

# SNSF & Innosuisse funding scheme events

Friday, 11 December 2020

# Programme

## Presentations

Schedule	Subjects
09:00 – 09:10	Welcome speech
09:10 – 09:35	Innosuisse Instruments
09:35 – 10:00	Bridge
10:00 – 10:25	Ambizione – PRIMA – Eccellenza (SNSF)

# Programme

## Q&A sessions

Links available on  
[www.snsf.ch/liveevents](http://www.snsf.ch/liveevents)

Password: 2020

Schedule	Subjects + Links for the Q&A Sessions (Password: 2020)
10:30 – 12:30	Innosuisse Instruments
	Bridge
	SNSF Projects (Humanities and Social Sciences)
	SNSF Projects (Mathematics, Natural and Engineering Sciences)
	SNSF Projects (Biology and Medicine)
	Doc.CH (SNSF)
	Postdoc.Mobility (SNSF)
	Ambizione & PRIMA (SNSF)
	Eccellenza (SNSF)
	Sinergia (SNSF)
	Agora (SNSF)
	International cooperation (SNSF)
	Supplementary measures (SNSF)



# Rules

## Presentations

- Both your audio and video are switched off. You should be able to see the presentation and video of the person speaking.
- If you're experiencing technical problems, you can contact us using the chat function.
- The presentations will be recorded (slides and speaker's voice).
- The slides and recordings of all presentations will be available on our website for a few weeks after the events.
- We will not take any questions during presentations or immediately afterwards.
- If you have any questions, please use the Q&A session concerning the scheme you are interested in.



# Rules

## Q&A Sessions

- These sessions will take place after the last presentation. You'll find all the links on [www.snsf.ch/liveevents](http://www.snsf.ch/liveevents)
- The Q&A sessions are organised as follows:
  - The experts will talk to **one person at a time** to ensure the confidentiality of all conversations.
  - You will therefore have to **wait until it is your turn**.

Thanks in advance for your patience. If the waiting time is very long, you could try to join the session of another scheme.

# MOVING FORWARD WITH INNOSUISSE

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Swiss Confederation

**Innosuisse – Swiss Innovation Agency**

# INNOSUISSE SWISS INNOVATION AGENCY

Innosuisse is the Swiss Confederation's agency for promoting innovation.

## Our Mission:

Innosuisse promotes **science-based innovation in the interest of the economy and society** in Switzerland – in all disciplines.

# THE CONTRIBUTION OF INNOSUISSE PROMOTES INNOVATION IN SWITZERLAND

TO GENERATE  
ECONOMIC AND  
SOCIAL  
VALUE

TO PROMOTE  
DISRUPTIVE  
BUSINESS  
MODELS

TO CREATE  
JOBS  
WITH HIGH  
ADDED VALUE

TO INITIATE AND  
PROTECT  
INTELLECTUAL  
PROPERTY



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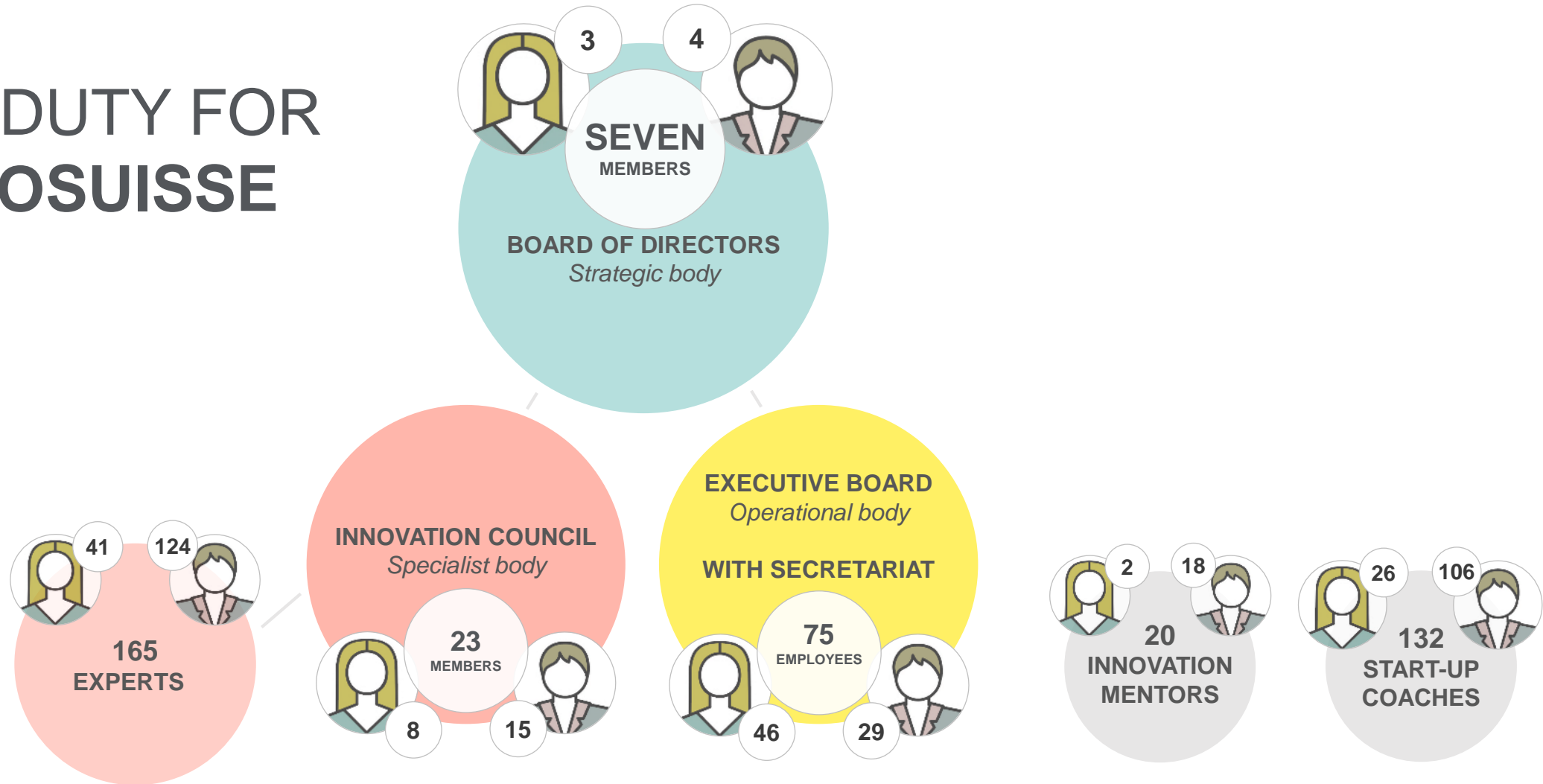
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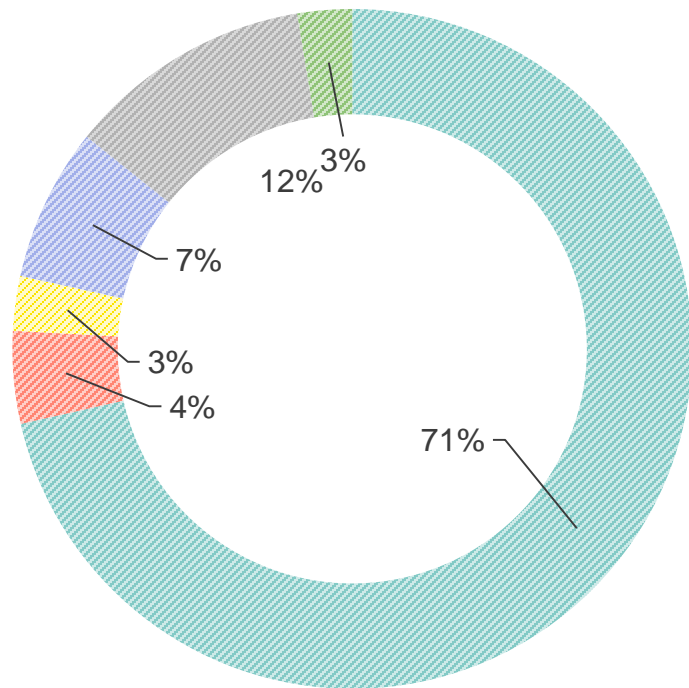
**“To achieve our goals, we need to be willing and above all able to take risks. This involves aiming to achieve great success with all the potential positive effects, while also accepting the risk of making a mistake or failing without it being the end of the world.”**

André Kudelski, Chairman of the Board

# ON DUTY FOR INNOSUISSE



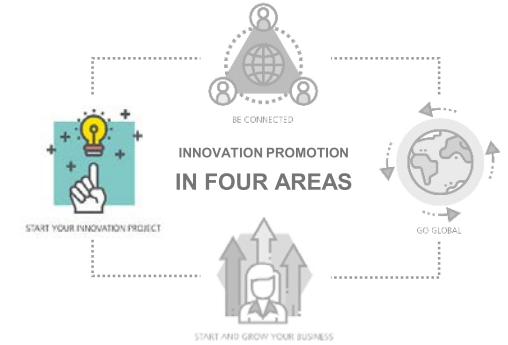
# ALLOCATED FUNDING CONTRIBUTIONS IN 2019



**TOTAL: CHF 266 MILLION**

- 71% | START YOUR INNOVATION PROJECT
- 4% | START AND GROW YOUR BUSINESS
- 3% | BE CONNECTED
- 7% | GO GLOBAL
- 12% | ENERGY PROGRAMME SCCER
- 3% | BRIDGE PROGRAMME

# INNOVATION PROJECT FACTS AND FIGURES 2019



**808**

funding applications  
for innovation projects.

**60%**

APPROVAL RATE  
678 applications were  
assessed of which 404  
were approved.

**15%**

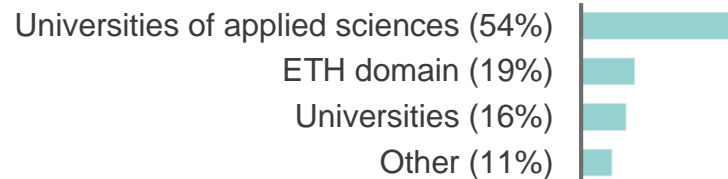
PROPORTION OF  
WOMEN  
at main research partners  
in approved innovation  
projects; 13% at main  
implementation partners.

