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23 October 2025

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Programme Presentations

Schedule	Subjects
09:00 – 09:10	Welcome speech
09:10 – 09:35	Innosuisse Instrument – International projects
09:35 – 10:00	Agora
10:00 – 10:25	European Partnerships and other multilateral initiatives

Programme

Q&A sessions

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10:30 – 11:15	<u>Innosuisse Instrument – International projects</u> <u>Agora</u> <u>European Partnerships and other multilateral initiatives</u>

Links available on
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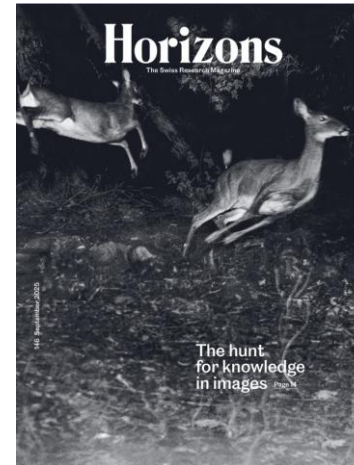
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MOVING THE WORLD WITH SWISS INNOVATION

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Head International Programmes & Head Matchmaking and Internationalisation Advice

23.10.2025

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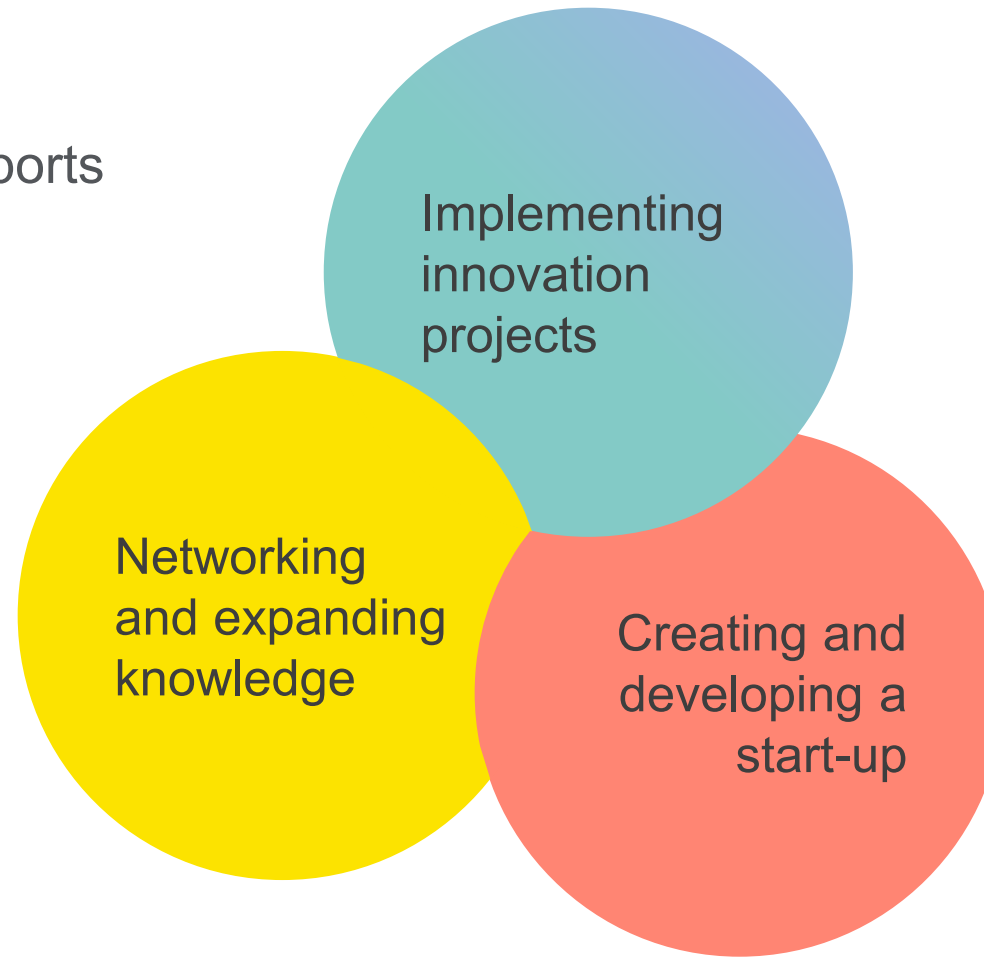
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How Innosuisse supports
your science-based
innovation:



