<sup>1</sup> When appointing panels for the evaluation procedure, the CTBS considers the following principles.

<sup>2</sup> For each call, it sets up at least one panel - whose composition should be as international as possible - for each of the following areas:

- a. Humanities and social sciences;
- b. Mathematics, natural and engineering sciences;
- c. Biology and medicine.

<sup>3</sup> The Commission may appoint further panels if necessary.

<sup>4</sup> The panels generally have between 6 and 20 members

<sup>5</sup> Panel members have an excellent scientific reputation as well as experience as members of international review panels.

<sup>6</sup> While working for the CTBS, panel members may not submit any applications that fall within the sphere of responsibility of the relevant panel.

## **Article 7           Budget, overhead**

<sup>1</sup> The Commission allocates the funds among the panels in proportion to the requested funding.

<sup>2</sup> The overhead is paid additionally from separate, earmarked funds.

## **Article 8           Organisational provisions for the panels**

<sup>1</sup> The panels act in accordance with the provisions of the Organisational Regulations of the National Research Council of the SNSF.

<sup>2</sup> The Commission may stipulate further organisational provisions for the panels.

## **Article 9           Compensation**

Members of the CTBS and the appointed panels are compensated in accordance with the regulations on the compensation of the Foundation Council, the Executive Committee of the Foundation Council, the National Research Council and the Research Commissions of the Swiss National Science Foundation (Compensation Regulations)<sup>1</sup>.

## **Article 10          General provisions for the Temporary Backup Schemes**

The duration of Temporary Backup Schemes depends on decisions as to the status of Switzerland with respect to the European research programme "Horizon 2020". The provisions concerning organisation and contents of the Temporary Backup Schemes are subject to changes in the relevant conditions for Switzerland. The SNSF reserves the right to transfer its measures to "Horizon 2020"

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<sup>1</sup> [http://www.snf.ch/SiteCollectionDocuments/entschaedigungsreglement\\_d.pdf](http://www.snf.ch/SiteCollectionDocuments/entschaedigungsreglement_d.pdf)

and terminate the Temporary Backup Schemes in the event of Switzerland's participation in "Horizon 2020". Approved grants will in any case remain valid. Their handling may be adjusted to the new conditions, however.

**Article 11            Entry into force**

These Regulations enter into force on 15 March 2014.