**17%**

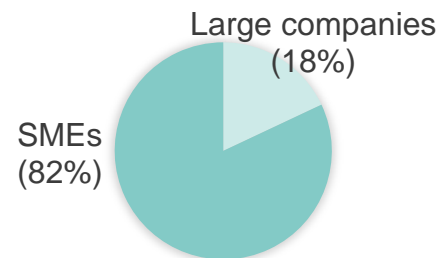
RADICAL  
INNOVATION  
One out of six  
innovation projects  
aims at disrupting a  
market.

The following partners are involved in the approved projects:

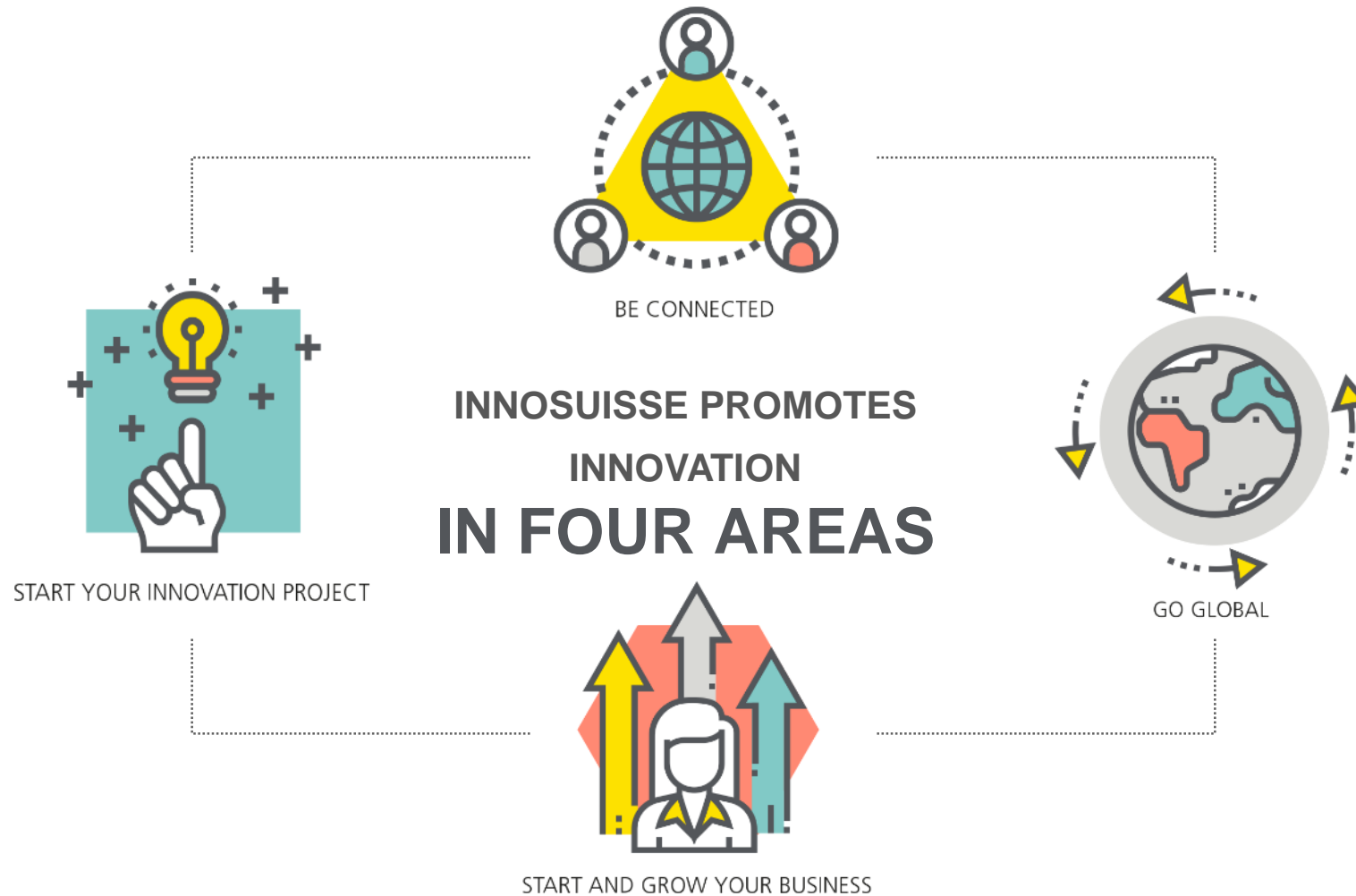
## RESEARCH PARTNER



## IMPLEMENTATION PARTNER



**400** innovation cheques  
were approved. The approval rate is  
78%.



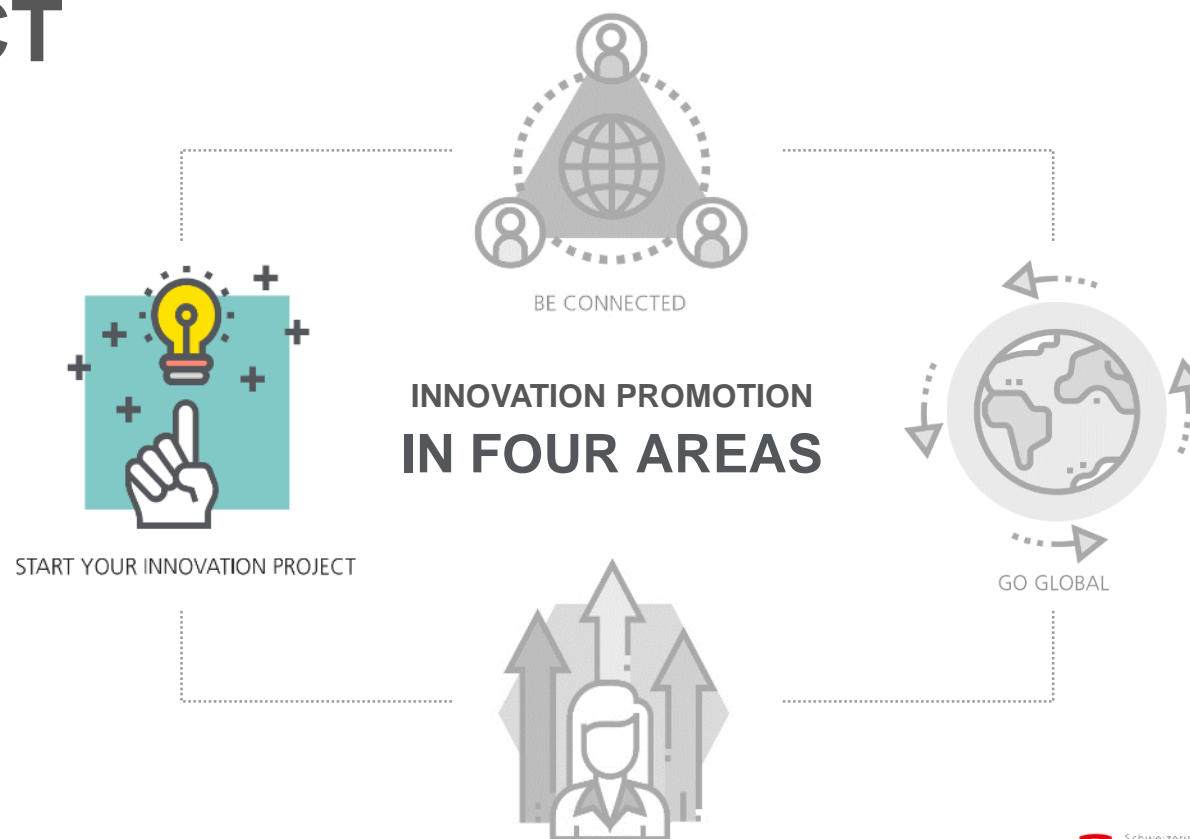
# START YOUR INNOVATION PROJECT

PRELIMINARY STUDIES WITH INNOVATION CHEQUE

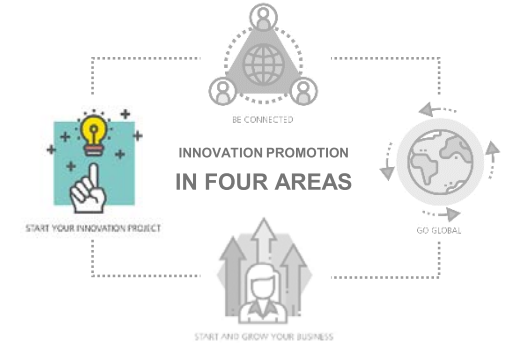
INNOVATION PROJECTS

BRIDGE PROGRAMME BY INNOSUISSE AND SNSF

FLAGSHIP INITIATIVE



# INNOVATION CHEQUE TEST YOUR INNOVATIVE IDEA



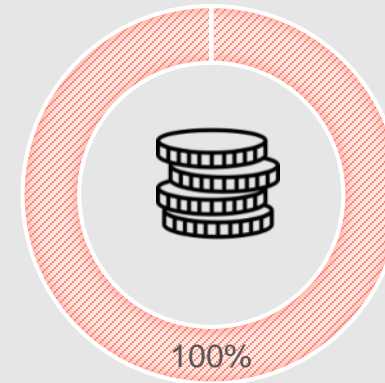
## SMES AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS <250 FTES

- Easy entry into science-based innovation
- Evaluation of the feasibility of an innovative idea

## RESEARCH PARTNERS

- Research services for the implementation partner up to CHF 15,000

## INNOVATION CHEQUE



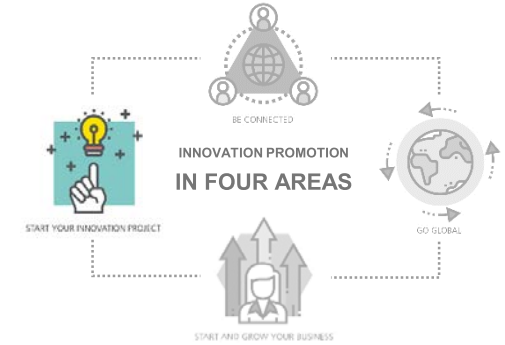
■ Innovation cheque by Innosuisse up to CHF 15,000

