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Eligible Partner Countries for Applications to the Swiss Programme for International Research by Scientific Investigation Teams (SPIRIT)

1. Provisions

The Regulations on the Swiss Programme for International Research by Scientific Investigation Teams (SPIRIT Regulations) of 14 August 2018 stipulate that at least one of the applicants must come from a partner country (article 7).

The Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF) determines the eligible partner countries on the basis of [the list of official development assistance recipients established by the OECD Development Assistance Committee](#). There are exceptions, which are elaborated on below.

1.1 Non-eligible countries

According to the SPIRIT Regulations, the following countries are **not** eligible as partner countries:

- a. member countries of the European Union;
- b. countries associated to the 8th Research and Innovation Framework Programme of the European Union (2014-2020) “Horizon 2020” and forthcoming framework programmes;
- c. countries participating in a bilateral call with the SNSF.

Hence, researchers in these countries may **not** submit a SPIRIT grant together with researchers from Switzerland, even though they appear on the list of official development assistance recipients established by the OECD Development Assistance Committee.

1.1.1 Member countries of the European Union

Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain and Sweden are **not** eligible as partner countries.

(27 countries)

1.1.2 Countries associated to the 8th Research and Innovation Framework Programme of the European Union (2014-2020) "Horizon 2020" and forthcoming framework programmes

Albania, Armenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Faroe Islands, Georgia, Iceland, Israel, Kosovo, Moldova, Montenegro, Morocco, North Macedonia, Norway, Serbia, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine and United Kingdom are **not** eligible as partner countries.

(18 countries)

1.1.3 Countries participating in a bilateral call with the SNSF

Brazil, China, India, Japan, Russia, South Africa, South Korea and Viet Nam are **not** eligible as partner countries.

(8 countries)

1.2 Eligible partner countries

Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cabo Verde, Cambodia, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Colombia, Comoros, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Congo, Costa Rica, Cote d'Ivoire, Cuba, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Jamaica, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kiribati, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libya, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia, Mongolia, Montserrat, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nauru, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Niue, Pakistan, Palau, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Rwanda, Saint Helena, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Solomon Islands, Somalia, South Sudan, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Tanzania, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Togo, Tokelau, Tonga, Turkmenistan, Tuvalu, Uganda, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu, Venezuela, Wallis and Futuna, West Bank and Gaza Strip, Yemen, Zambia and Zimbabwe are eligible as partner countries.

(125 countries)