IMPLEMENTING INNOVATION PROJECTS

WITH INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS

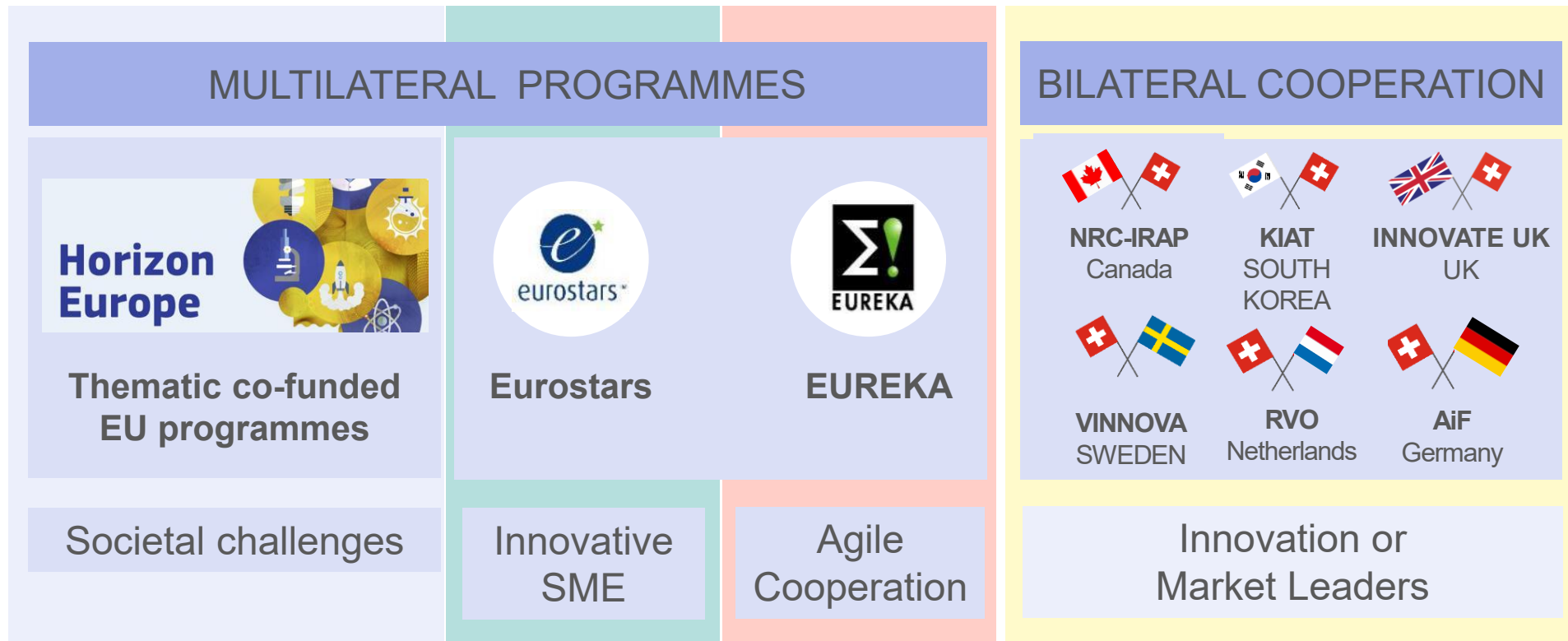
EU-PARTNERSHIPS

EUREKA

EUROSTARS

BILATERAL COOPERATION

DIFFERENT TYPES OF INNOSUISSE INITIATIVES



OVERVIEW OF PROJECT CONTRIBUTIONS IN INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS



FOR EUROSTARS PROJECTS AND EU THEMATIC PARTNERSHIPS

Direct project funding:

- Start-ups and SMEs up to 50%
- Large companies up to 25%
- Swiss research partners up to 50%
- Specified in each call



FOR EUREKA AND BILATERAL PROJECTS

Innosuisse covers a **maximum of 70% of the project costs** of the Swiss participants.

Direct project funding:

- Start-ups* & SMEs up to 50%
- Large companies up to 25%
- Swiss research partners up to 100%

*Swiss start-ups which have not yet entered the market (same criteria as for Start-up Innovation Projects) and which only cooperate with foreign companies can receive contributions of up to 70% of the eligible project costs.

ACTIVITIES / CALLS 2026: BILATERAL COOPERATION

Innosuisse - KIAT (Korea) Call 2026:

- Call open February 2026 – May 2026

Innosuisse – InnovateUK Call 2026

- Call open July 2026 – September 2026

Pausing of the following bilateral calls in 2026:

- IraSME

Stay tuned and consult the [Innosuisse website](#)

ACTIVITIES / CALLS 2026: EUROSTARS

Eurostars Call 10:

- Call is expected to open in January 2026 and ending in March 2026
- Successful projects start in autumn 2026

Eurostars Call 11:

- Call is expected to open in July 2026 and ending in September 2026
- Successful projects start early 2027

Stay tuned and consult the [Innosuisse website](#)

ACTIVITIES / CALLS 2026: EUREKA

Eureka Network projects:

- Continuous submission
- Consult the [Innosuisse Website](#) for submission procedure

Eureka initiatives without Innosuisse participation:

- Eureka Clusters SMART, CELTIC-NEXT, EUROGIA2023, XECS, ITEA4,
- Globalstars,
- any other Eureka Call

Stay tuned and consult the [Innosuisse website](#)

ACTIVITIES / CALLS 2026: EU PARTNERSHIPS

Health and Care System Transformation THCS:

- Call topic: Inequalities in access to health and care
- THCS Call 2026 follows a 2-step call process:
 - Opening is planned for November 2025
 - Deadline pre-proposal: 22. January 2026
 - Decision pre-proposal: 27. April 2026
 - Deadline full proposal: 22. June 2026
 - Decision full proposal: October 2026

Stay tuned and consult the [Innosuisse website](#)

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NETWORKING AND EXPANDING KNOWLEDGE

ENTERPRISE EUROPE
NETWORK

INTERNATIONAL PARTNER SEARCH

- Collaborative projects - consortium
- International partner needed
- Industry (SME) partner needed
- Respect eligibility criteria



**“Thanks to the matchmaking support of Innosuisse/EEN Switzerland , we found a competent SME partner for our successful Eurostars application COMSBlue!
The aim of this project is to complement Piomic Medical's COMS® treatment pipeline with an innovative solution for the treatment and prevention of chronic and acute wound infections.”**

Jari Kruth, CTO

MATCHMAKING SUPPORT TO COMPLETE YOUR CONSORTIUM

- Publish your partner search for international funding programmes (Eurostars, Horizon Europe..) on the Enterprise Europe Network (EEN) database
- Description of the type of partner & tasks of the partner sought
- www.swisseen.ch

International Partner Search

Research & Development Request

UK-based developer is looking for manufacturers of infrared heaters or coolers interested in a joint EUROSTARS funding application to integrate a personalised indoor climate controller that enhances comfort while reducing energy consumption.



Business Support on Your Doorstep

MATCHMAKING EVENTS

- Meet potential partners
- Onsite & online
- Pre-arranged one-to-one meetings
- www.swisseen.ch/events



Eureka Circular Value Creation
Call for R&D projects



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- Matchmaking events
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- Contact: een@innosuisse.ch

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SWITZERLAND

Dear Mr. Nicolas Lentze,

According to your details in the marketplace subscription you will get the following cooperation profile:

A University from Türkiye is looking for a Project Partner for the EIC Pathfinder Project

Reference Number: RDRTR20250904008

Summary:
A university from Türkiye is coordinating a consortium for an EIC Pathfinder call. The project develops, solar-assisted platform to convert waste carbon streams (CO₂, CH₄, syngas) into high-value polymers using solar-plasma reforming, electrochemical CO₂ capture, and advanced material synthesis. Applications include transportation, electronics, and specialty materials. A research cooperation agreement is sought.