## PRELIMINARY STUDIES

Concept developments, idea studies or analyses of innovation potential and the feasibility

Apply for a cheque:  
<https://www.innosuisse.ch/analytics>

# INNOVATION PROJECT BETWEEN BUSINESS AND RESEARCH

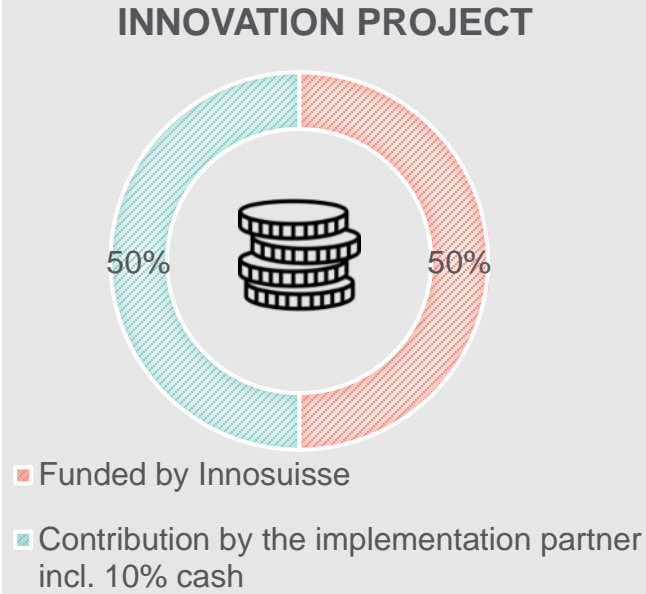


**IMPLEMENTATION PARTNERS (industry partners, SMEs, NGOs, administration)**

- Obtain access to scientific know-how and research and development resources
- Provide business expertise and customer perspective

**RESEARCHERS**

- Obtain business expertise and customer perspective
- Provide scientific skills and research infrastructure



**MARKET IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INNOVATION**

Submit your application online:  
<https://www.innosuisse.ch/analytics>



# FOR AN INNOVATION PROJECT A GOOD APPLICATION IS...

## CONCRETE:

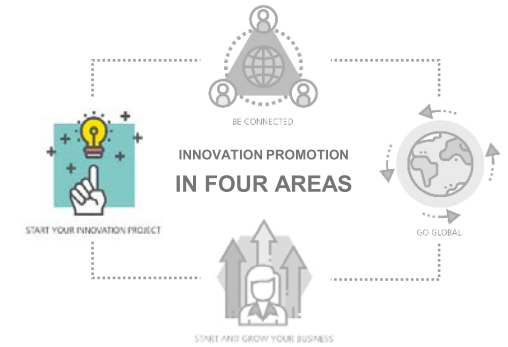
- Market interest exists
- Access to the market has been described
- Product or service has been defined

## CLEAR:

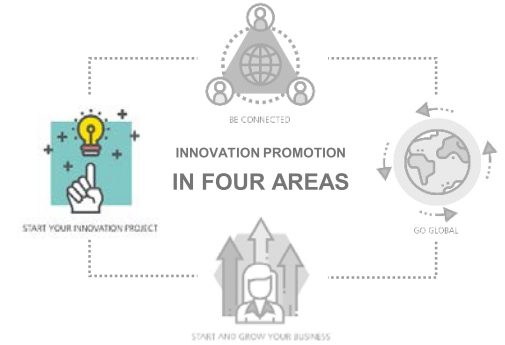
- Innovative content is clearly indicated
- Project plan is comprehensible
- Tasks are clearly defined and meaningful
- Milestones are set reasonably and goals are described quantitatively

## CONSISTENT:

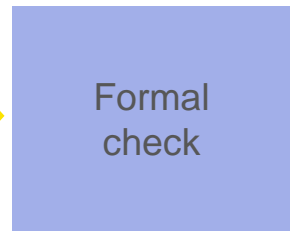
- Research and implementation partners work together, not side by side or against each other
- Project planning and financial planning are consistent
- Timetable and resource allocation are realistic



# INNOVATION PROJECTS EVALUATION PROCESS



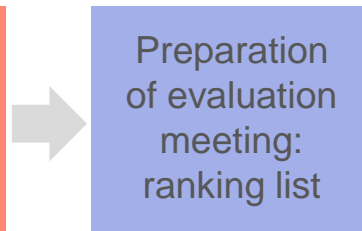
Evaluation duration (in weeks) – depending on [dates of evaluation meetings](#)



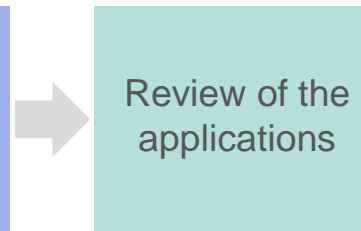
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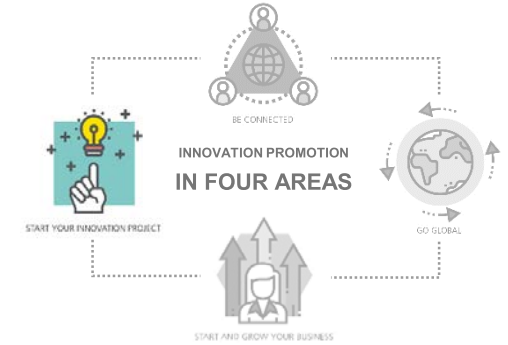


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# INNOVATION PROJECTS ASSESSMENT CRITERIA



## TWO INDEPENDENT EVALUATIONS

with the same weighting

Evaluation expert 1

Evaluation expert 2

## ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

- ✓ Innovation degree
- ✓ Sustainability and value creation in Switzerland
- ✓ Methodology and team competences

The Innovation Council takes its independent decision on the basis of the experts' evaluation

## EVALUATION EXAMPLES:

- Proposal 1 : AAA
- Proposal 2 : AAB
- Proposal 3 : BAB
- Proposal 4 : BBC

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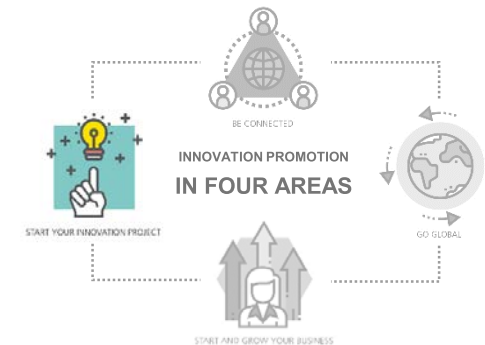


## INNOVATION CHEQUES

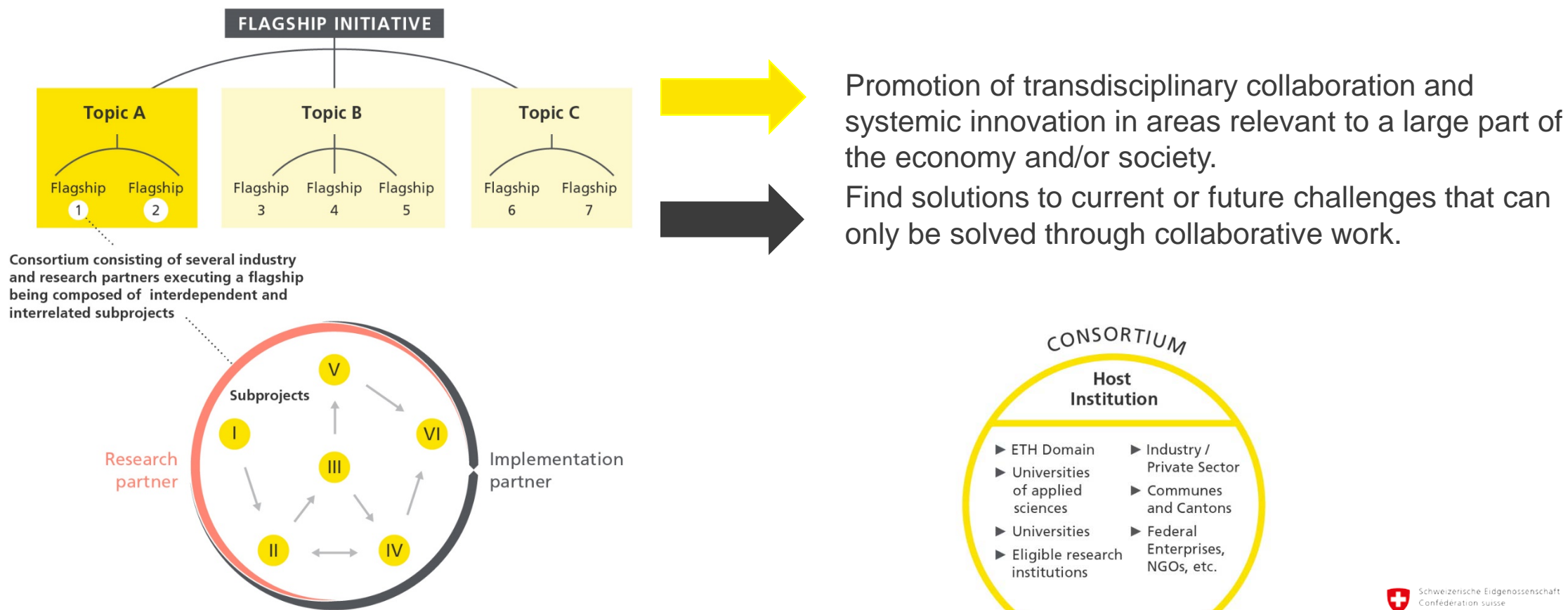
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# NEW: FLAGSHIP INITIATIVE (FROM JANUARY 2021)



More information: <https://www.innosuisse.ch/flagship>

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- The first call will be published in January 2021
  - Legal basis: Innovation projects
  - 2-stage evaluation process (deadline preproposal end of March 2021, deadline full-proposal August 2021)
  - Consortium consists of at least 2 implementation partners and at least 3 research partners (of which at least one partner must be an UAS)
  - The Innosuisse funding per flagship amounts to at least CHF 4 million
  - Minimum duration of a flagship is 3 years
  - Between 4-8 flagships per year are to be supported
  - Two topics are planned for the first call → publication in December
- Subscribe to the Innosuisse newsletter [www.Innosuisse.ch/newsletter](http://www.Innosuisse.ch/newsletter)

