



## OPENING CONFERENCE RESEARCH AND INNOVATION PROGRAMME

10 April 2024

09.00-10.00	Arrival of guests	
10.00-10.15	Welcome speech	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Prof. Jerzy Małachowski, Acting Director of the National Centre for Research and Development</li></ul>
10.15-11.00	Speech	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Prof. Dr. Martina Hirayama, State Secretary for Education, Research and Innovation, Swiss Confederation</li><li>• Dr. Andrzej Szeptycki, Undersecretary of State at the Ministry of Science and Higher Education, Republic of Poland</li><li>• Dr. Konrad Wojnarowski, Undersecretary of State at the Ministry of Development Funds and Regional Policy, Republic of Poland</li></ul>
11.00-11.15	The 2 <sup>nd</sup> Swiss Contribution to Poland – how did we get here?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Małgorzata Zalewska, Deputy Director, Department of Assistance Programmes, Ministry of Development Funds and Regional Policy, Republic of Poland</li><li>• Nathalie Barbancho, Deputy Head of the EU Member States Section, the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation</li></ul>



11.15-12.05	Polish-Swiss cooperation: opportunities and possibilities (panel discussion)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Moderator: Agnieszka Ratajczak, Director, International Cooperation Department, National Centre for Research and Development</li> <li>• Prof. Dr. med. Matthias Egger, President of the National Research Council at the Swiss National Science Foundation</li> <li>• Prof. Piotr Sankowski, CEO of IDEAS NCBR</li> <li>• Justyna Duszyńska-Cichy, Director of International Cooperation Department, Łukasiewicz Centre</li> <li>• Ulrich Schwendimann, Managing Director, Polish-Swiss Chamber of Commerce</li> <li>• Dr. Andreas Gut, Head of International Programmes, Innosuisse – Swiss Innovation Agency</li> </ul>
12.05-12.45	Coffee break	
12.45-13.15	Success stories Presentation of the projects successfully implemented through Swiss-Polish cooperation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prof. Sylwia Rodziewicz-Motowidło, Faculty of Chemistry, University of Gdańsk, Head of the Department of Biomedical Chemistry <b>„Polish-Swiss Powerplay of the BTLA Project: Catalyzing Scientific Connections in Europe”</b></li> <li>• Joanna Dąbrowska, MSc in Biotechnology, PhD assistant professor, Department of Parasitology and Invasive Diseases, National Veterinary Research Institute. Swiss Government Excellence Scholarships Alumna <b>„Unveiling Parasitic DNA Secrets: Insights from My Swiss Scholarship”</b></li> </ul>
13.15-13.45	Presentation of the general rules of the Research and Innovation Programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Basic Research</b> Barbara Świątkowska, Programme Officer, National Science Centre</li> <li>• <b>Applied Research</b> Maciej Jędrzejek, Deputy Director, International Cooperation Department, National Centre for Research and Development</li> </ul>
13.45-14.45	Buffet lunch	

