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General information

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The Swiss-Polish Cooperation Programme/ Swiss Funds/Swiss Contribution

- Swiss investment in stability, security and prosperity in Europe
- Objectives:
 - to contribute to the reduction of the economic and social disparities within the EU and within new EU members
 - to strengthen and deepen bilateral relations with the EU partner countries and the EU as a whole
 - to strengthen cohesion in Europe and to support countries that face exceptional migration challenges



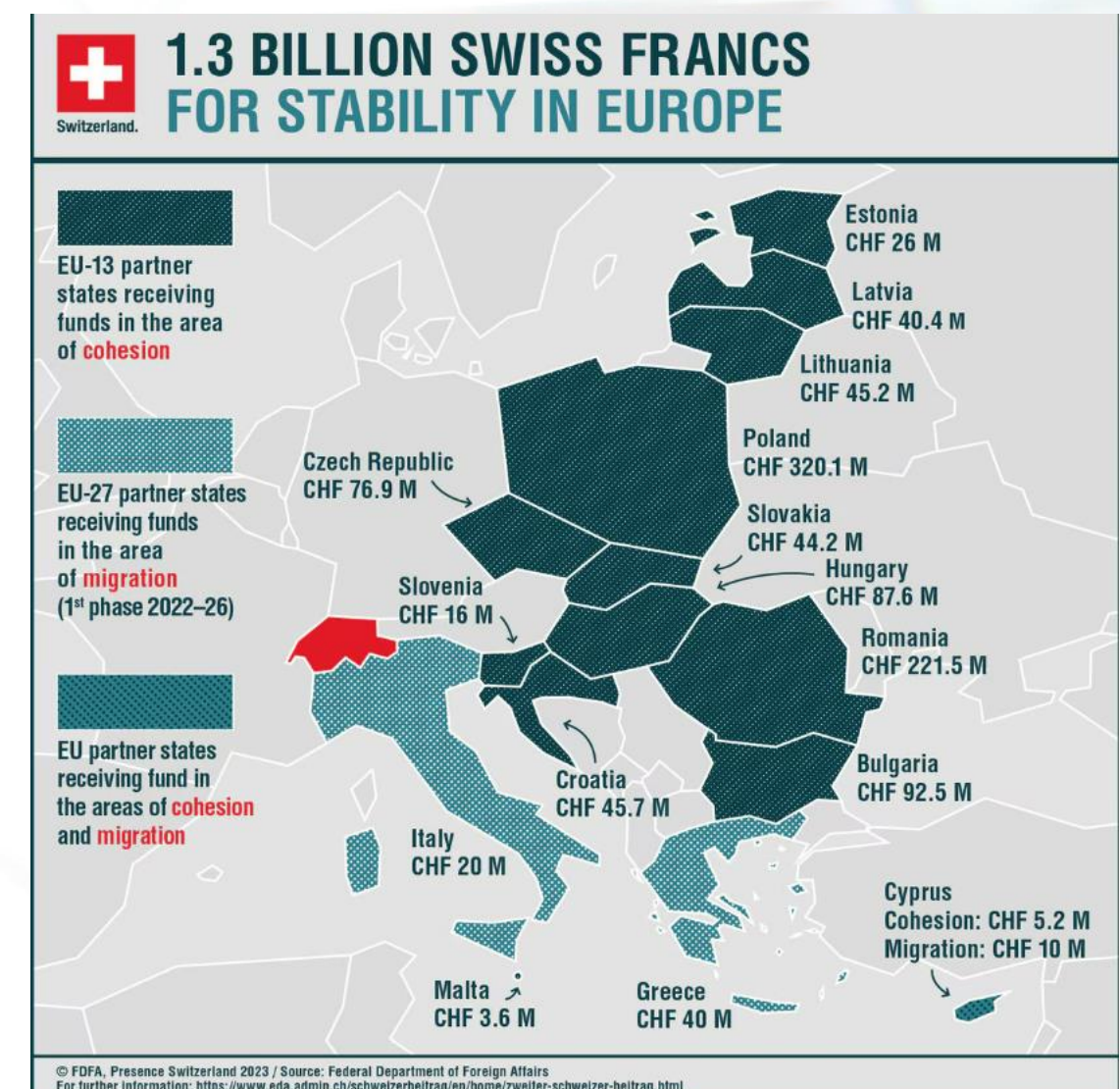
1st Swiss Contribution, 2007-2017

- CHF 1 billion for non-refundable aid for the new EU member states
- CHF 464.6 million for Poland
- 58 large and 1,700 smaller projects implemented
- public institutions, private sector, non-governmental organisations benefitted
- 5 areas of financing: regional development and border protection; environment and infrastructure; private sector; science, health, and social welfare; civil society and partnership cooperation