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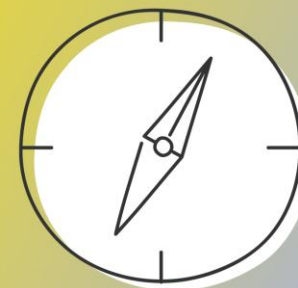
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AGORA

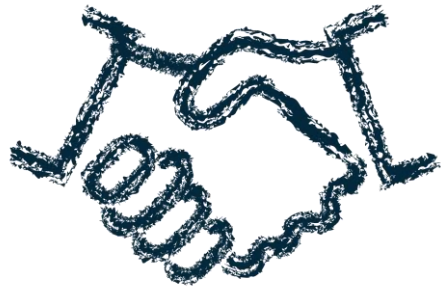
DIALOGUE BETWEEN SCIENCE AND SOCIETY

Dr. Julia Schneerson
Scientific Collaborator
Long-term Research

Key features



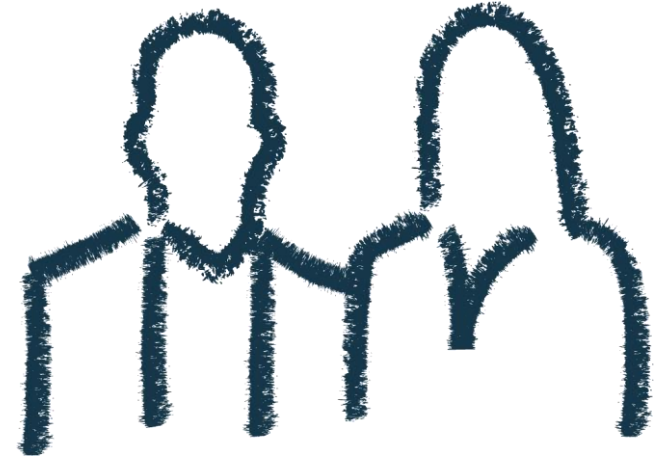
Dialogue



Collaboration:
Researcher + Communication expert



Recent research



Not specialized audience

Project submission

Agora Call

- Submission deadline once a year in September
- Budget CHF 50'000–200'000
- 6 months until decision

Agora Rolling Call

- Submission at any time
- Budget CHF 5'000–50'000
- 4 months until decision



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Project submission

Participation requirements

- Collaboration between researcher and communications expert (Agora specialist).
- Researchers are employed min. 20% at an eligible institution during the project.
- Scientific link: (peer-reviewed) research recently conducted by the researcher applicant(s).
- Methods and formats must foster direct dialogue between researchers and audience.

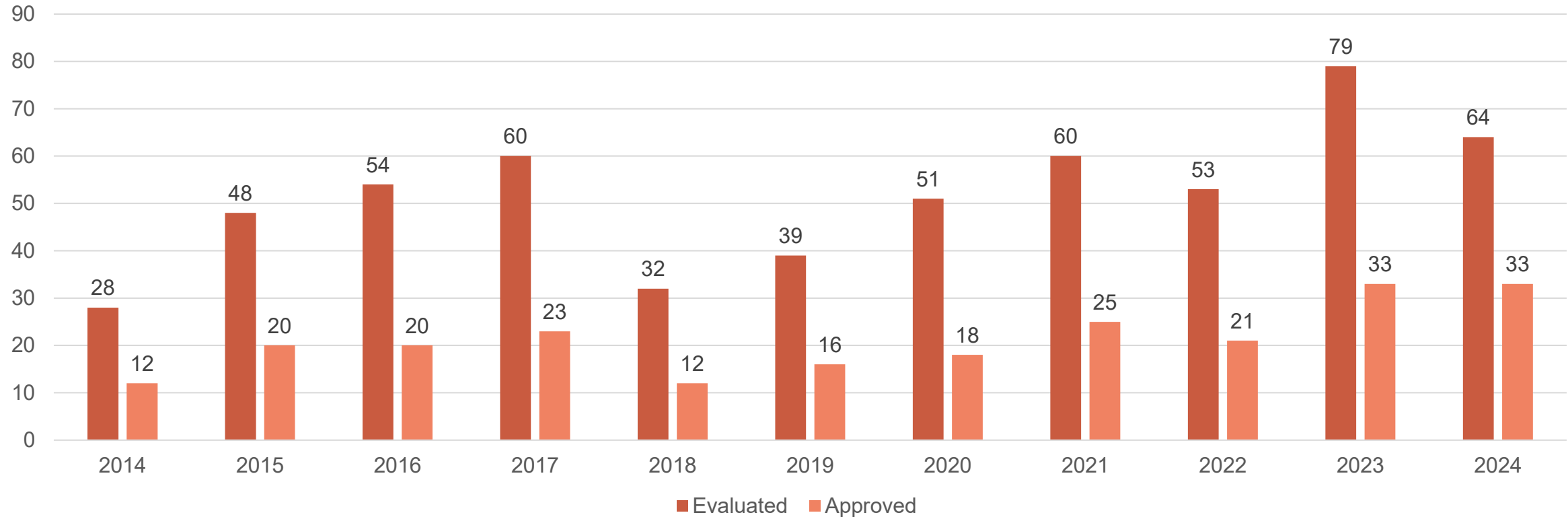
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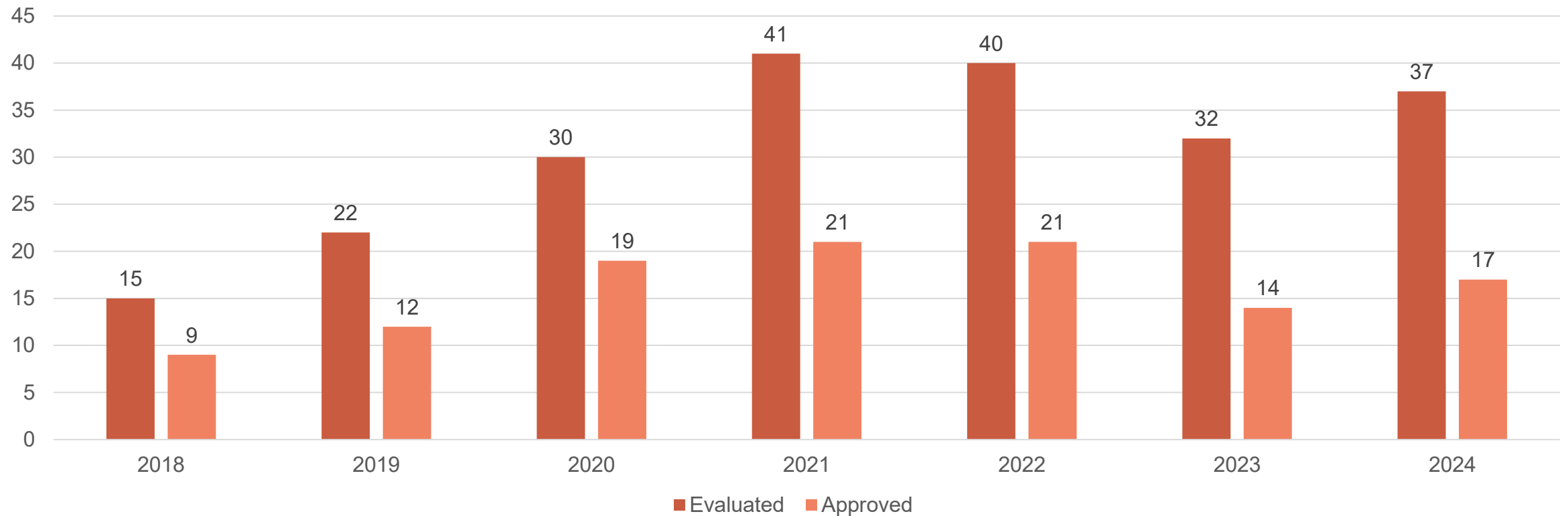
Agora Call: Submitted and approved projects