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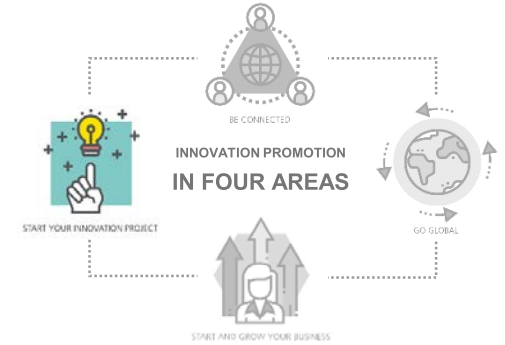
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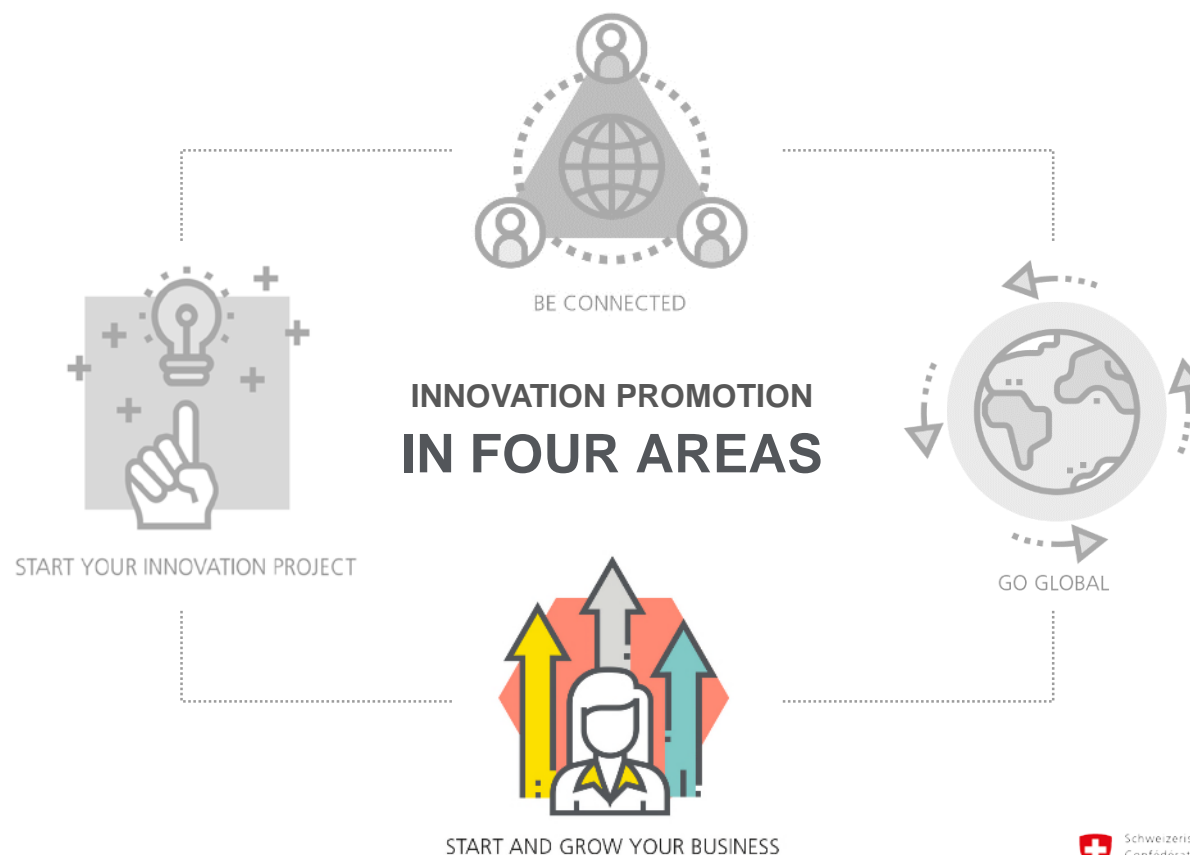
# START AND GROW YOUR BUSINESS

START-UP TRAINING

START-UP COACHING

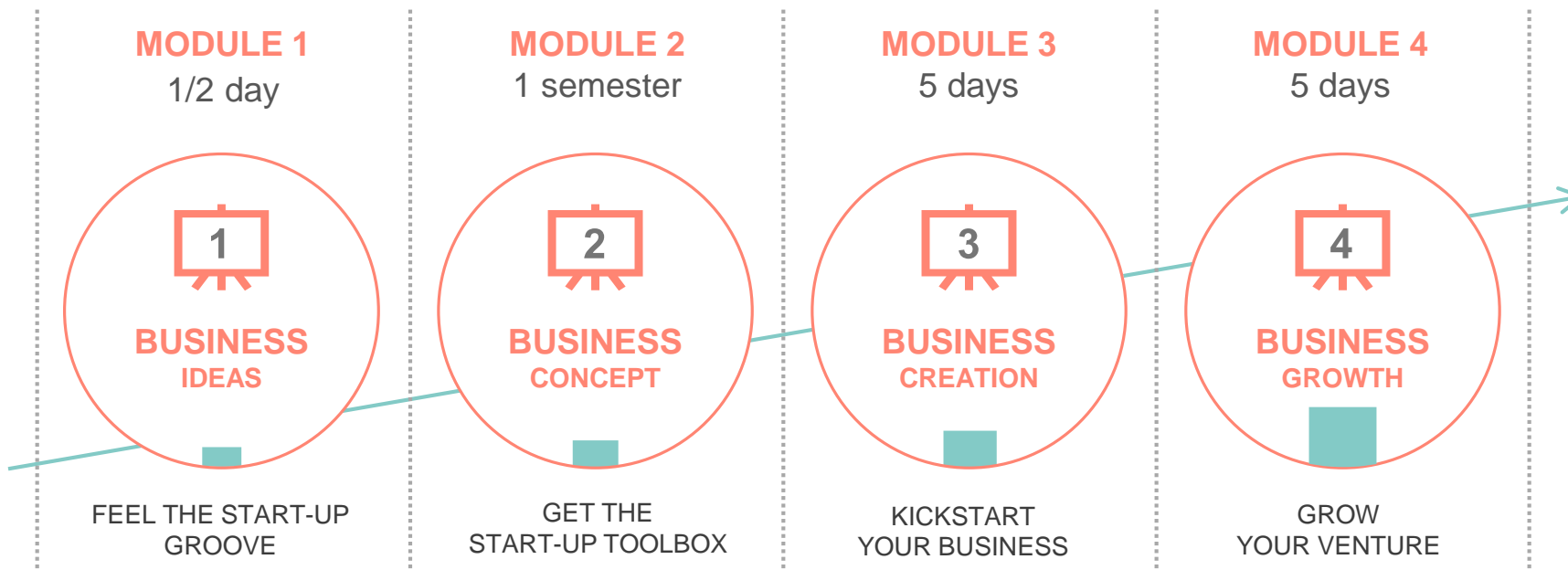
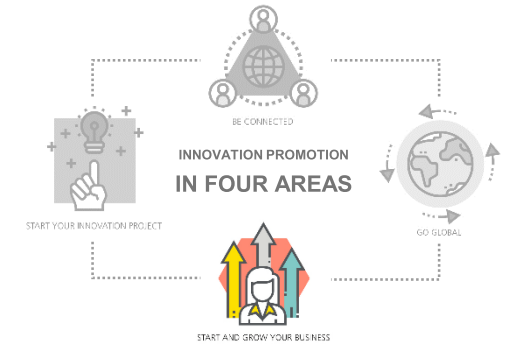
INTERNATIONALISATION CAMPS

INTERNATIONAL TRADE FAIRS





# DEVELOP YOUR BUSINESS IDEA WITH START-UP TRAINING



**MATURITY  
LEVEL OF  
THE START-UP**

For students, doctoral students, academic staff and professors at Swiss academic institutions

For start-ups

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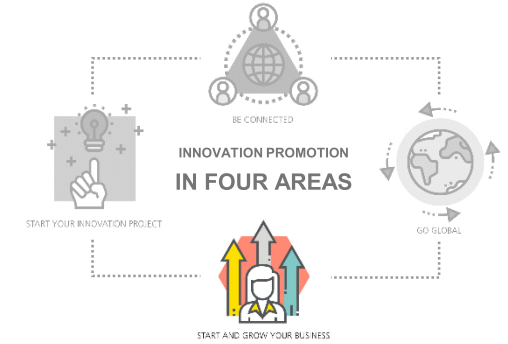


