



# WEBINAR

## MULTILATERAL ACADEMIC PROJECTS (MAPS)

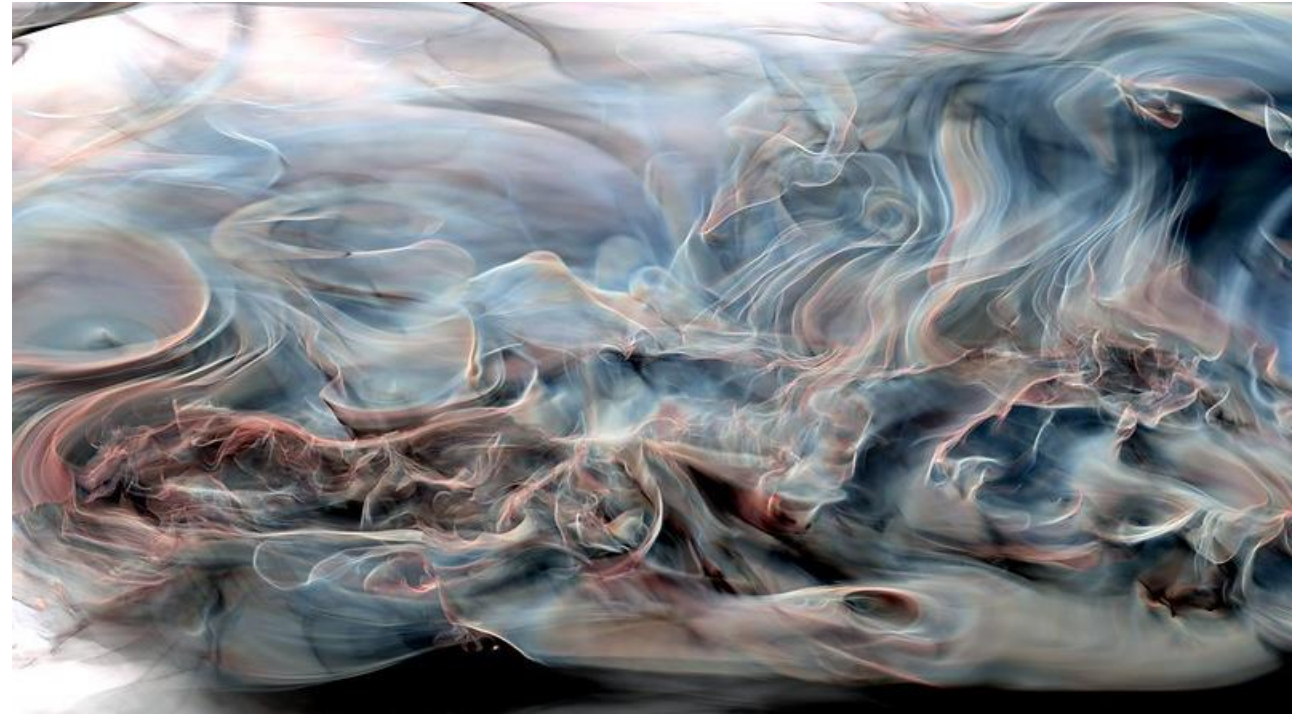
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## SECOND SWISS CONTRIBUTION

# Second Swiss Contribution

The second Swiss contribution is a key part of Switzerland's European policy, helping to foster cohesion and stability in Europe as well as consolidate and develop bilateral relations with partner countries.

The CHF 1.302 billion contribution runs until 2029 and will be used to support the states that joined the EU after 2004 (the EU-13) or countries facing major migration flows. The second contribution aims to reduce economic and social disparities in Europe and promote measures to manage migration.

The Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), the State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (SECO), and the State Secretariat for Migration (SEM) are responsible for the distribution of the funds.

# Second Swiss Contribution

The SNSF received a mandate from the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) to implement three funding instruments in the field of basic research:

- Promotion of Young Scientists in Central and Eastern Europe (PROMYS)
- MAPS – Multilateral Academic Projects
- SCIEX

Bulgaria, Croatia, Hungary, Poland, and Romania will participate in MAPS.