Average success rate: 42%



Agora Rolling Call: Submitted and approved projects

Average success rate: 54%

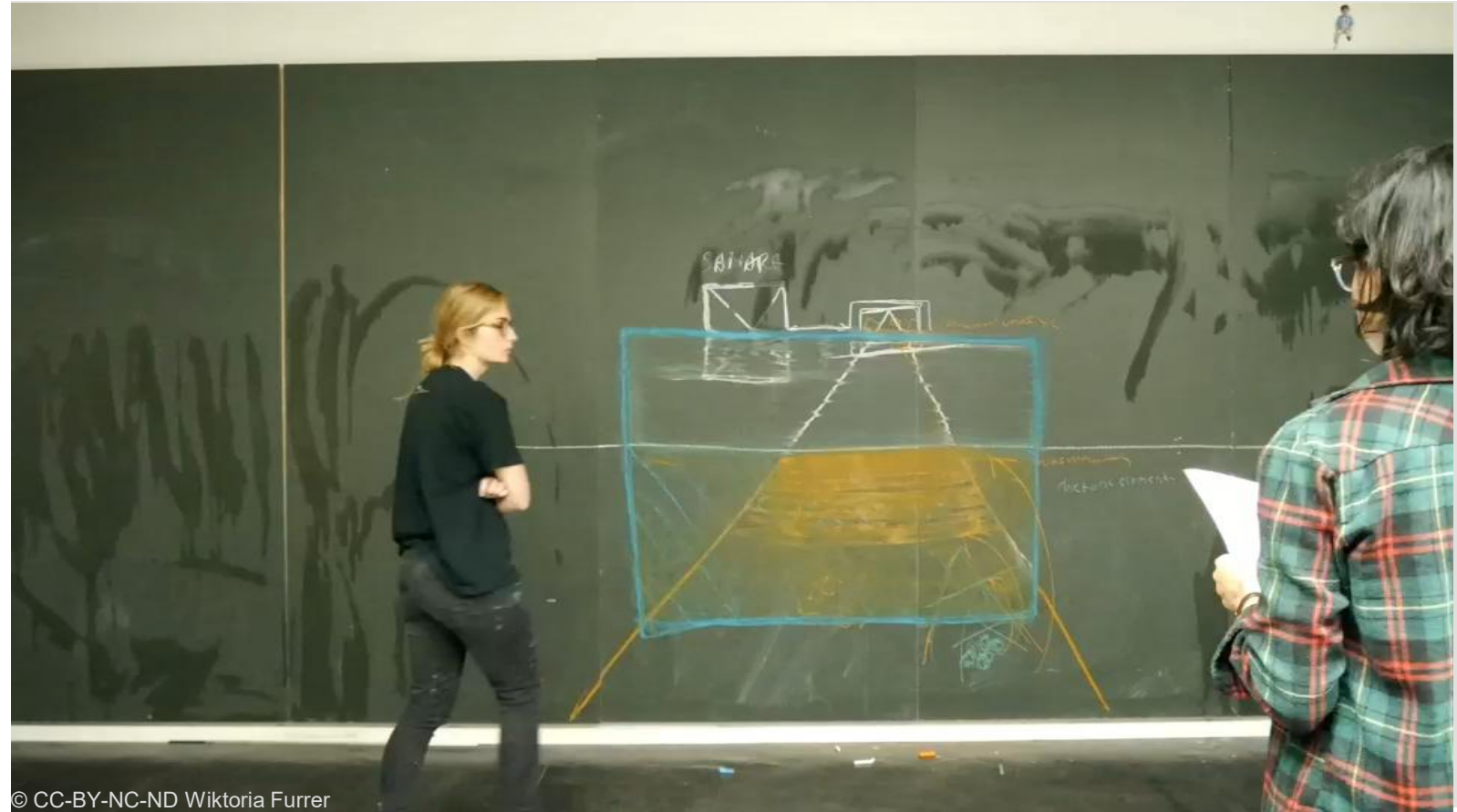


Project plan

1. **Summary** - maximum 1 page
2. **Project description** - *maximum 40'000* / 20'000** characters (with spaces, tables and figures) on maximum of 10* / 5** pages*
 1. Context
 2. Methods
 3. Implementation
 4. Evaluation
3. **Bibliography**