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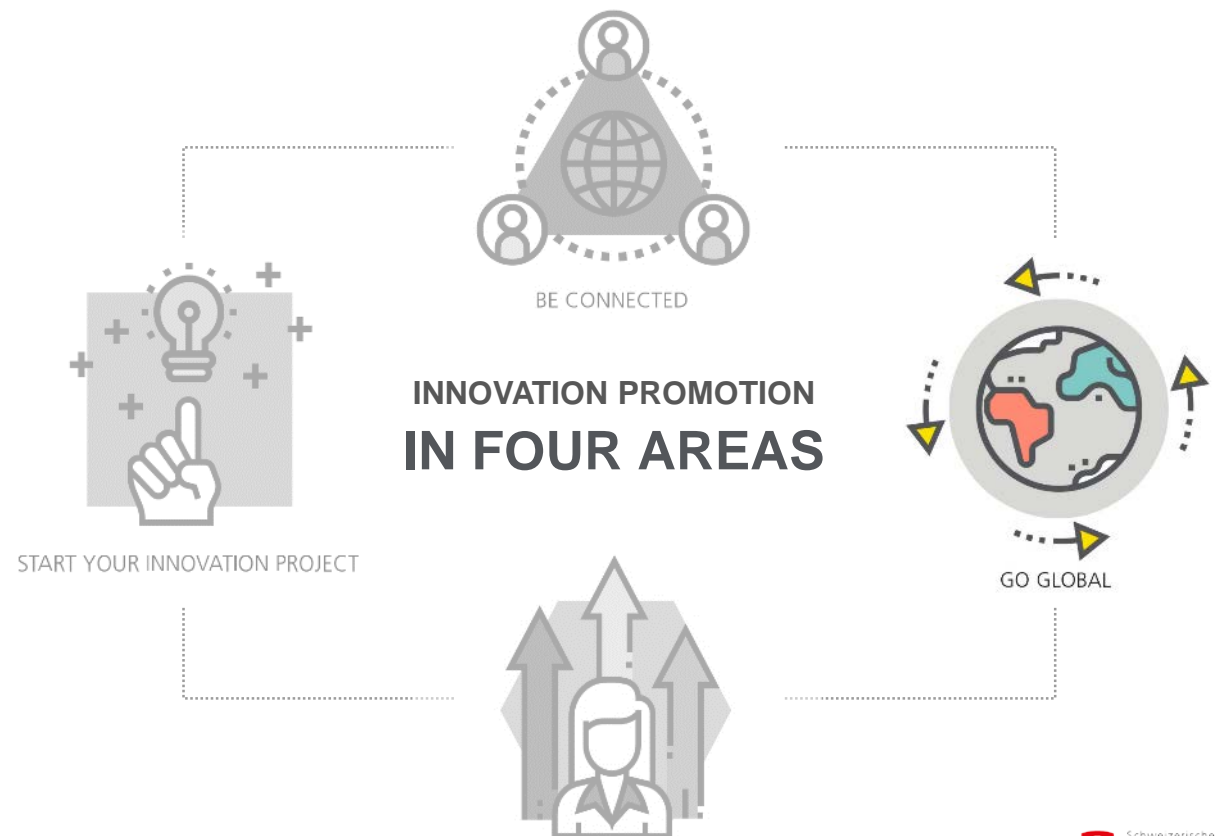
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## GO GLOBAL

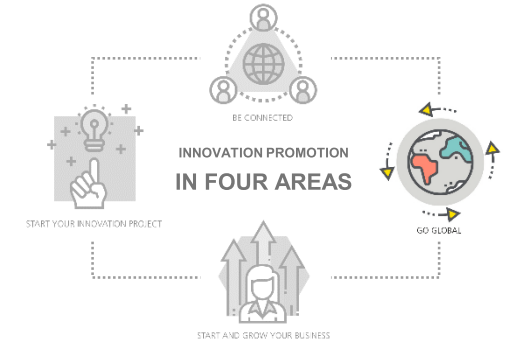
INTERNATIONAL INNOVATION PROGRAMMES

BILATERAL COOPERATION

ENTERPRISE EUROPE NETWORK



# INTERNATIONAL INNOVATION PROGRAMMES



## SUPPORT FOR SMEs

for cross-border innovation projects



## SUPPORT FOR INNOVATION PROJECTS IN THEMATIC PROGRAMMES

- AAL: solutions for the needs of elderly people
- ECSEL: in the electronics sector
- ERA-NET: various themes

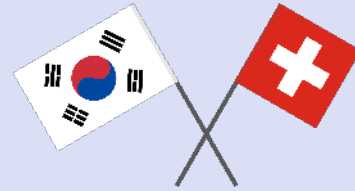
SMEs and other industrial partners develop their products or services together with partner companies or research teams at international level

# BILATERAL COOPERATION

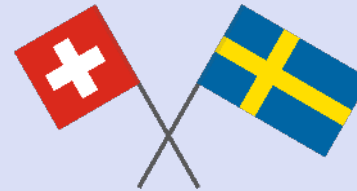
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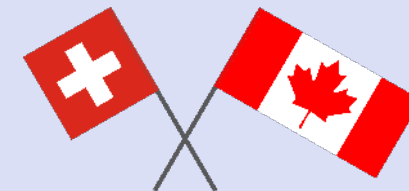
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BRAZIL



with **KIAT**  
SOUTH KOREA



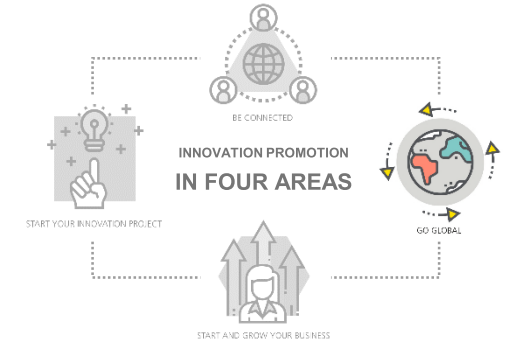
with **VINNOVA**  
SWEDEN



with **NRC-IRAP**  
CANADA

Calls for tenders for  
bilateral innovation projects from companies and research institutions

Finding partners in  
Canada and  
Switzerland for  
Eurostars projects



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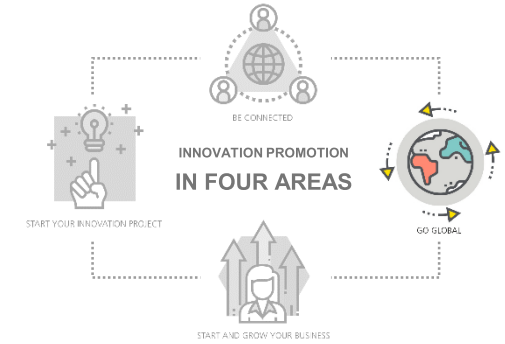


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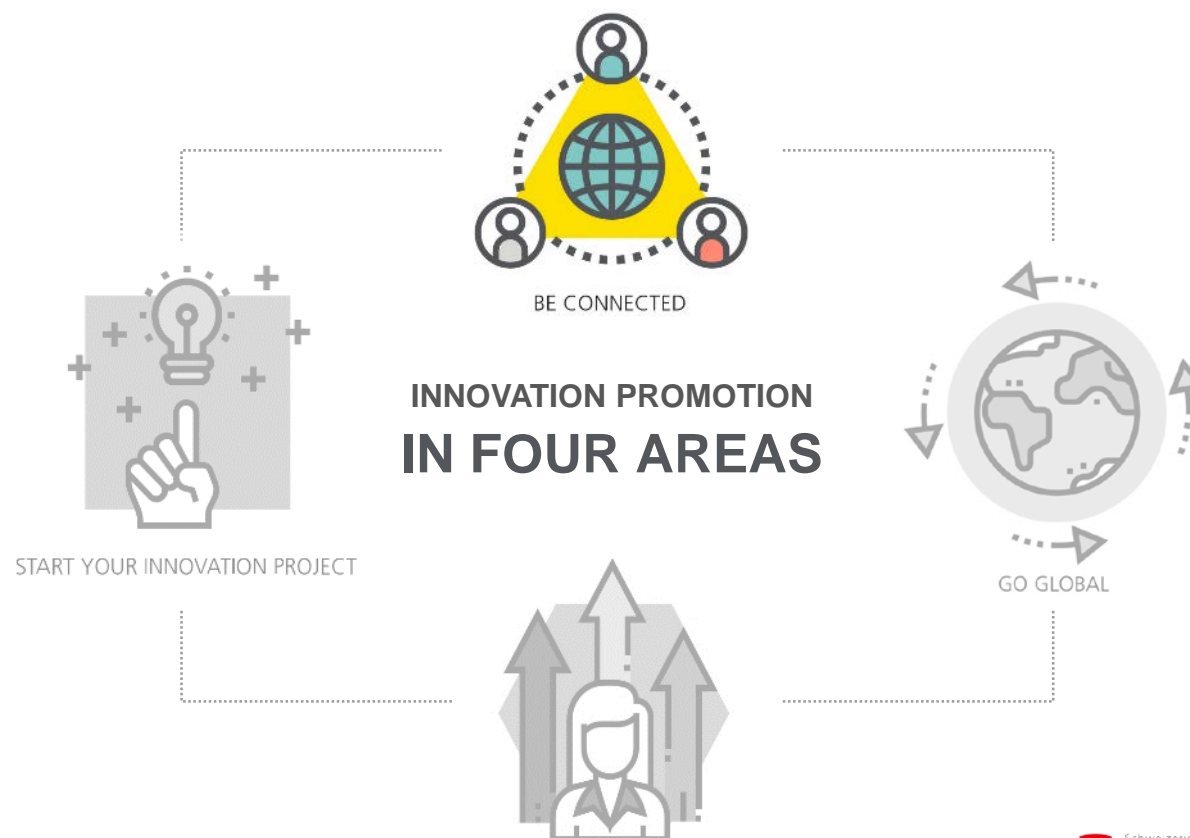


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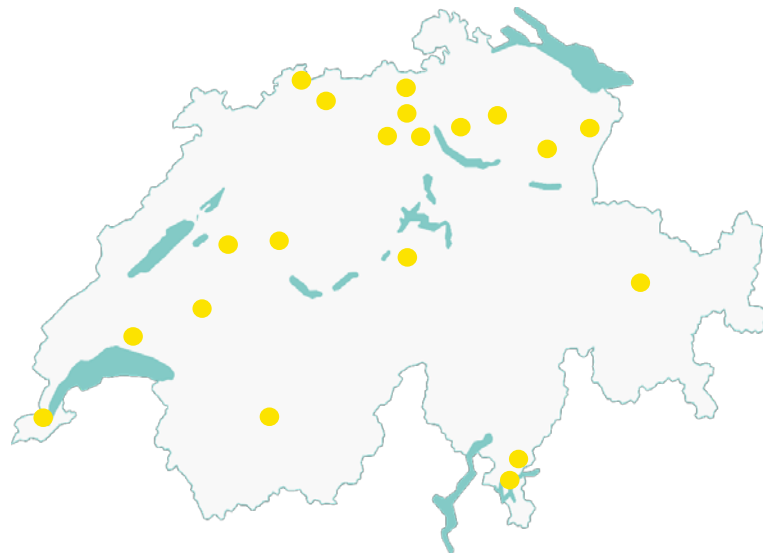
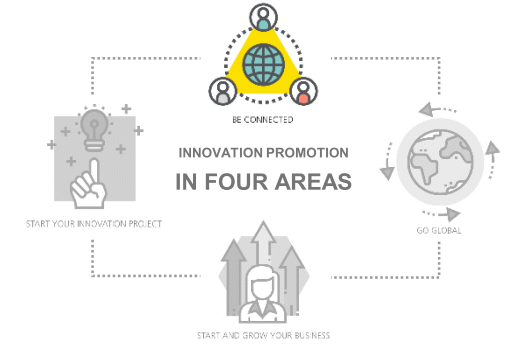
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FOR SME (<250 FTE)