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# MULTILATERAL ACADEMIC PROJECTS (MAPS)

# MAPS – Multilateral Academic Projects

- Development of new funding scheme, that helps to fosters cooperation with EU partner countries
- Research consortia include researchers from at least two participating EU member states + one researcher based in Switzerland
- Bottom-up approach in choosing the research topic
- Max. amount per partner CHF 350'000
- Project duration: up to 4 years
- Common call office evaluates the proposals
- No common pot = funds will be spent nationally



# Advantages of multilateral calls

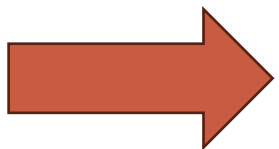
- Increased cross-border cooperation among the EU partner countries
  - Supports broader networks
  - Allows to address more complex research topics
  - Increases access to knowledge and technology
  - Increases competition and better quality of proposals
- Lean administration (efficiency gains)
- Finance more projects



# General eligibility criteria

Applicants must:

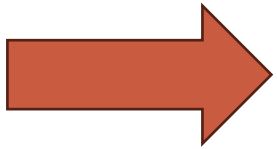
- Be a natural person
- Have obtained a PhD 4 years before the submission date
- Be able to carry out a project independently
- Be employed at least by 50% at an eligible research institution for the duration of the whole project
- Have access to the relevant infrastructure



For exceptions, please check annex 2 of the call document for additional information

# Eligibility research institutions

- Public research institutions
- Non-profit research institutions

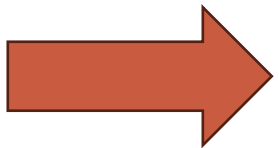


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# Eligible costs

Within a consortium, each applicant can request CHF 350'000

- Personnel / Staff costs
- Travel and subsistence allowances
- Equipment (up to 30% of the overall budget)
- Consumables
- Other direct costs (organising seminars and conferences, dissemination of results, etc.)
- Project partners – only for the Swiss applicants
- Subcontractors: up to 20%
- Overhead for EU-13 countries: up to 5%



Please check annex 2 of the call document for any specific rules

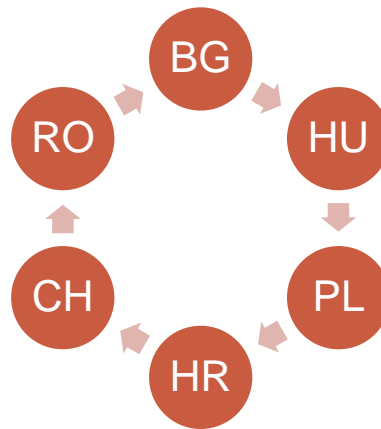
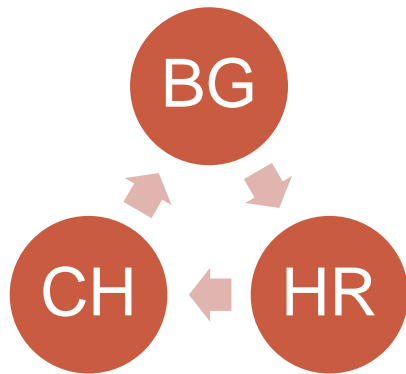
# Financial issues

- The budget for the whole consortium needs to be submitted in Swiss francs.
- For your partners from abroad: please use the daily middle exchange rate from the respective national bank.
- Furthermore, please note that the social security contribution for all partners from abroad need to be included in the salary costs.
- Applicants in Poland, Bulgaria, Hungary, and Romania can request their own salary (not in Switzerland and Croatia).

# Composition consortium

A research consortium must include at least:

- One eligible applicant based in Switzerland
- And two to five eligible applicants from Bulgaria, Croatia, Hungary, Poland, or Romania
- Only one applicant per country can participate in a consortium – no co-applicants
- All applicants have the same rights and obligations
- The Swiss applicant is responsible to ensure the communication with the SNSF – corresponding applicant





# Timeline

The second Swiss contribution needs to be completed until **3 December 2029**

## Timeline MAPS

- 2 April 2024: launch of the call
- 1 May 2024: pre-registration deadline (not mandatory)
- 1 July 2024: submission deadline, 5pm Swiss local time
  
- Preliminary check: missing information will be requested by the SNSF.
  