*Guidelines Agora

**Guidelines Agora Rolling Call

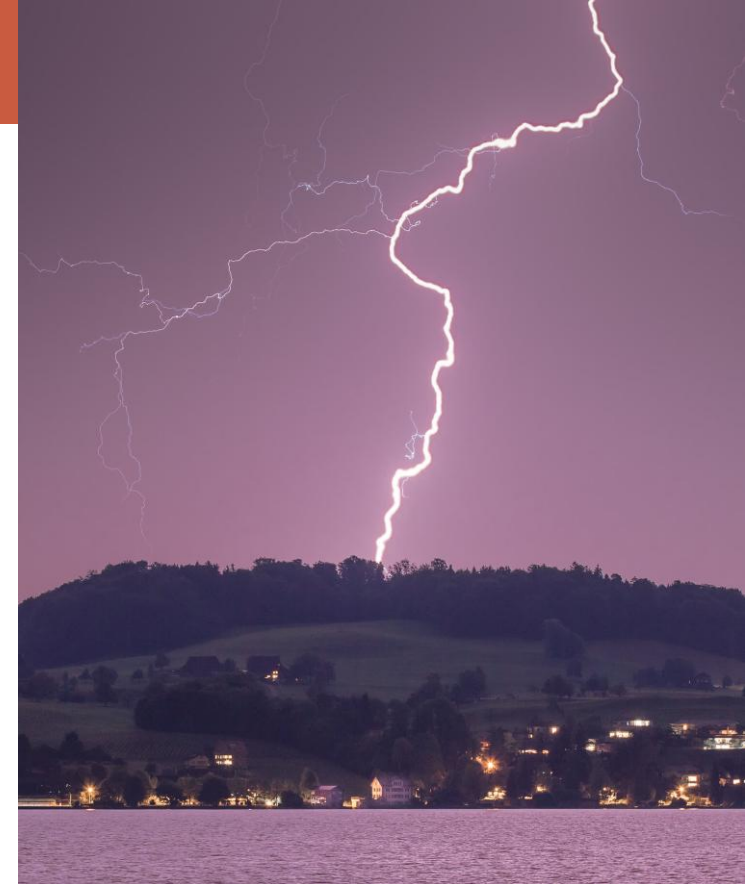


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Project plan

Some input

- Dialogue is key: involve the public instead of educating them.
- Work with professionals and practitioners in science communication, education, participatory formats, etc.
- Be as specific and concrete as possible.
- Check the consistency between goals, impact evaluation, target audiences and means of communication.
- Have in mind the six evaluation criteria.

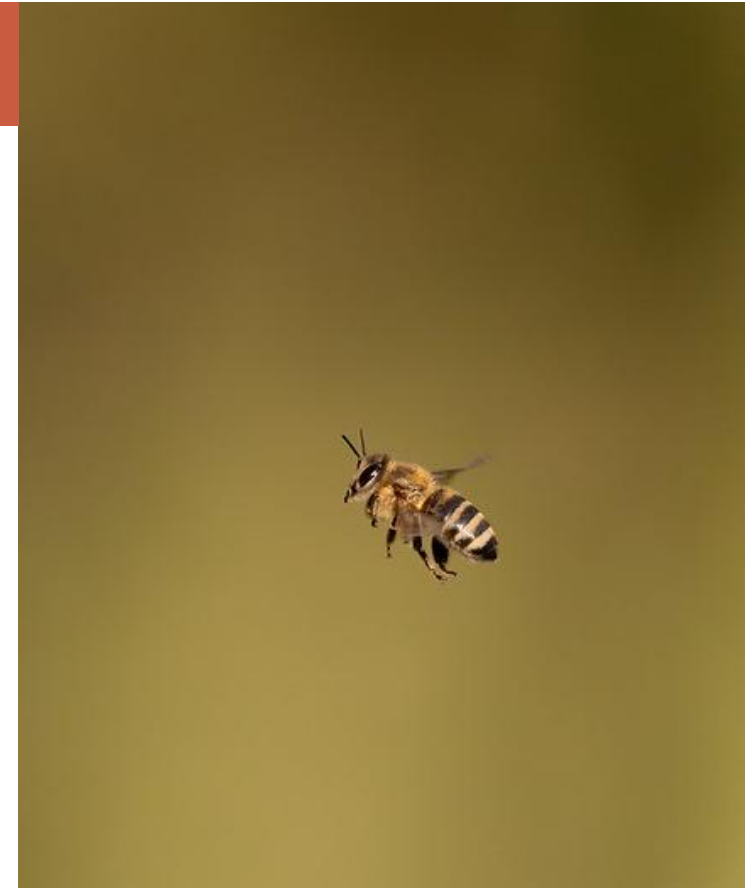


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Evaluation

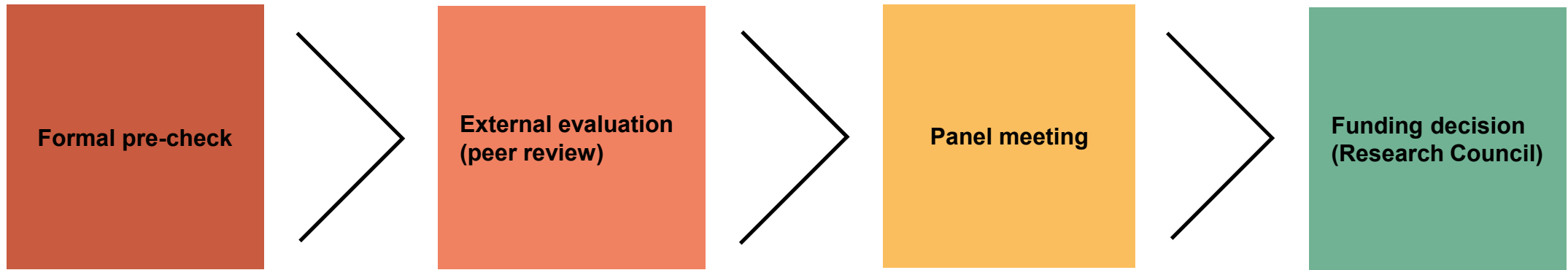
Evaluation criteria

- Expertise of the project applicants and co-applicants.
- Quality of the content to be communicated.
- Suitability of the methods or the communication design in view of the defined target group.
- Feasibility of the project.
- Expected impact in terms of quality and quantity.
- Contribution to the promotion of diversity and equal opportunities.