NTN INNOVATION BOOSTER

NETWORKING EVENT SERIES



# DEVELOP YOUR INNOVATION PROJECT WITH INNOVATION MENTORS

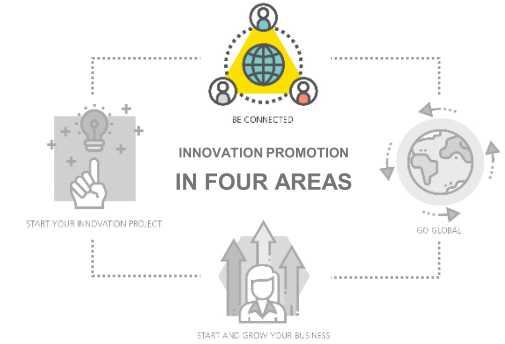


## 20 MENTORS THROUGHOUT SWITZERLAND:

- Provide you easy access to technology and research
- Provide you support with the search for the right research partner
- Assess your innovation project and assist with the application
- Free offering for Swiss SMEs and other organisations with less than 250 FTEs



# LAUNCH YOUR INNOVATION IDEA WITH NTN INNOVATION BOOSTER



## JOINT TEAMS FOCUSING ON AN INNOVATION TOPIC

- From business, academia and society
- Test jointly developed ideas in an open innovation culture
- This new format starts in 2021

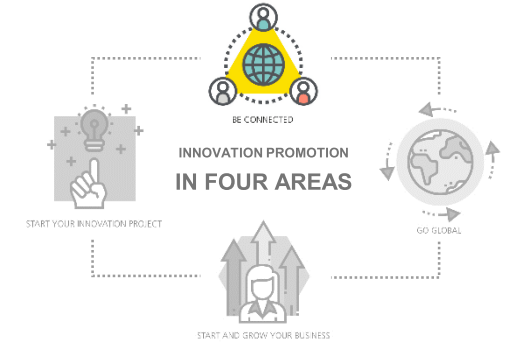
## NTN INNOVATION BOOSTER



Ideate and test  
joint and concrete  
innovation ideas

Until the end of 2020, the ten current National Thematic Networks are continuing their work.

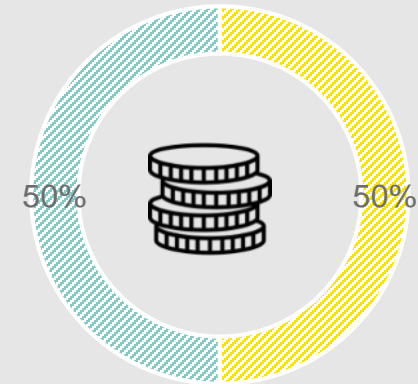
# BRINGING PLAYERS TOGETHER NETWORKING EVENT SERIES



**SWISS NON-PROFIT ORGANISATION**  
submits an application as event organiser

**KEY PLAYERS**  
from business, science and society participate in order to create a community on a specific cross-industry innovation topic

## NETWORKING EVENT SERIES



- 50% Funded by Innosuisse
- 50% Contribution of event organiser

## YOUR NETWORKING EVENTS



over 2 to 4 years

Annual call:  
<https://www.innosuisse.ch/eventseries>

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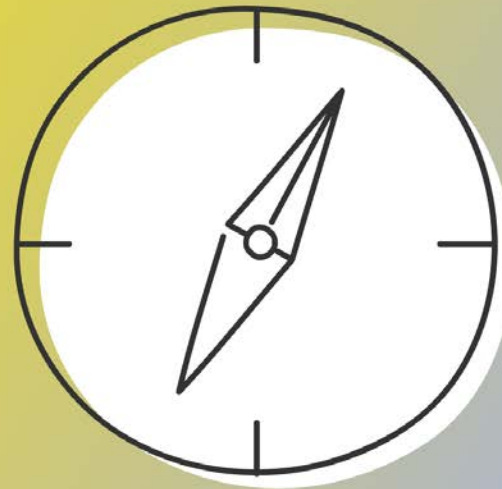
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# THE INNOSUISSE GUIDE HELPS YOU FIND THE RIGHT SUPPORT OFFER IN JUST A FEW STEPS

**Navigation  
for your  
innovation**

[www.innosuisse.guide](http://www.innosuisse.guide)



MOVING FORWARD WITH INNOSUISSE



# THANK YOU

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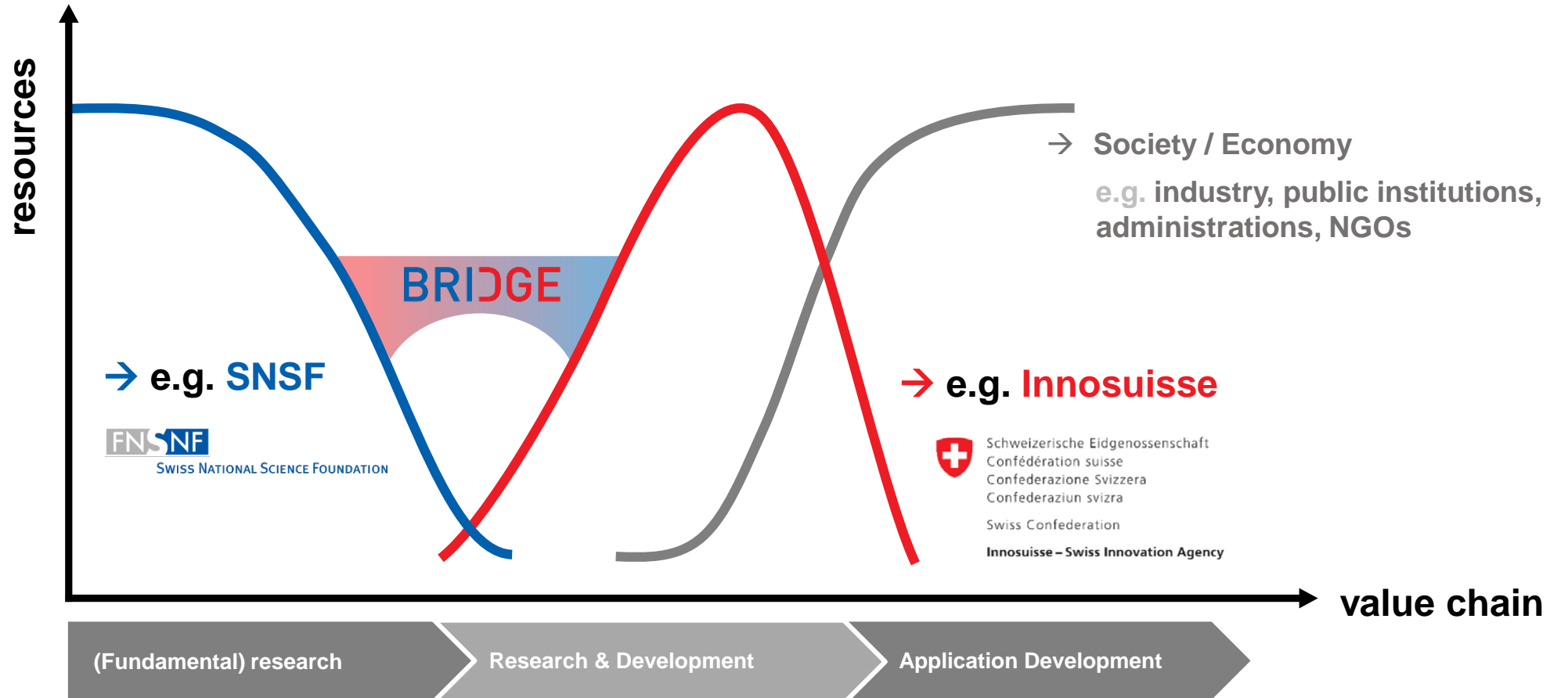
# BRIDGE



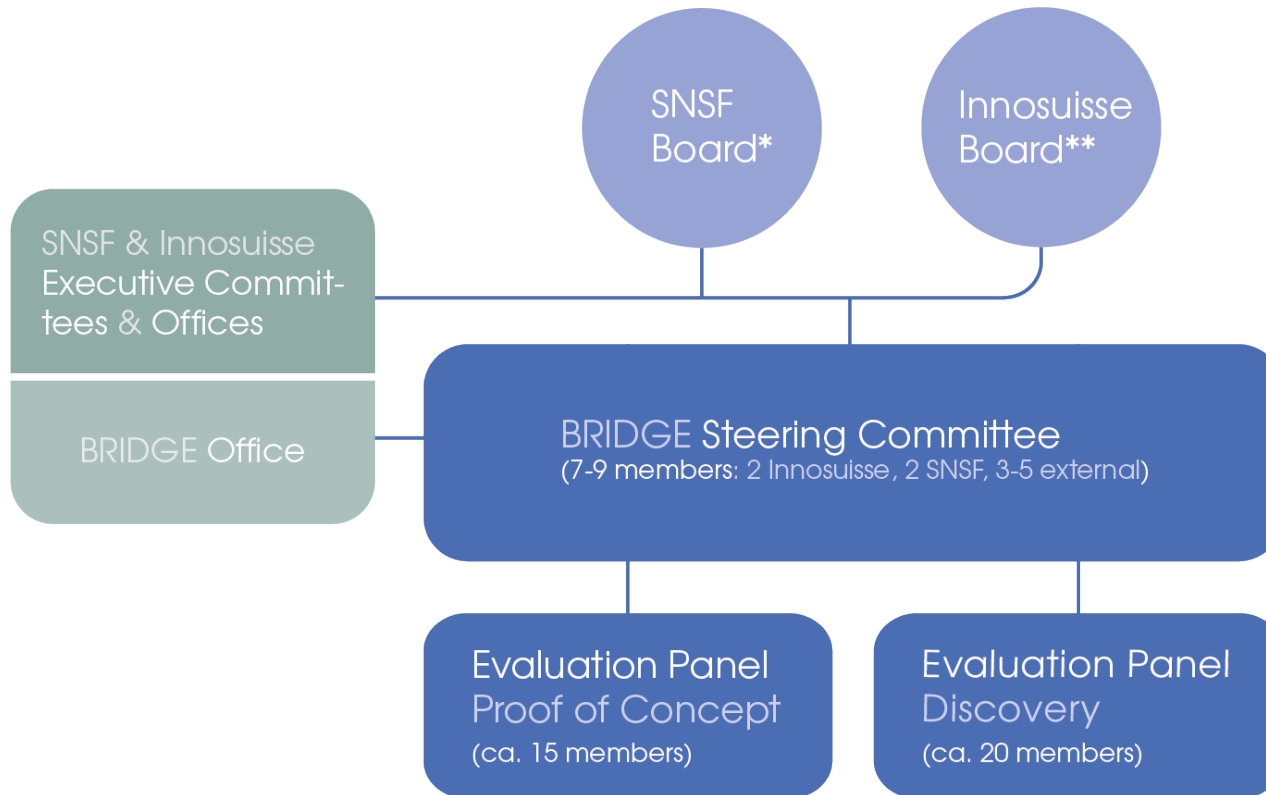
## Building Bridges

# Bridge the gap

« Bridge the gap between SNSF and Innosuisse funding »



