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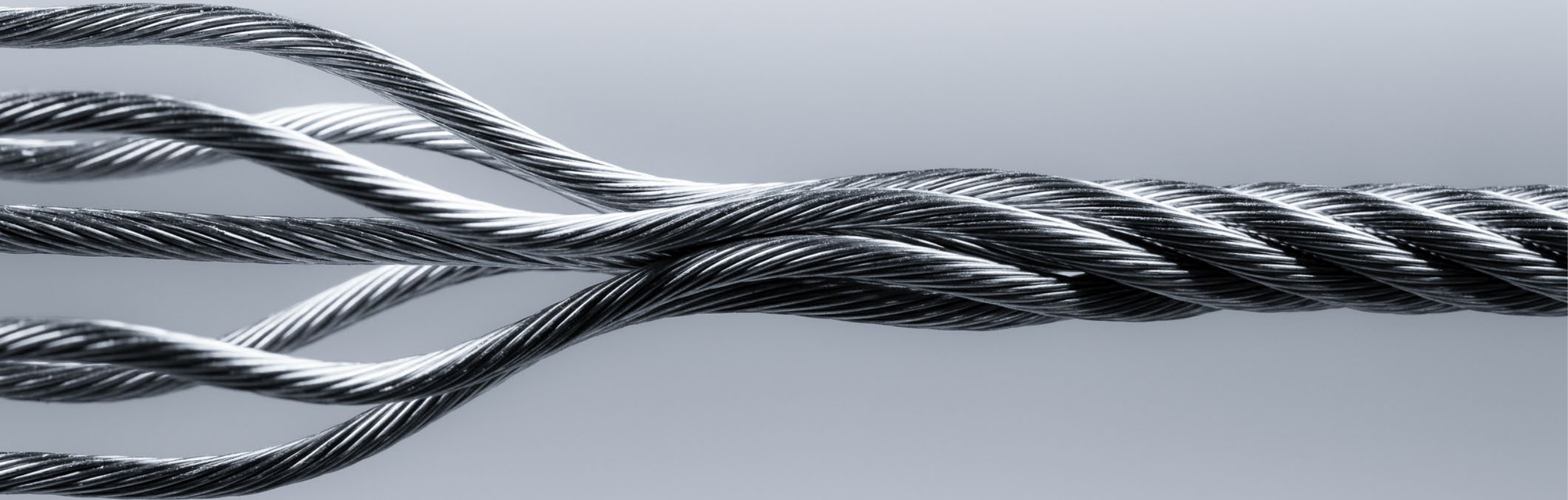


# SNSF & INNOSUISSE FUNDING SCHEME EVENTS

Wednesday, 27 October 2021

# Programme Presentations

Schedule	Subjects
09:00 – 09:10	Welcome speech
09:10 – 09:20	Scientific Exchange
09:35 – 10:00	SPIRIT
10:00 – 10:25	Innosuisse Instruments <a href="#">See slides and recordings of 11 &amp; 26 November 2021</a>



# SCIENTIFIC EXCHANGES

Matt Kimmich

# What is the Scientific Exchanges grant?

The SNSF supports Scientific Exchanges financially. There are two overall types:

- Scientific events, i.e. conferences, workshops and similar events
- Research visits

# Scientific events: format and eligibility criteria

- Organised (or co-organised) by the applicant
- Duration: 1-5 days
- Can take place physically or, in part or entirely, online
- Typically take place in - or (in the case of online or hybrid events) are organised and run from - Switzerland (exceptions are very rare and must be discussed with the SNSF beforehand)
- Applicants must have a position at a Swiss research institution

# Scientific events: eligible costs

- Up to CHF2'500 per half-day
- Travel costs, accommodation and subsistence for active participants from abroad
- Support for participants with childcare duties (travel costs and childcare allowance)
- Only for online/hybrid events: rental costs for equipment and venues; external service; license costs for non-standard software and services; fees for additional staff
  - ▶ Quotes for rentals and services must be submitted with the proposal
- Speaker fees and conference fees aren't covered

# Research visits: format and eligibility criteria

- Visits by the Swiss applicant to a host abroad, or by a guest from abroad to Switzerland
- Purpose: join scientific/research activities, mainly in project format
- Duration: 1-6 months
- Applicants must have PhD and a position at a Swiss research institution for at least six months beyond the end of the visit
- Applicants cannot be employed on a running SNSF project during the visit
- Both guest and host must derive a scientific benefit from the visit

# Research visits: eligible costs

- Travel costs for one round trip
- Monthly flat rate for living expenses; generally up to CHF3'000, but can be up to CHF3'500 in lower-income countries (as defined by OECD)
- Support for participants with childcare duties (travel costs and childcare allowance)



