



Romanian Swiss Research Programme Mid-term meeting



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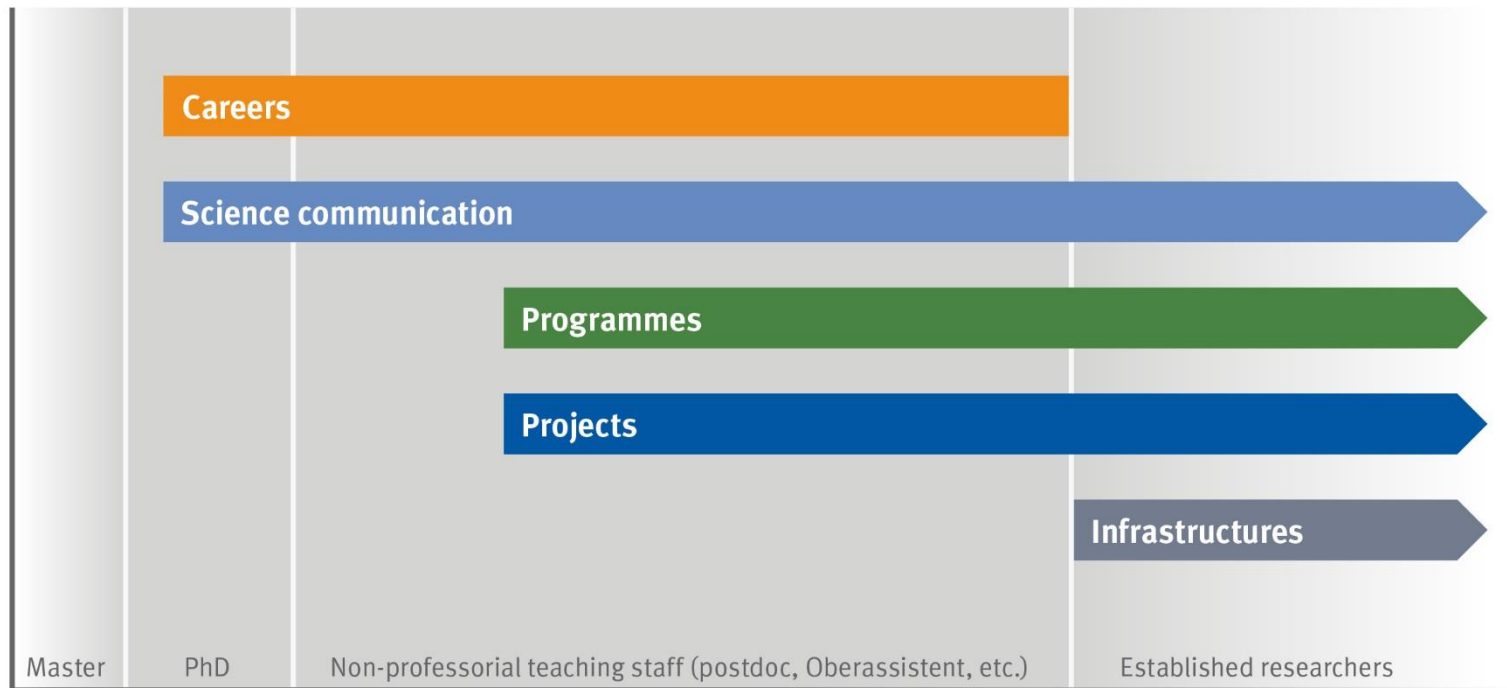
The institution



THE SNSF

- promotes scientific basic research on behalf of the Confederation
- invests in young scientists
- enables research stays abroad
- promotes international co-operation
- promotes gender equality

Overview



Source: Guidelines for selecting SNSF funding schemes, August 2011

Researchers at universities of applied sciences and universities of teacher education without a doctorate need to show that they have the necessary research experience.



International Co-operation: Strategy and instruments

International co-operation: philosophy

- **Bottom-up approach**: international networking comes from research community
- Providing **optimal framework conditions**, i.e. mainly subsidiary actions to facilitate bottom-up cooperation between individuals
- Focussing on the needs of the **Swiss research community** and keeping low bureaucracy
- If top-down approach (programmes): Combining the top down approach with recognised **scientific quality standards** even when other goals come into play (e.g. development component)
- Co-operation with **sister organisations** (autonomous, peer review, competition): added value through exchange, best practices, opening up funding systems, common positioning on policy issues
- **Shaping research policy**: expertise for proactive and constructive contributions from SNSF to international developments



International co-operation: strategic objective

The strategic objective which the SNSF pursues in its international co-operation work is to **optimise and facilitate** the conditions under which international collaboration and scientific exchange can take place.