# BRIDGE governance



\* SNSF Presiding Board of the National Research Council

\*\* Innosuisse Board of Directors

## Overall responsibility

SNSF Presiding Board, Innosuisse Board of Directors

## Program-specific functions

- Steering Committee
- Evaluation Panels

## Advisory function

Stakeholder Group

## Administrative support

BRIDGE Office (supported by SNSF & Innosuisse)



# Goal of the **program**

« Turn scientific results into economic or societal innovation »

## **BRIDGE...**

- ... fosters the economic and social potential of scientific research
- ... supports projects in the critical precompetitive phase that have a clear vision of potential application
- ... facilitates cooperation between Universities, ETHs, research institutes, and Universities of Applied Sciences

# Two lines of funding

## Proof of Concept

- Supporting young researchers on their way to entrepreneurship or their efforts to implement and apply their research results with an economic or social partner
- Open to all types of innovation

## Discovery

- Interaction between basic and applied research to realize the innovation potential of scientific results
- Importance of the societal and economic impact
- Open to all types of innovation [starting from 2021](#)

# **Proof of Concept**

# Proof of Concept

## Details of the funding scheme

### Eligibility criteria for the applicants

- Early stage of career (bachelor's or master's degree, doctoral students, postdoctoral researchers)
- Support by a Swiss research institution
- Applicants dedicate their full time to the project

### Requirements for the project

- Based on the applicants' own research results or on research results they have substantially contributed to
- The underlying science has been peer-reviewed or documented by publications or another record of achievement (e.g. bachelor's, master's or doctoral thesis, scientific publication, patent)
- Projects may cover any type of innovation or research field

# Proof of Concept

## Details of the funding scheme

- Up to 4 calls per year
- Projects are submitted by a single applicant

### Eligible costs

- Budget of project: max. 130'000 CHF per year
  - 100% of applicant's salary (calculated on the basis of current rates at the host institution)
  - Costs directly related to the realisation of the project
- max. 15% overhead paid to the host institution

### Duration

- 12 months, with a possible continuation of up to 6 additional months

# Proof of Concept

## Details of the funding scheme

### Evaluation criteria

- Expected economical or societal impact for the envisioned innovation, product or service
- Feasibility of project and the implementation scenario
- Appropriate level of innovation-based, entrepreneurial and managerial competences of the applicant

### Evaluation procedure

- Evaluated by the Proof of Concept Evaluation Panel
- Two levels:
  - evaluation of submitted documents (project)
  - interview of the applicant
- Decision within 3 months

**Discovery**

# Discovery

## Details of the funding scheme

### Eligibility criteria for the applicants

- Experienced researchers at a Swiss research institution

### Requirements for the project

- Integration of excellent science and high-impact innovation
- Research is at a stage where the risk is too large for implementation partners to co-fund
- Projects may cover any type of innovation or research field
- Up to 3 applicants of independent research groups with a clear vision of innovation



# Discovery

## Details of the funding scheme

- One call per year
- One project per applicant

### Eligible costs

- Project budget:
  - Salaries of project personnel, excluding the salary of the applicants (special conditions may apply for UAS and CSEM researchers)
  - Project costs directly related to the project
- max. 15% overhead paid to the host institution

### Duration

- Up to 4 years

# Discovery

## Details of the funding scheme

### Evaluation criteria

- High scientific quality going beyond state of the art and of the practice
- The project contains a credible vision of the potential impacts of the innovation as well as of its possible implementation
- Scientific and innovation-oriented, entrepreneurial as well as management competence of the applicant(s)
- Documented roadmap to cooperate with implementation partners

### Evaluation procedure

- Evaluated by the Discovery Evaluation Panel and external experts
- Two levels:
  - evaluation of submitted documents (project)
  - interview of the applicant(s)
- Decision within 7 months

# **BRIDGE** Current Status

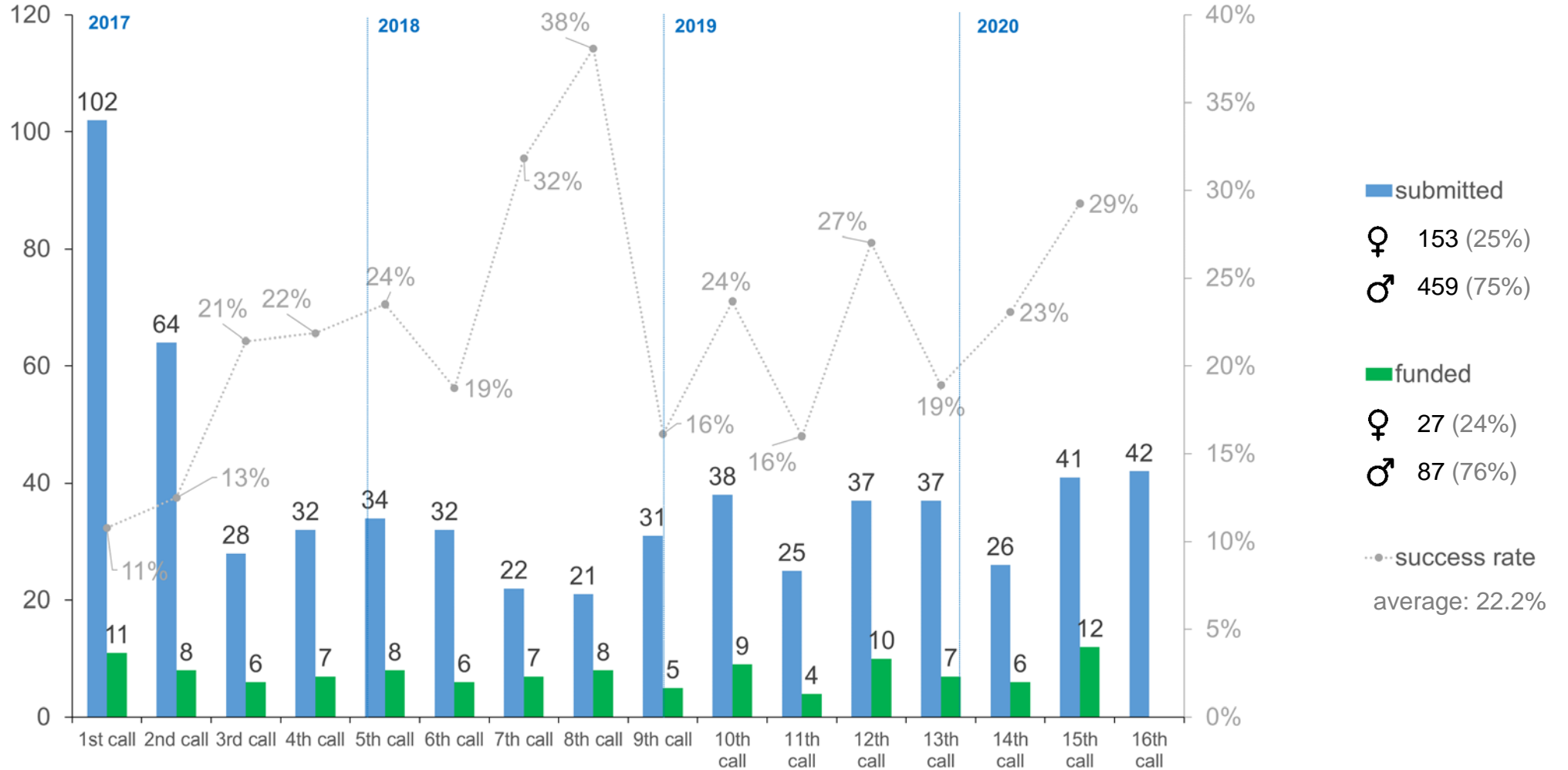
# Proof of Concept **Current Status**

**114 projects funded so far**

- 2017**
  - 226 submitted proposals
  - **32** projects funded
- 2018**
  - 109 submitted proposals
  - **29** projects funded
- 2019**
  - 132 submitted proposals
  - **28** projects funded
- 2020**
  - **13<sup>th</sup> call:** 37 submitted proposals, **7** projects funded
  - **14<sup>th</sup> call:** 26 submitted proposals, **6** projects funded
  - **15<sup>th</sup> call:** 41 submitted proposals, **12** projects funded
  - **16<sup>th</sup> call:** 42 submitted proposals, selection process ongoing