# Application process and evaluation

- SE applications must be submitted between 4-18 months before the beginning of the visit/event
- Proposals are evaluated internally at the SNSF
- Main criteria: mutual added value and scientific benefit
- Additional aspects: gender balance and inclusion of early-career researchers, as far as is feasible
  - ▶ Important to note for events: an early-career focus is not a problem, as long as the event and the expenses are well justified
- Generally, a proposal is evaluated and applicants are informed within 2-3 months

# Things to note

- Scientific Exchanges can be applied for and run in parallel to other SNSF funding, but scientific overlaps must be avoided
- Scientific events and research visits can be applied for and run in parallel to each other...
- ...but no more than one application of the same type (event or visit) can be funded per individual per year, i.e. there must be at least 12 months between the end of one exchange and the start of a new one of the same type
- Once granted, Scientific Exchanges can be postponed by up to two years (e.g. in case of global pandemics), provided that there are no substantial changes to the content

# Contact details

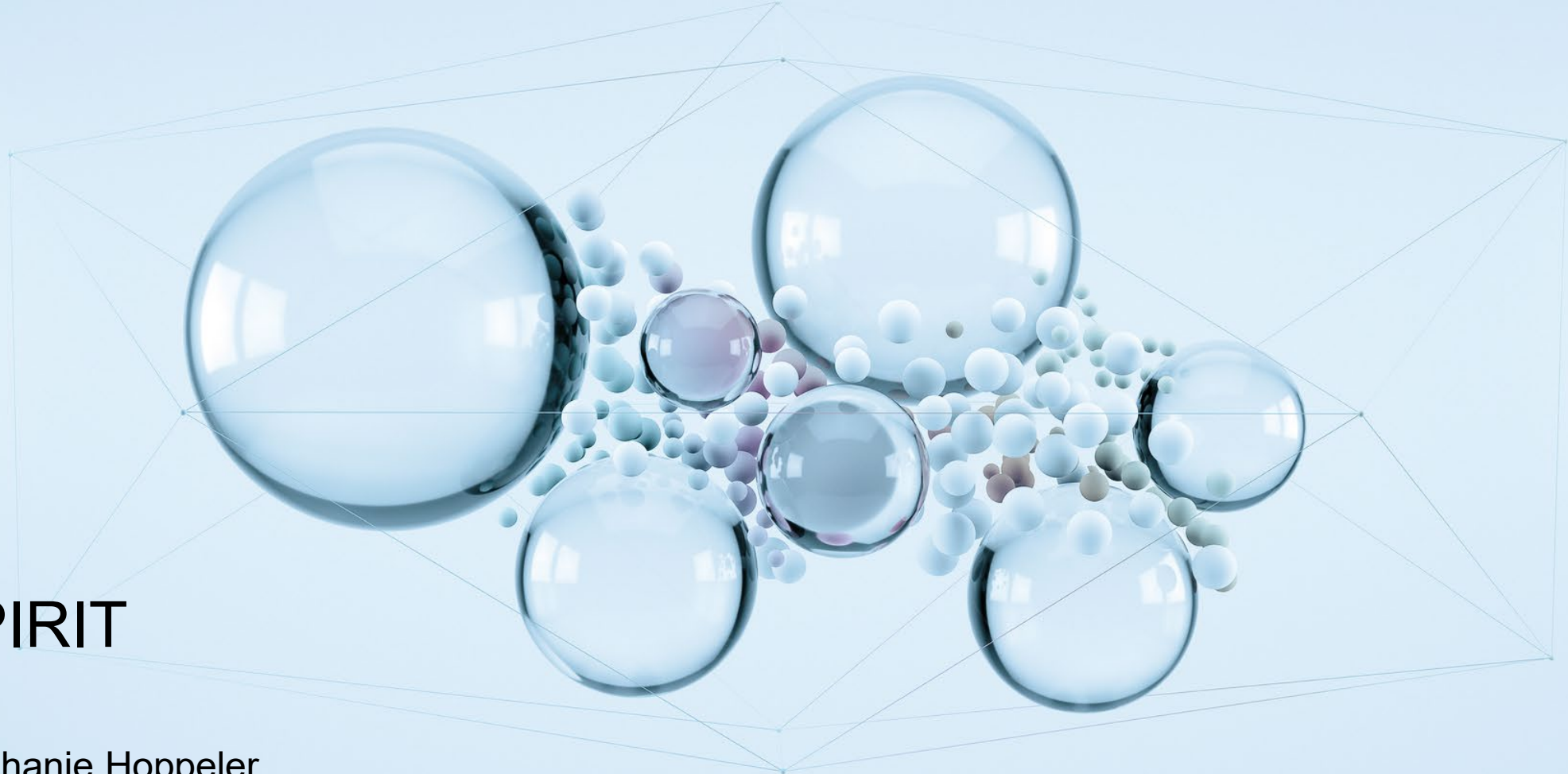
The regulations, guidelines and further documents can be found at [www.snf.ch](http://www.snf.ch) ► search for scientific exchanges