2nd Swiss Contribution, 2019 – 2029

- CHF 1.302 billion
- CHF 320.1 million for Poland (the biggest beneficiary)
- support for the EU-13 states or countries facing major migration flows





Legal basis

- **Regulations** on the implementation of the second Swiss Contribution to selected member states of the European Union to reduce economic and social disparities within the European Union (Regulations)
- **Framework Agreement** between the Republic of Poland and the Swiss Confederation on the implementation of the second Swiss Contribution to selected member states of the European Union to reduce economic and social disparities within the European Union
- **Memorandum of Understanding** between the European Union and Switzerland on a contribution by Switzerland towards reducing economic and social disparities and for cooperation in the area of migration in the European Union



Institutions

- **National Coordination Unit (NCU)** - Ministry of Development Funds and Regional Policy
- **Paying Authority** - Paying Authority Department in the Polish Ministry of Finance
- **Audit Authority** - Department for Audit of Public Funds at the Ministry of Finance



2nd Swiss Contribution Programmes

- Polish Swiss Programme for Development of Towns (DoT)
- Research and Innovation Programme:
 - Basic Research
 - Applied Research



Polish Swiss Programme for Development of Towns (DoT)

- Programme Operator: Ministry of Development Funds and Regional Policy
- contributing to the reduction of economic and social disparities within Poland by increasing the quality of life of citizens living in medium-sized towns
- for towns at risk of losing socio-economic functions
- CHF 327,882 million, including:
 - CHF 278,7 million - Swiss contribution,
 - CHF 49,182 million - Polish contribution.



Polish Swiss Programme for Development of Towns (DoT)

- call for proposals: March 2024 – January 2025
- out of 139 eligible local governments, 119 submitted Programme Component Outlines (first-stage applications)
- towns could apply for funding between PLN 44 and 80 million for projects that fit into their development strategies
- funding of up to 100% of expenses
- formal verification by the Ministry of Development Funds and Regional Policy employees



Research and Innovation Programme: Basic Research

- Programme Operator:
 - Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF), www.snf.ch
 - Partner: National Science Centre (NCN), www.ncn.gov.pl
- **Multilateral Academic Projects (MAPS)** aims to strengthen research collaboration between Bulgaria, Croatia, Hungary, Poland, Romania, and Switzerland
- basic research projects in all academic disciplines



Research and Innovation Programme: Basic Research - MAPS

- Call duration: 2 April – 1 July 2024
- 334 proposals submitted
- formal preliminary review: verification of eligibility of applicants and their institutions
- March 2025 - evaluation meeting
- April 2025 - the results are expected to be communicated. A total of around 20-25 applications can be funded.



Research and Innovation Programme: Applied Research

- Programme Operator:
 - National Centre for Research and Development
 - Partner: Swiss Innovation Agency – Innosuisse (<https://www.innosuisse.ch/>)
 - supporting NCBR in its tasks, including the preparation of the Programme
 - contributing to the dissemination of information about the Programme and calls in Switzerland including partner search activities
 - supporting Swiss entities during the implementation phase



Budget

- Research and Innovation Programme budget:
- CHF 41,176 million, including:
 - CHF 35 million - Swiss contribution,
 - CHF 6,176 million - Polish contribution.

- Basic Research – CHF 6 million
- **Applied Research – CHF 35,176 million**



Objectives:

- Research and Innovation Programme, Applied Research aims at achieving sustainable development and long-term economic growth through research-based knowledge development.
- International research and development projects implemented under the Programme should lead to improved competitiveness of companies in applied research and support young and female researchers in the projects.



Outcomes

- further internationalisation and capacity building for research organisations and enterprises
- improved competitiveness of companies in applied research
- high TRL levels, ideally allowing the commercialization of results and their introduction into the economy
- creation of long-term partnerships and the mobility of qualified scientists and entrepreneurs.



CALL 2024

- call duration: 22 April - 1 July 2024
- 50% of the total allocation secured for the 1st call (CHF 15 milion)
- no thematic limitation; research shall be focused exclusively on civil applications, in line with and in support of the Sustainable Development Goals
- bottom-up approach to identify the areas that need the most development