# Proof of Concept **Current Status**

Submitted and accepted projects



# Proof of Concept **Current Status**



**Support of 64 companies**  
 out of **114** BRIDGE Proof of Concept projects  
 (**15** calls 2017-2020)

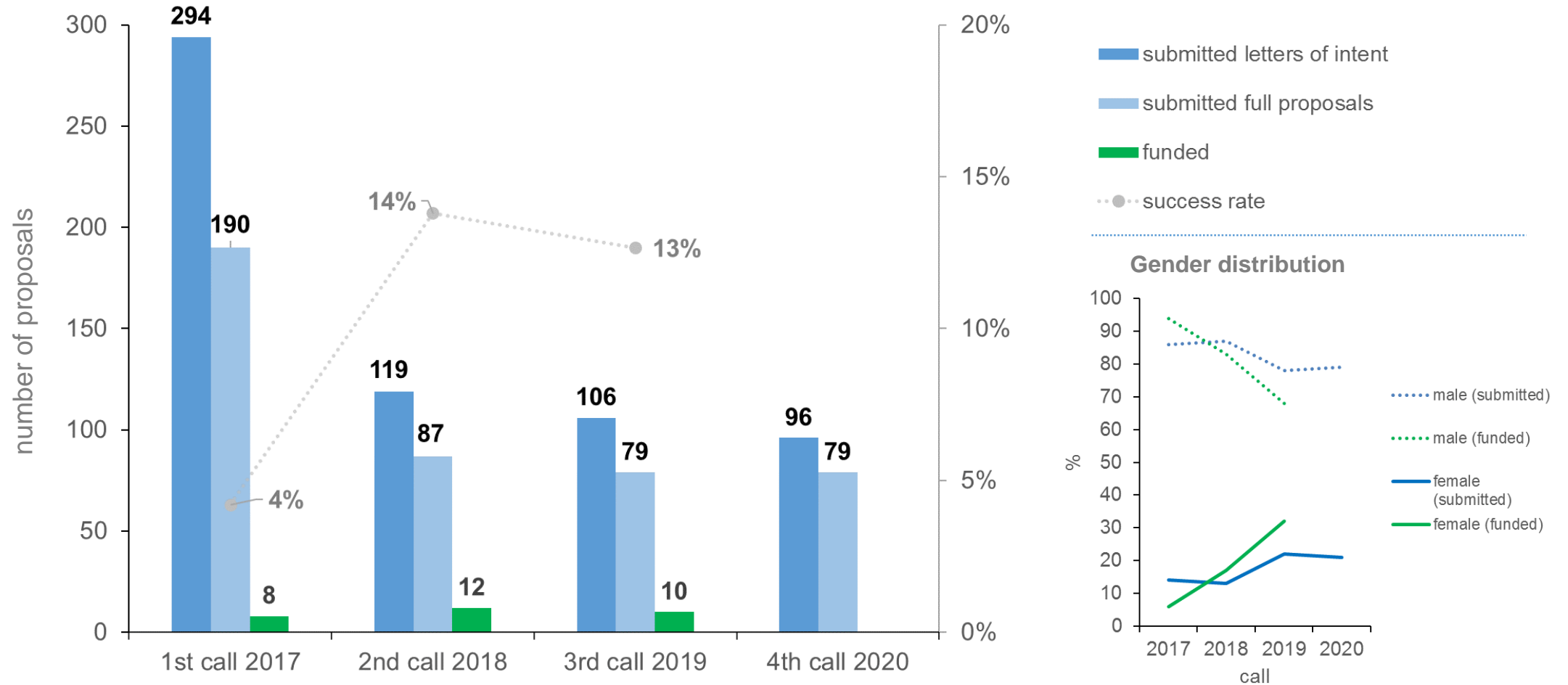
# Discovery **Current Status**

## 30 projects funded so far

- |             |   |   |
|-------------|---|---|
| <b>2017</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>190</b> submitted proposals</li><li>• <b>8</b> projects funded for 9.4 mioCHF</li></ul>          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Success rate: 4.2%</li><li>• Financing rate: 4.5%</li></ul>   |
| <b>2018</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>87</b> submitted proposals</li><li>• <b>12</b> projects funded for 16.1 mioCHF</li></ul>         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Success rate: 13.8%</li><li>• Financing rate: 14.6%</li></ul> |
| <b>2019</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>79</b> submitted proposals</li><li>• <b>10</b> projects funded for 10.2 mioCHF</li></ul>         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Success rate: 12.7%</li><li>• Financing rate: 11.4%</li></ul> |
| <b>2020</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>4<sup>th</sup> call: 79</b> submitted proposals</li><li>• Evaluation until end of 2020</li></ul> |   |

# Discovery Current Status

Submitted and accepted projects





# **BRIDGE** Next Calls

# Submission Deadlines

## Proof of Concept

- *Please note that new regulations will be published in January 2021*
- 17<sup>th</sup> call: **8 March 2021**
- 18<sup>th</sup> call: **7 June 2021**
- 19<sup>th</sup> call: **6 September 2021**
- **Deadline always 17:00 Swiss local time**

## Discovery 5<sup>th</sup> call

- *Please note that new regulations will be published in January 2021*
- Letter of intent: **1 March 2021**
- Full proposal: **17 May 2021**
- **Deadline always 17:00 Swiss local time**



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# Ambizione – PRIMA - Eccellenza

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# Content

1. Overview of Ambizione, PRIMA & Eccellenza
2. How to prepare an application

# Careers



\*PhD or 3 years of research experience



## Ambizione

Your first step towards scientific independence!

# Ambizione



## Aim

Lead an independent research project at a Swiss research institution



## Personal requirements

### Researchers

- Doctorate or equivalent (3 years of research after the higher education degree)
- Research activities of at least 12 months after doctorate
- Submission up to 4 years after doctorate

### Researchers who do clinical work

- Medical degree
- Research activities of at least 12 months and clinical activities of at least three years after medical degree
- Submission up to 9 years after medical degree

# Ambizione



## Duration

- 4 years



## Eligible costs

- Ambizione grant: applicant's salary, project funds (CHF 400,000 max.)
- Ambizione project grant:  
Project funds (CHF 400,000 max.)



## Submission deadlines

1 November



## PRIMA (Promoting Women in Academia)

The stepping stone to your professorship!



# PRIMA

## Aim



Lead an independent research project and a team at a Swiss research institution in order to become competitive for a professorship

## Personal requirements

### Researchers

- Doctorate or equivalent (3 years of research after the higher education degree)
- At least 2 years of research experience after doctorate
- Submission up to 10 years after doctorate

### Researchers who do clinical work

- Medical degree
- At least 3 years of clinical activity and at least 2 years of research activities after the medical degree
- Submission up to 14 years after the medical degree

# PRIMA



## Duration

- 5 years



## Eligible costs

- Grantee's salary and project funds (CHF 750,000 max.)



## Submission deadlines

1 November





## **Eccellenza**

Launch your own research project as an assistant professor with your team!

# Eccellenza Professorial Fellowships



**Aim:** Conduct an independent research project as an assistant professor with your own team at a Swiss higher education institution.



## Personal requirements

**Swiss link:** Swiss higher education degree, Swiss national or at least two years spent working as a researcher in Switzerland

## Researchers:

- Doctorate or equivalent (3 years of research after the higher education degree)
- At least 3 years of research experience after doctorate
- Submission up to 8 years after the doctorate

## Researchers who do clinical work:

- Medical degree
- At least 3 years of clinical work and at least 2 years of research experience after medical degree
- Submission up to 12 years after obtaining the medical degree

# Eccellenza Professorial Fellowships



## Duration

- 5 years



## Eligible costs

- Project funds of up to CHF 1,000,000
- Grantee's salary (at assistant professor level)



## Submission deadlines

1 February



Career Funding Schemes

## **How to prepare an application**

## General remarks



- Check your eligibility (regulations are online)
- Start planning your application and submission early (deadlines are strict and non-negotiable)
- Register on mySNF and contact the potential research institution as early as possible



- Read the guidelines before writing the proposal
- Question “rumours/myths” you hear from third parties
- If you have any questions, contact the SNSF

## Guidelines/Remarks



- Every scheme has specific guidelines/instructions
- Prescribed number of pages, number of characters, font size and line spacing: the length and format of the research plan must be respected
- Research plan should be understandable for experts (within area of research) as well as for people in the wider discipline



- In general: Get to the point!

# Scientific evaluation criteria: Applicant

## **Career development**

- Education
- Acquired expertise
- Scientific independence

## **Research output**

- Quality
- Research output at various career stages
- Productivity (qualitative output in relation to net academic age)
- Impact in the research field
- Expertise required for the submitted research project

## **Statement of mobility and career plan**

- Past and future/planned mobility
- Missing physical mobility can be compensated
- Different types of mobility: institutional and international mobility, networking, sectoral, interdisciplinary, knowledge transfer



# Project

**Scientific relevance, originality and topicality**

**Approach and methodology**

**Feasibility**

- Taking into account the applicant's expertise



# Research institution



## **Assessment of added value of chosen research institution**

- Scientific support and suitability with regard to implementing the project
- Opportunities for continuous intellectual development and training
- Fostering the applicant's independence

# Research institution



## Written confirmation from the research institution

- Templates available on the website of the corresponding funding scheme
- Written confirmation from the research institution consists of two separate letters:
  - **Detailed confirmation** signed by the contact person **and** the head of the institute/department (integration, support, independence, assessment of planned project, etc.)
  - **General confirmation** by the vice rectorate for research (or equivalent)

# Steps in the evaluation procedure

**Submission of application (Ambizione, PRIMA, Eccellenza)**

**Administrative Offices**

- check formal and personal requirements
- assign referee and co-referee

**Evaluation phase 1**

- Evaluation by committees/panels

**Decision on evaluation phase 1 by Specialised Committee Careers**

- Rejection phase 1 or invitation phase 2

**Evaluation phase 2 (interviews with applicants)**

- Peer-reviewing
- Evaluation by committees/panels

**Provisional decision on evaluation phase 2 by Specialised Committee Careers and final approval by Presiding Board of the National Research Council**

- Rejection phase 2 or funding

**Communication of decisions by the Administrative Offices**

## If you are not successful ...

### ... please first:

- Read the decision letter carefully
- External reviews may contain more information (sent out only if invited to the interview)
- Cross-check with the decision
- If you have questions, ask the SNSF Administrative Offices to clarify
- Possibility of asking for reconsideration or of appealing against the decision

### Can you improve your application?

- If rejected, you can at the most apply a second time for the same funding scheme, provided you still meet all the formal requirements
- List and explain the changes made to the former version of the project

## Further information



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