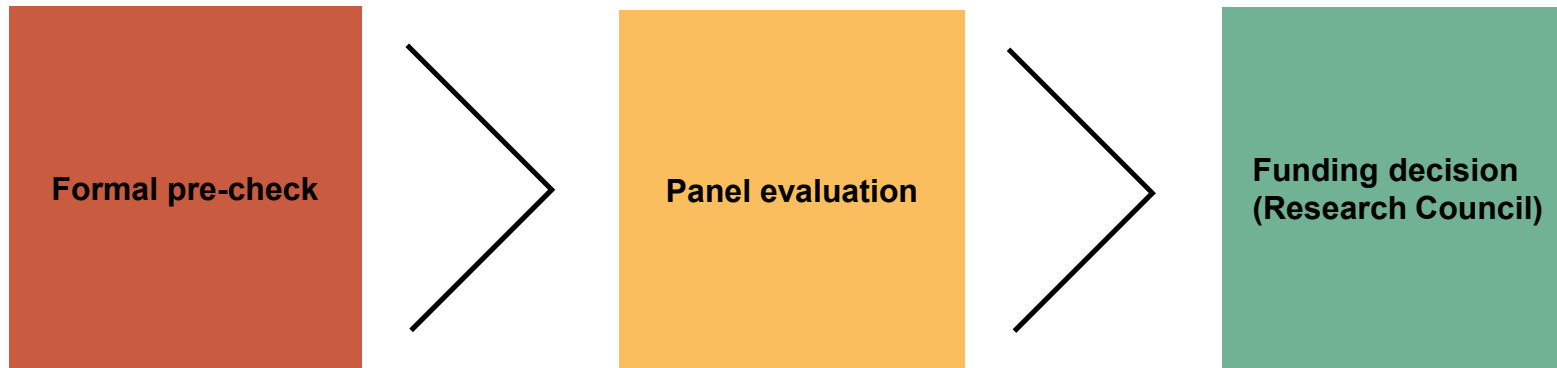
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Evaluation (Agora call)



Submission deadline: September
Communication of decision: March

Evaluation (Agora rolling call)



Submission at any time

Communication of decision: approx. 4 months after submission

Optimus Agora

- Selected from the annual call once a year.
- Supports the communication potential of one winning project.
- Training residency at Swissnex in San Francisco.

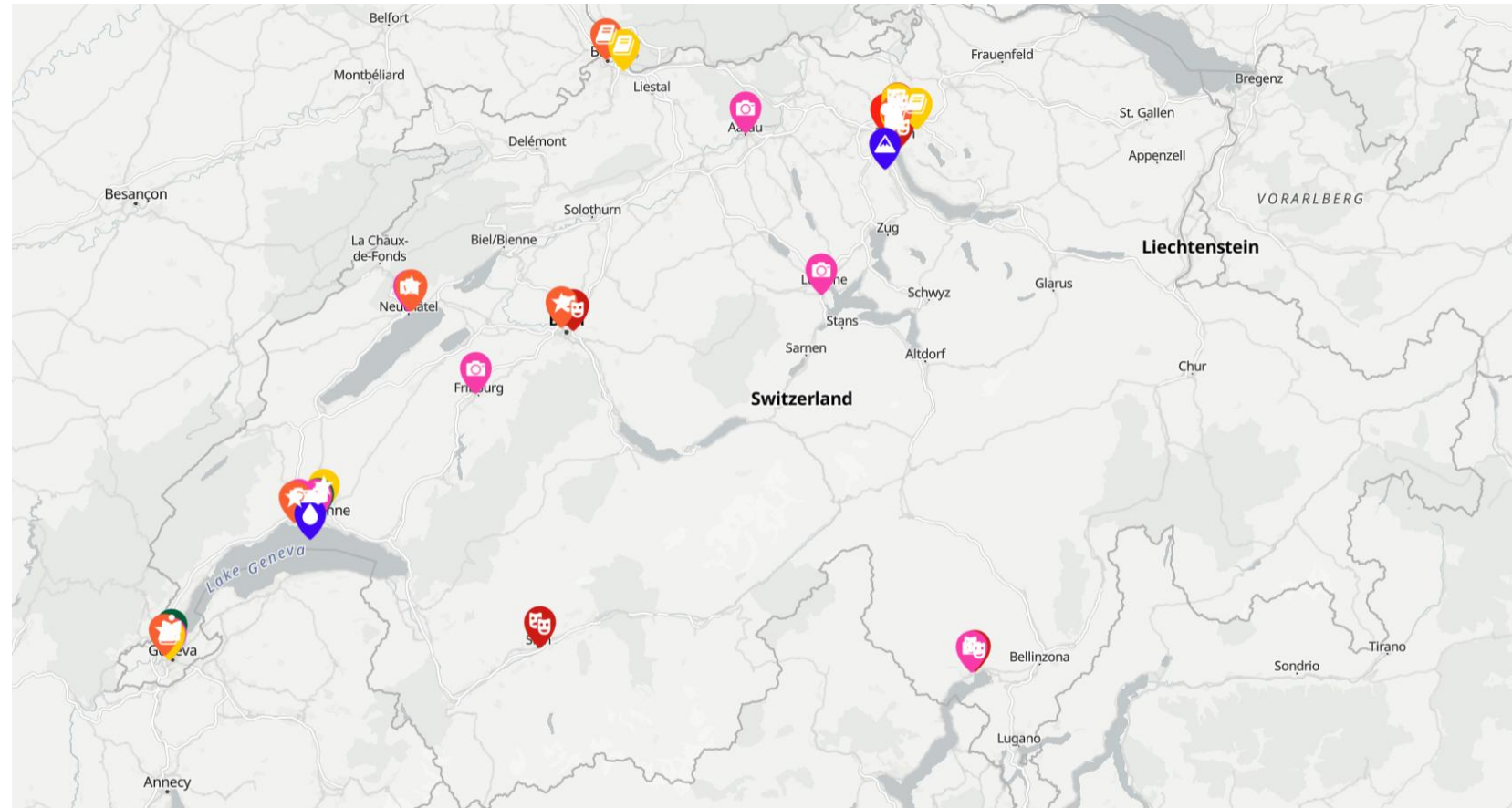


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Agora Map

<https://maphub.net/agora/agora-map>

<https://data.snf.ch/>



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INTRODUCTION TO EUROPEAN PARTNERSHIPS

