

## **National Centres of Competence in Research NCCR**

Information on the changes in the 6+ (SSH) call

# 1 Changes compared to the 6<sup>th</sup> NCCR call

In its funding decision of the 6<sup>th</sup> NCCR call in January 2027, the Federal Department of Economic Affairs, Education and Research (EAER) set aside funds for an additional call restricted to proposals from social sciences and humanities. The modalities of the selection procedure are defined in the call document 6+ (SSH)<sup>1</sup>. This accompanying document lists the main changes compared to the 6<sup>th</sup> NCCR call, structured by the corresponding chapters of the call document 6+ (SSH). Textual clarifications and new nomenclatures introduced with the reorganised structure of the SNSF<sup>2</sup>, are not further discussed in this document.

## **Chapter 2.1 Disciplinary requirements and eligibility of interdisciplinary proposals**

In accordance with the EAER decision, the 6+ (SSH) call is thematically restricted to proposals from social sciences and humanities (SSH). This chapter of the call document lists the disciplinary requirements and defines the eligibility of interdisciplinary proposals.

## **Chapter 2.2 Number of home institutions and their committed funding**

The 6+ (SSH) call requires proposals to be hosted by at least two home institutions and that the sum of their cash and in-kind contributions is expected to match the requested SNSF funding. The same rules were applied by SERI for the six funded NCCRs of the 6th series.

## **Chapter 2.4 Timeline**

Compared to the 6th NCCR call, the overall timeline of the selection procedure for the 6+ (SSH) call has been shortened by eight months in order to enable a funding decision by the end of 2027. This reduction will be achieved primarily by streamlining the evaluation phase, taking into account the expected lower number of submitted proposals and efficiency gains in the selection procedure. The evaluation of proposals submitted to the 6+ (SSH) call will otherwise follow the same procedure as for the 6th NCCR call.

## **Chapters 6.2.2 and 6.3.3. Evaluation panels**

As for the 6<sup>th</sup> NCCR call, the SNSF will appoint evaluation panels on the basis of the submitted proposals. Panel composition will take into account the topics, disciplines and keywords indicated in the proposals. The outline and full proposals will be evaluated by one or two SSH panels depending on the number of submitted proposals.

## **Chapters 6.2.5 and 6.3.7 Outcome of the evaluation and communication**

In contrast to the 6th NCCR call, the anonymised referee recommendations will be made available to the main applicants in the 6+ (SSH) call. This change reflects a broader adaptation of the SNSF evaluation procedure aimed at increasing transparency.

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<sup>1</sup> [https://www.snf.ch/media/en/VkZL9wcvXqumITMZ/CallDocument\\_6th\\_NCCR\\_Call\\_additional\\_SSH\\_call\\_en.pdf](https://www.snf.ch/media/en/VkZL9wcvXqumITMZ/CallDocument_6th_NCCR_Call_additional_SSH_call_en.pdf)

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.snf.ch/en/SU8pHnsjkTndcbG4/page/new-and-forward-looking-organisational-structure-for-the-snsf>