Its activities aim to **lower barriers** to cross-border co-operation on individual projects, international programmes and access to research infrastructure, **to facilitate research scientists' mobility**, to **foster institutional co-operation** and to **build scientific capacity** in research communities in developing nations and countries in transition.



Instruments

- Worldwide Instruments
 - International Exploratory Workshops (IEW)
 - International Short Visits (ISV)
- Bilateral Programmes of the Swiss Confederation (BRICS countries)
- Enlargement contribution (Bulgaria, Romania)
- SCOPES (Scientific co-operation between Eastern Europe and Switzerland)
- Developing countries (r4d, ERAfrica)



All countries

International short visits (1 week to 3 months)

- Allow researchers working in Switzerland to go abroad or researchers from elsewhere to come to Switzerland
- Exchange of knowledge that is beneficial to both co-applicants and their institutions

International exploratory workshops (2-5 days)

- Allow researchers working in Switzerland to organise workshops with partners from abroad
- Should bring together scientists with different backgrounds



Cooperation with Eastern Europe

- SCOPES = Scientific Co-operation between Eastern Europe and Switzerland
- Swiss Contribution to the enlargement of the EU



Thematic Fund Research



Thematic Fund Research

- Thematic Fund Agreement for the Research Fund signed in August 2011 between Switzerland and Romania
 - Develop partnership between Swiss and Romanian researchers
 - Integration of Romanian scientists in international scientific community
- Managed by the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF)
- The Agency for Higher Education, Research, Development and Innovation (UEFISCDI) in charge of the Research Fund coordination in Romania



Facts and figures

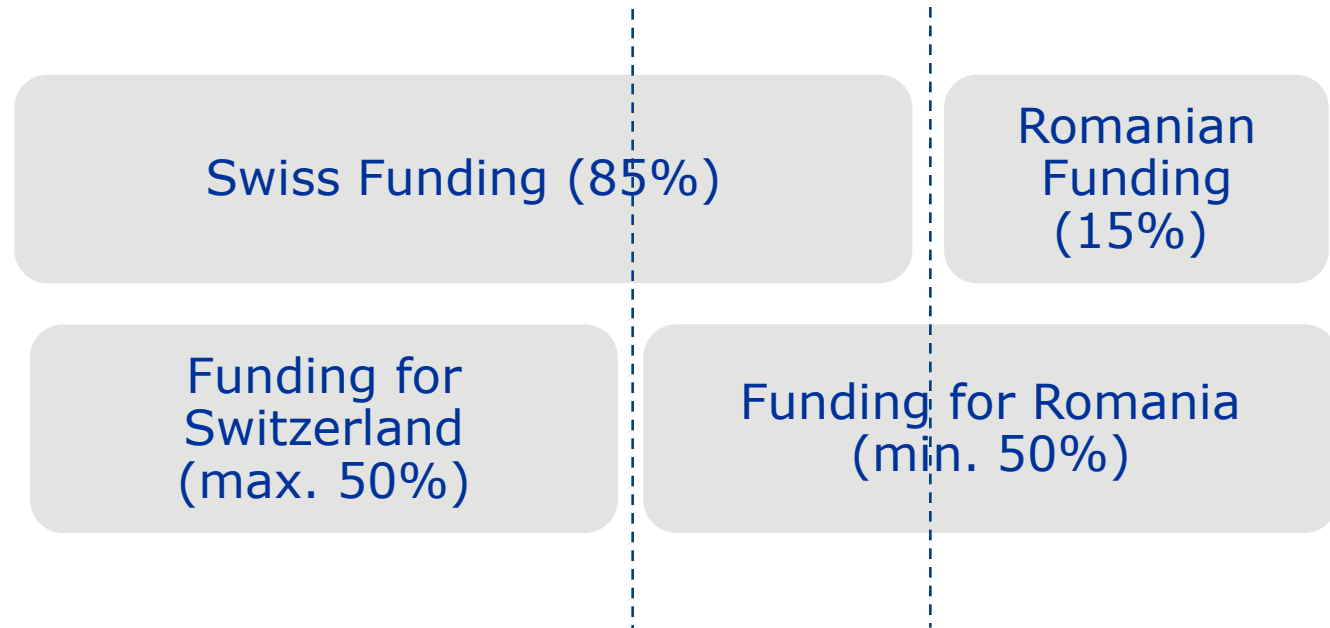
- Joint Research Projects (JRPs) lasting up to 3 years
- Grants for JRP's: 10'353'000.- CHF
- Maximum amount to be granted for a single JRP is 450'000.- CHF
- 66 proposals were submitted, whereas 26 were finally selected
- 6 projects started in September 2012, 20 projects in January 2013