Dr. Clémence Le Cornec / Dr. Cornélia Sommer

23rd of October 2025

European Partnerships within Horizon Europe

- European partnerships aim to promote the coordination and cooperation of national and regional R&I programmes.
- Research performing/funding institutions form a consortium that pursue the aims & objectives of the partnership as described in the SRIA.
- The EC provides between 30 and 50% of the funding as a top-up of the budget allocated by the funding partners.
- One activity of the partnerships is the organisation of the Joint Transnational Calls (JTCs)



The SNSF portfolio of European Partnerships

SSH



**Social
transformation and
resilience**

MINT



Raw materials

**Forest and
Forestry**

LS



**European Rare Diseases
Research Alliance**



European Partnerships Joint Transnational Calls

- European partnerships aim to promote the coordination and cooperation of national and regional R&I programmes to address **global challenges**
- The European Partnerships organise **yearly joint transnational calls**:
 - Topics for any specific call are identified in the Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda (SRIA) of the European Partnership. The call text is written by experts and approved by the European Commission.
 - Projects for 24 - 36 months
 - Research and innovation projects can be submitted
 - Consortium must be comprised of at **least 3 partners based in 3 different countries and up to 8/9 partners**
 - **30 to 50 funders involved** (national and regional funding agencies). Every funder only finances its own applicants.
 - Two-steps evaluation procedure
 - About 1 year between the opening of the call and the notification of the award

How can Swiss-based PIs participate in these calls?

1. Check that they are eligible to SNSF project funding:

- Applicants must be employed at a research institution eligible for research funding from the SNSF;
- Applicants must be independent researchers. Applicants with a doctorate must have obtained the latter four years before the submission date of the application or hold a position for qualification;
- Applicants must be employed at least 50%FTE for the duration of the project or have been given assurance of such employment in writing;
- Swiss-based applicants can only submit one proposal per call, but they are welcome to participate in more consortia as self-funded partners (not requesting budget to the SNSF).
- You may receive up to three project funding grants that overlap in time. Three such grants are permissible if at least one of them is a Weave/Lead Agency project, an International Co-Investigator Scheme project or a European consortium project (e.g European Partnership project)
- If you are not sure about your eligibility, please contact the SNSF administrative offices before the submission!

How can Swiss-based PIs participate in these calls?

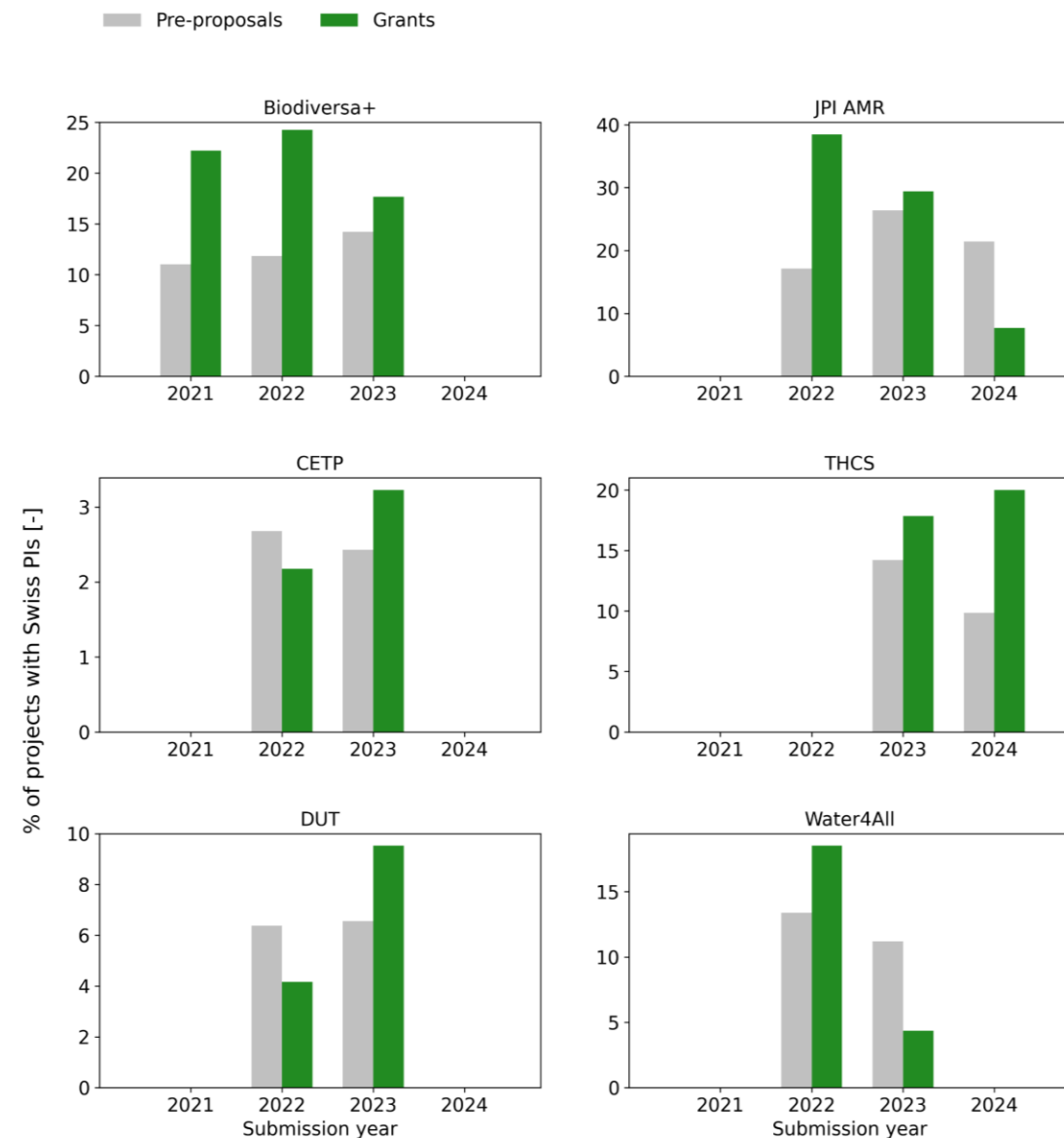
2. Find consortium partners & write the proposal. Please note that Swiss PIs can coordinate consortia (and are encouraged to do so!).
3. Prepare the budget. Please note that the budget that the SNSF checks and approves is the budget submitted to mysnf (and not the budget submitted to the call's platform).
 - Be aware that the PI of the project CANNOT request their own salary
 - Swiss applicants have the possibility to add project partners to their budget (Project partners are accepted if their contribution is necessary for carrying out the planned research project and does not serve any commercial purposes. In particular, researchers at higher education institutions, public institutions and non-profit organisations may be accepted.);
 - To convert from CHF to EUR, you can use the average exchange rate over the previous month;
 - Project overhead costs cannot be applied for;
4. Submit your proposal. The SNSF requests a parallel submission on mysnf, at the same submission deadline than the call.