- Start of the projects between April 2025 and July 2025
- Project should end by June 2029

# Submission

- All proposals need to be submitted through mySNF
- Submission deadline is 1 July 2024 – 17:00:00 Swiss Local Time
- Croatia and Romania: applicants need to submit the same proposals also through the national system

# Evaluation

- Evaluation criteria (not listed in the order of priority):
  - scientific relevance;
  - originality of the aims and objectives;
  - appropriateness of the methodology and feasibility;
  - track record and expertise of the researchers;
  - complementarity of the research partners.
- International peer review
- Evaluation panel
- Funders Forum
  - Selection of the strongest proposals based on the scientific evaluation and available funds

# Funders Forum

Ranked projects	Country A 4 projects	Country B 5 projects	Country C 4 projects	Country D 5 projects	Switzerland	Decision
Project 1	X		X	X	X	Funded
Project 2	X		X	X	X	Funded
Project 3	X	X	X		X	Funded
Project 4			X	X	X	Funded
Project 5	X	X	X	X	X	Rejected
Project 6	X		X		X	Rejected
Project 7	X	X			X	Funded
Project 8	0	X	X	X	X	Rejected

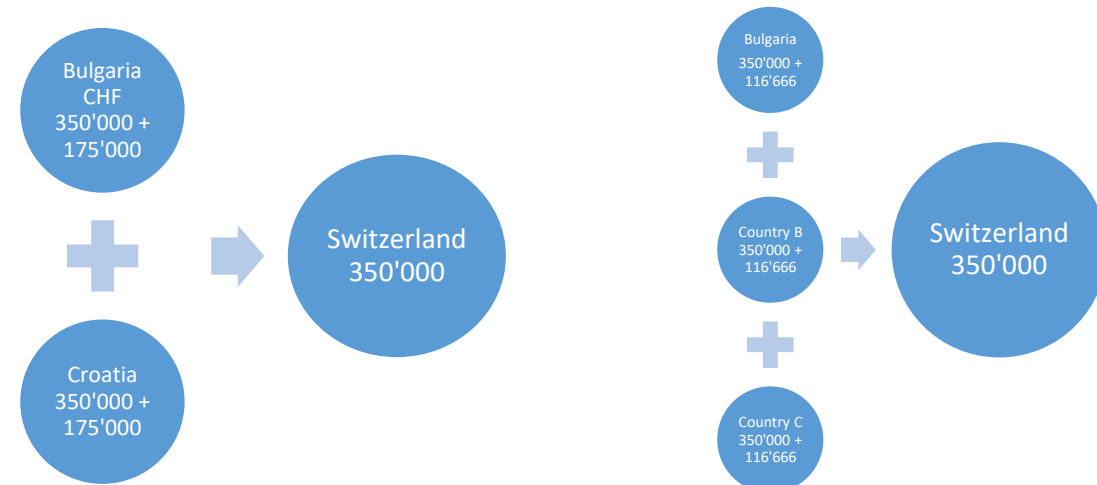
# MAPS budget

<b>Country</b>	<b>Support Measure Partners</b>	<b>Funding CHF</b>
Bulgaria	Ministry of Education and Science	CHF 6'176'471
Croatia	Croatian Science Foundation HRZZ.	CHF 6'176'470
Hungary	National Research, Development, and Innovation (NRDI) Office	CHF 3'948'749
Poland	Polish National Science Centre, Poland (NCN)	CHF 5'250'000
Romania	Executive Agency for Higher Education, Research, Development and Innovation Funding (UEFISCD)	CHF 10'294'117

# Number of fundable proposal

The budgets of the Support Measure Partners are not only charged to support their own PIs, but also need to pay a share of the project costs for the Swiss PI.

- Bulgaria and Croatia: between 11-14 projects
- Hungary: between 7-10 projects
- Poland: between 10-13 projects
- Romania: between 19-22





# Number of projects per grantee

- In the project funding scheme, grantees may receive a maximum of three grants from the SNSF for the same funding period, provided at least one grant is for an EU consortium project or has been granted on the basis of:
  - Lead agency
  - Weave
  - International Co-investigator scheme

➔ International programmes such as MAPS do not conflict with this limitation

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Thank you very much for your attention.  
Any questions?