The Scientific Exchanges team is happy to answer questions at [scientific.exchanges@snf.ch](mailto:scientific.exchanges@snf.ch)

# Questions Scientific Exchanges

*We will answer about 3 general questions which were written in the chat.*





**SPIRIT**

Stephanie Hoppeler

# SPIRIT

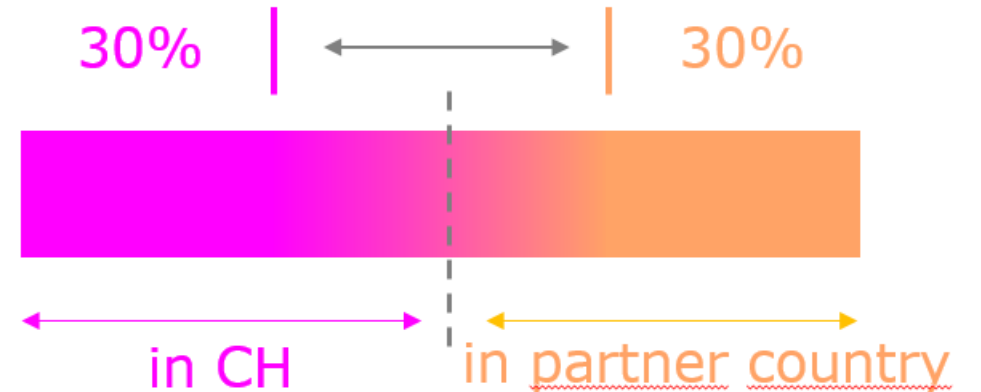
- **S**wiss **P**rogramme for **I**nternational **R**esearch by **S**cientific **I**nteraction **T**eams
- Collaborative projects
- Researchers in Switzerland and in partner countries
- No thematic restrictions
- Project duration 2-4 years
- Submission deadline: 2 November

# Aims

- Foster cross-border collaboration without disciplinary restrictions
- Provide more opportunities for researchers in Switzerland to collaborate with partners in many countries around the world
- Promote gender awareness and equal opportunities
- Contribute to the increase of research capacity in Switzerland and abroad

# Duration and Budget

- 2 to 4 years
- Maximum amount: CHF 500'000
- Minimum amount: CHF 50'000
- 30% rule
- Eligible costs:
  - Like in project funding
  - No applicants' salaries in Switzerland and/or in the partner countries





# Research teams

2 to 4 applicants

- Applicant 1: researcher in Switzerland
- Applicant 2: researcher in a partner country
- (Applicants 3-4: researcher(s) in Switzerland or in partner country/ies)

# Partner countries

- Selection based on list of countries receiving development assistance, issued by the Development Assistance Committee of the OECD
- Exceptions
  - Member states of the European Union
  - Countries associated to Horizon 2020, the European Union's 8th Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2014-2020) or subsequent programmes
  - Countries collaborating on a bilateral call with the SNSF
- Complete list available on [www.snsf.ch/spirit](http://www.snsf.ch/spirit)

# Eligibility

- Requirements as in project funding, for applicants in Switzerland and abroad
- Only 1 SPIRIT grant per person and period for all applicants
- Compatible with project funding applications or grants
- No overlap with Ambizione or PRIMA grants
- Eccellenza grantees and SNSF professors may submit a SPIRIT application 2 years after starting the Eccellenza grant or SNSF professorship at the earliest.

# Evaluation criteria

- Scientific relevance
- Originality of the aims and objectives
- Suitability of the methodology, feasibility
- Track record and expertise of the researchers
- Complementarity of the research partners
- Contribution to increasing scientific capacities in the relevant research field
- Contribution towards raising gender awareness and promoting equal opportunities.

# Evaluation procedure

- Annual submission of proposals
- International peer review
- Evaluation commission: Applications are evaluated by the SPIRIT Evaluation Commission (SEC)
  - Includes: Gender Equality Expert
- If proposals are deemed to be equal in terms of their scientific quality, proposals submitted by female applicants, or proposals that show better gender awareness, are given priority

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