European Partnerships – Swiss PIs statistics

- EP calls are competitive with success rates on average around $18.9\% \pm 5.1\%$
- Swiss-based PIs have good success rates (over than average!) in the European Partnerships calls in comparison to the baseline
- Relative success rate depends on the partnership and topic of the call (ex: JPI AMR or THCS)

SNSF total number of pre- , full- proposals and grants

	2021	2022	2023	2024
Pre-proposals	23	79	103	128
Full-proposals	24	64	50	57
Grants	13	26	18	-



Last update of the Figure: 01.2025

Focus on Health partnerships

- Brain Health:
 - To support brain health in society and to enhance the well-being of people with neurological and mental health conditions in Europe and worldwide (includes mental health)
 - Follow-up initiative of NEURON & JPND
- One Health Antimicrobial Resistance (OH AMR)
 - To support research on Antimicrobial resistance
 - Follow-up initiative of JPI AMR
- European Rare Disease Research Alliance (ERDERA)
 - To support research on Rare Diseases
 - Follow-up initiative of EJP RD
- Transforming Health and Care System (THCS)
 - To support Health and Care Systems transformation across Europe and beyond
 - 2 projects from the HES-SO financed (out of 9 “SNSF” projects) in the first 2 calls

European Partnerships – Current & upcoming calls

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|--|---|
| ▪ 1 st of September: Driving Urban Transition (DUT) | Deadline: 17 th November |
| ▪ 4 th of September: QuantERA | Deadline: 5 th December |
| ▪ 9 th of September: Biodiversa+ | Deadline: 7 th November |
| ▪ 12 th of September: Water4All | Deadline: 13 th November |
| ▪ 18 th of November: OH AMR | Deadline: 2 nd February 2026 |
| ▪ 7 th November: THCS | Deadline: 22 nd January 2026 |
| ▪ January 2026: Brain Health | |
| ▪ Q2 2026: Forest & Forestry / Raw Materials | |
| ▪ 2027: Social Transformation & Resilience | |

Belmont Forum

The Belmont Forum (BF) is a partnership of funding organizations (32 full members). Through its international calls for proposals, the BF provides an avenue to increase knowledge so that we can understand, mitigate and adapt to **global environmental change**. Each Collaborative Research Action (CRA) has specific requirements. However, many CRAs share the following core eligibility criteria:

- Transdisciplinary Approach
- Rule of three: **Three types of actors** in the consortium —natural scientists, social scientists, and at least one societal partner directly impacted by the project outcomes, from at least **three countries**, requesting funding from **three participating organizations**

Open and future CRAs:

- Resilience: Deadline pre-proposals 07.11.2025
- Ocean 2: Deadline pre-proposals 05.03.2026
- Pathways 2: not open yet.

Southeast Asia-Europe Joint Funding Scheme for Research and Innovation (JFS)

JFS is an instrument for funding bi-regional and multilateral research and innovation projects focusing on changing thematic areas in Health and Environment change. Projects typically last for 3 years.

Funding is provided by funding agencies or ministries from Southeast Asia and Europe. Each funder finances “their own researchers” (no money crossing borders principle). The call management is financed by the EU Commission.

Consortia: at least 3 partners from 3 different countries (2+1 rule); at least 1 partner from each region must be eligible for JFS funding with the Project Coordinator selected among the eligible partners; non eligible partners can participate by bringing their own funds

Regulations: general JFS regulations in call text + funder-specific rules (“National Regulations”)

Eligibility Swiss applicants: according to SNSF eligibility requirements

- Up to CHF 300 000 for 3 years (eligible costs according to SNSF Regulations on Project Funding)
- Parallel application (on mySNF and on the JFS platform)

Two topics for the 10th Call:

1 New Materials & Green Transition / 2 Climate-Resilient Smart Agriculture using AI & IoT.

Launch: 01. December 2025 (**SNSF participation to be confirmed**)

CIFAR partnership

The partnership between the Canadian Institute for Advanced Research (CIFAR) and the SNSF was launched in Fall 2023. It aims to strengthen ties and foster new collaborations between researchers in Switzerland and CIFAR's research networks.

Current opportunities:

- Participation in a meeting of one of CIFAR's 13 interdisciplinary programmes (rolling application)
- CIFAR Global Scholars Program (Deadline: 5 November)
- 2026 Radical Interdisciplinarity Forum Arctic Horizons (Deadline: 12 November)

71 participants from 19
Swiss research institutions
in 2024/25 activities.

11 CIFAR meetings/events
held in Switzerland since
fall 2023.

15 SNSF-CIFAR Catalyst
Fund Grants awarded
since fall 2023.

In case of any questions:

Please contact us if you need support or have any further question that could not be answered today:



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And check regularly our «Open Calls» website:

<https://www.snf.ch/>

Open calls



Call for projects: Ambizione

Submission deadline: 04.11.2025 17:00 CET



Call for proposals – Investigator initiated clinical trials 2025

Submission deadline: 04.11.2025 17:00 CET



Biodiversa+: new call

Submission deadline: 07.11.2025 17:00 CET



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