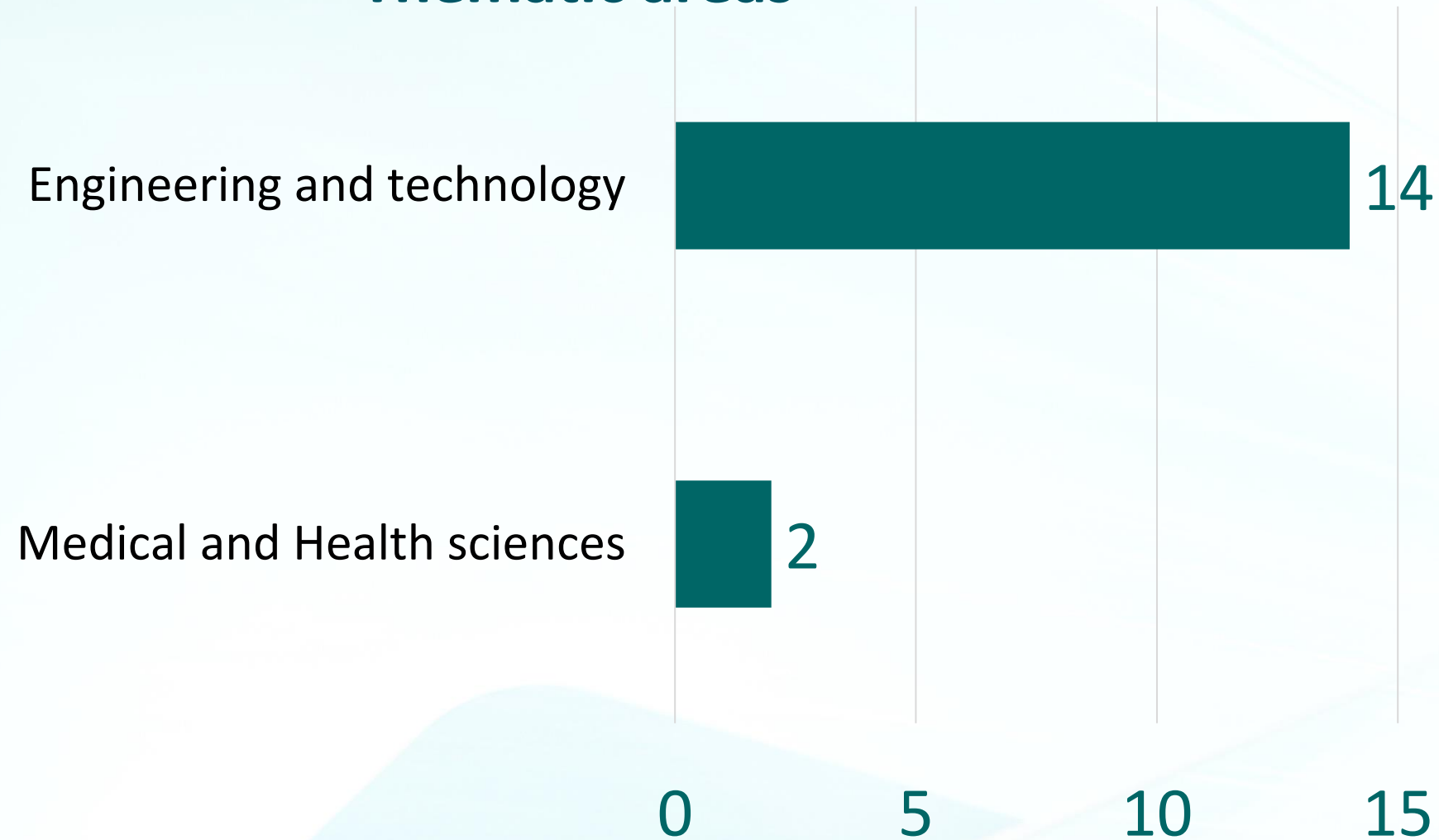
CALL 2024 assessment stage

- 99 proposals submitted, 97 applications met the formal assessment criteria
- 3 stages scientific-peer review carried out by international experts from 28 countries excluding Poland and Switzerland:
 - Individual assessment by experts
 - Consensus assessment by experts (consensus report)
 - Selection Committee panel – approved preliminary ranking list
- Steering Committee approved the list of 16 project proposals recommended for funding (December 2024)
- the amount of funding: PLN 66 977 141,31



CALL 2024 - the best projects characteristics

Thematic areas



Composition of project consortium





CALL 2024 - the best projects: characteristics and objectives

- majority of consortium members from the business sector are micro and small enterprises
- practical application of research results through commercialisation or other practical implementation
- high final level of technological readiness
- innovative solutions covered with intellectual property protection
- support of female researchers from Poland and Switzerland
- mentor-mentee programs to support the careers of young scientists under the guidance of experienced mentors



CALL 2025

- allocation: PLN 66 203 985,86
- no thematic limitations, exclusively civil applications
- new requirements:
 - the eligible consortium has to include at least **one enterprise, established in Poland, and at least one enterprise, established in Switzerland**
 - each enterprise, whether from Poland or Switzerland, shall contribute at least **10%** to the total eligible costs of the project.



CALL 2025 - timeline

- 24 January - Call 2025 announcement
- 25 March - opening of the online submission system
- 26 May - closing of the online submission system
- June - August: formal & peer review assesment
- by the end of the 2025: Call 2025 ranking list

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