Thematic Focus

- Research on the following major diseases: cancer, cardiovascular diseases, diabetes and obesity (8)
- Impact of waste and pollutants on environment and climate (7)
- Sustainable energy (7)
- Economic Growth and Social Disparities (4)

Funding





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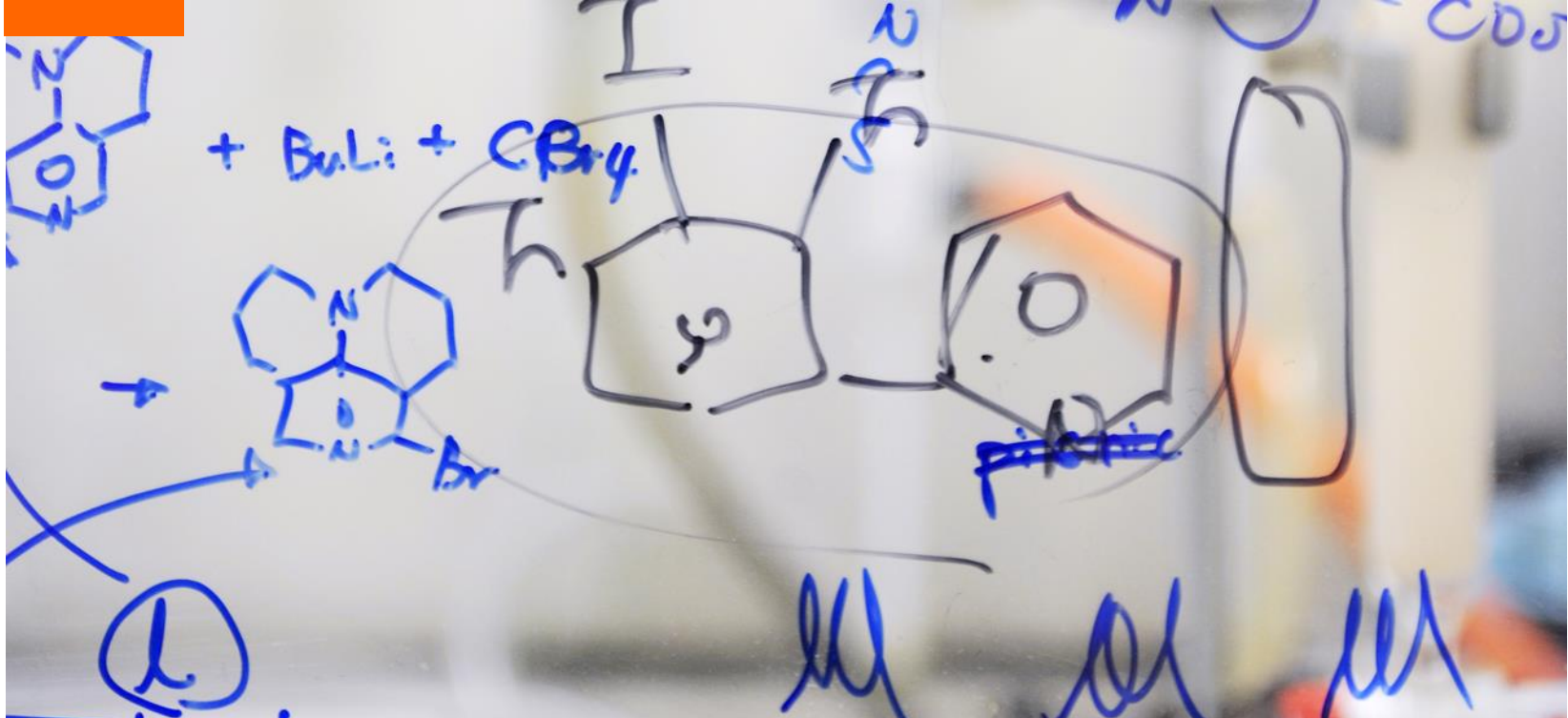
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